



TO: Department Officers  
Department Chairs  
Unit Presidents  
Unit Secretaries  
Past Department Presidents

FROM: Department Constitution & Bylaws Committee

DATE: February 10, 2026

SUBJECT: 2026 ALA Department Convention Governing Document Proposed Amendments

Hello all!

Attached please find the document containing the proposed amendments to our Department's Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules and Policies & Procedures that will come before the 2026 Department Convention during April 23-25, 2026 in Wasilla.

In compliance with ALA Department Constitution Article VII. Amendments and ALA Department Bylaws Article X. Amendments, this memorandum serves as official notice prior to Department Convention of the proposed amendments to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Alaska Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules and Policies & Procedures that will be considered at the 2026 Department Convention.

Many of the amendments – highlighted in green – were approved at the recent National Convention, and as such, according to our Constitution and Bylaws, are automatic to our Department. However, we wanted to indicate those as a courtesy.

*“Amendments to the National Constitution (or Bylaws) adopted by National Convention action shall become effective in this Department.”*

A couple others were approved at the National Convention but specific to the National organization. We felt that we needed to include them in our governing documents, but step them down to reflect our Department.

For ease of reference, those approved at National Convention are predominantly in the Constitution or Bylaws.

It was discovered that no mention to our Department Fall Conference was found in our governing documents. Sections in the Constitution and the Policies & Procedures were created to capture that.

We did consult with the Finance Committee Chair on a few items to include Fall Conference and Assessments as there were financial implications, and found that instead of putting a dollar amount in any of it, we referenced their recommendation and DEC approval. This alleviates having to update those portions each year.

Proposed amendments to the Standing Rules and Policies & Procedures reflect updates to our current practice with no substantial changes. They simply are “housekeeping” amendments to update our governing documents to reflect ALA’s current practices.

We did our best to ensure numbering, bullets and formatting were correct in the proposed changes, and hope that the DEC will give us the latitude to update those, if needed, once the governing documents have been approved.

## **Question & Answer Session via Zoom on**

**March 14 at 10:30am Alaska Time**

A virtual QUESTION & ANSWER session on the governance items to come before the delegates at our upcoming Department Convention **Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 10:30 am Alaska Time.**

This is not a meeting, just informal Q&A. We intend on only discussing those items that there are questions about during this Zoom, and not go through the entire document, page by page.

Details of that Zoom will be sent out in the coming weeks.

We hope that having a Q&A Session will help us alleviate extremely long discussions at Department Convention, and allow us to update our governing documents quickly.

Please email [williamsonlisad@gmail.com](mailto:williamsonlisad@gmail.com) should you have any questions or comments.

Units are responsible for distributing the proposed amendments to their delegates to the Department Convention.

These proposed amendments will also be posted in the Department website – [www.AlaskaLegionAuxiliary.org](http://www.AlaskaLegionAuxiliary.org) – for easy reference.