

2008 NATIONAL CONVENTION MOTIONS

National Parliamentarian PNP Betty Lawson moved to accept the Convention Rules as printed. National First Vice President Charlene Kee seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Heidi Dineen called for the question.

MOTION CARRIED

National Second Vice President Patty Piening moved for the adoption of the Convention Agenda as printed. It was seconded by Convention Chairman Estrella Young. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Heidi Dineen called for the question.

MOTION CARRIED

National Parliamentarian PNP Betty Lawson moved to adopt the 2007 Convention Minutes as printed. NEC Gloria Jasinki, FL seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Heidi Dineen called for the question.

MOTION CARRIED

National First Vice President Charlene Kee moved to approve her membership report. National Second Vice President Patty Piening seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Heidi Dineen called for the question.

MOTION CARRIED

1. The Committee recommends to include "Go Green" with recycling values on plastic bottles, grocery bags, cans, paper, and cardboard to value at \$.05 per item or per pound for paper. If you receive reimbursement for any of these items, only mileage and hours are counted.

National Third Vice Dee Kreiling moved to adopt this recommendation. National Americanism Officer Lynda Taylor seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Heidi Dineen called for the question.

MOTION CARRIED

2. The Committee recommends to change the application for Blood Pin Awards to add "total lifetime pints" and on the second line is your yearly donation.

National Third Vice Dee Kreiling moved to adopt this recommendation. National Chaplain Leslie Wunderle seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Heidi Dineen called for the question.

MOTION CARRIED

National Treasurer PNP stated, "The Finance Committee met on Tuesday evening. The Finance Committee reviewed the budget for the 2008-2009 year. We accepted the recommendation from the Membership Committee to increase Life Dues from \$125 to \$175. Therefore, the Finance Committee recommends that the life membership increase \$125 to \$175. This would include \$100 to the general fund and \$75 to the Life Trust. This will come into effect October 1, 2008." PNP Susan Sisler moved to accept this motion. It was seconded by PNP Carol King, IL.

National Parliamentarian PNP Betty Lawson was asked by NEC Nancy Middleton, MI to explain how this change would affect the Departments and Locals. Betty stated, "This would be an automatic change to National. All your Local and Department ByLaws should say you pay XX number of dollars for a life membership on that level. Of that part, so many dollars will be National Funds, so many dollars would be Department Funds, and so many dollars would be Local Funds. The only thing that would be affected in your Local or Department would be the amount of money coming to National Headquarters."

Debbie Dant, IL asked, "I have a concern about the change date. Can we move that back? By the time we get home and get this information out to the Locals, they are only going to have a week or two to work on this. I would like to see us move it back to a later date." National Treasurer PNP Susan Sisler stated, "I would like to move to amend my motion and change the date to November 1." National First Vice President Charlene Kee seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Heidi Dineen called for the question.

MOTION CARRIED

National President Heidi Dineen called for a vote on the whole motion to read, "The Life Membership would increase from \$125 to \$175. This would include \$100 to the General Fund and \$75 to the Life Trust Fund. This would come into effect November 1, 2008. Any Life Membership postmarked by October 31 would be accepted at the current rate. After asking for any further discussion and hearing none, National President Heidi Dineen called for the question.

MOTION CARRIED

National Americanism Officer Lynda Taylor stated, "The Americanism Committee did discuss the Freedoms Foundation Conference. This would involve dropping the Freedom's Foundation Conference for the ladies for next year. It was recommended by the Committee to cancel the upcoming Conference as there appears to be a lack of interest, much higher costs, and conflicts of other National functions. I so move to accept this recommendation." National Second Vice President Patty Piening seconded. After much discussion on dropping it permanently, National President Heidi Dineen called for the question.

MOTION CARRIED

There was a referral to the Constitution and ByLaws Committee that the high school and/or college transcript requirement be eliminated on the Career Start Scholarship application. We also recommend on this application that instead of brothers and sister's names and ages, it be changed to children's names and ages. I move for the adoption of this recommendation." National Third Vice President Dee Kreiling seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Heidi Dineen called for the question.

MOTION CARRIED

Kay Gibbons continued moved to eliminate the high school and/or college transcript requirement from the Career Start Scholarship Application. Seconded by Deb Dant, IL. There was some discussion on what to use as verification in place of the transcripts. Kay stated, "We would use their eligibility with the school." National President Heidi Dineen called for the question.

MOTION DEFEATED

NEC PNP Brenda Kilgore, Council of NEC President, stated, "The Council of NEC met on Monday. There were 24 NEC's and 26 guests present. The Committee discussed one problem, the question of inappropriate dress for people working at Convention and the inability to determine who is an employee and who is a volunteer. Therefore, the Committee has one recommendation. This is a referral to the Executive Board. We are asking the Headquarters staff to wear golf style shirts or professional dress with name badges or shirt embroidery identifying them as Headquarters staff at Convention and NEC." PNP Brenda Kilgore moved to accept this referral. Rose Mary Blachowski, NY seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Heidi Dineen called for the question.

MOTION CARRIED

National Parliamentarian PNP Betty Lawson read the second reading of the proposed resolutions.

1. The Department of Ohio has submitted a resolution that the Honor Flight Network be a AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary Americanism continuing project where as the Honor Flight Network is an non-profit organization created solely to honor the American Veterans for all of their sacrifices by flying them to Washington DC to visit and reflect at their memorials; and where as the Honor Flight Network currently has 69 hubs, 39 states, and is aggressively extended their program to other cities across the nation due to the fact that we are losing WWII veterans at the rate of 1,200 per day. Honor Flight will continue to do whatever it takes to fulfill the dreams of veterans and especially our senior heroes. It is important to remember that they travel absolutely free; and whereas subsequent to WWII veterans, their efforts will then focus on our Korean and then Vietnam veterans, honoring them similarly; whereas in 2007 Honor Flight flew 6000 veterans to Washington Dc to see their memorial absolutely free and so desperately need our help to meet their goal to send 12,000 veterans in 2008 and on and on. Now, therefore it be resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the 2008 National Convention for further action to accept Honor Flight Network as an AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary continuing Americanism project.

PNP Betty Lawson moved to adopt this resolution. Jeannine Reznik, OH seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Heidi Dineen called for the question.

MOTION CARRIED

2. The Department of Florida AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary members feel that our Honorary members are very proud to become a part of our organization, proud to support our Aims and Purposes and they are very proud to be able to wear our official uniform and hat; and whereas the Department of Florida AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary members believe that when members are granted Honorary memberships, there are circumstances and /or qualifications that merit such distinction to allow them to become part of our great organization, and whereas stated in our Constitution "Honorary members are not eligible for an elected office; however, they may hold an appointed office without vote, on the Local level; whereas we, the Department of Florida AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary members are known to wear our official uniform and official hat when we attend functions in the name of the AMVETS or Auxiliary. We are very proud to represent our organization in uniform. We are sure that our Honorary members would love to do the same, because they are proud of what we represent and who we are and what we do; and whereas the Department of Florida AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary would like all Honorary members to have the privilege to wear the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary official uniform and official hat and be it resolved that each Honorary member shall purchase a "Honorary Member Pin" to be worn on their official hat at all times. By wearing the "Honorary Membership Pin," this will state her status as a member. Let it be further resolved that the National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary membership take this resolution into consideration granting our Honorary members the opportunity to wear the official uniform with the honorary pin attached to the hat.

PNP Betty Lawson moved to adopt this resolution. Seconded by Gloria Jasinski, FL. After some discussion, National President Heidi Dineen called for the question. A standing vote was completed.

MOTION CARRIED

3. The Department of Michigan would like to change the National Constitution Section 3, Honorary Membership Third Paragraph last line without a vote, add with a vote in her Local Auxiliary (provided it is in their local ByLaws; whereas the national Constitution provides that a lady who does not have eligibility to join AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary may be accepted as an Honorary member; whereas, she shares our concern for our Veterans and our community; whereas we can appoint to an office or committee because she shows a desire to support our organization; whereas, she works next to us,

collects money, works bingo, and chairs a committee, now therefore be it resolved that at the local level, in her Auxiliary, she is allowed a vote; provided it is in their local ByLaws.

Department of Michigan Delegate Maureen Jackson moved to bring this motion back on the floor for discussion and vote. Seconded by Sharon Colley, MI. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Heidi Dineen called for the question.

MOTION DEFEATED

National Treasurer PNP Susan Sisler moved to approve the proposed Income at \$443,555. Seconded by PNP Betty Lawson, TN. National President Heidi Dineen asked for the discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

MOTION APPROVED

National Treasurer PNP Susan Sisler moved to approve the proposed Headquarter Expenses at \$201,212. Seconded by NEC Jeannine Reznik, OH. A question was raised regarding Headquarter's Salary. Susan stated "Last year we did not have an employee for four months. This is for a full year with a new employee at a salary rate and for increases." National President Heidi Dineen asked for further discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

MOTION APPROVED

National Treasurer PNP Susan Sisler moved to approve the proposed National President Expenses at \$37,000. Seconded by Kay Gibbons, OH. National President Heidi Dineen asked for the discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

MOTION APPROVED

National Treasurer PNP Susan Sisler moved to approve the proposed National Officers Expenses at \$46,400. Seconded by Leslie Wunderle, AK. National President Heidi Dineen asked for the discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

MOTION APPROVED

National Treasurer PNP Susan Sisler moved to approve the proposed Programs/Services Expenses at \$13,500. Seconded by Kay Gibbons. National President Heidi Dineen asked for the discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

MOTION APPROVED

National Treasurer PNP Susan Sisler moved to approve the proposed Publications Expenses at \$72,500. Seconded by Patty Piening, OH. National President Heidi Dineen asked for the discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

MOTION APPROVED

National Treasurer PNP Susan Sisler moved to approve the proposed Miscellaneous Expenses at \$1,250. Seconded by NEC Margie Rabb, NC. National President Heidi Dineen asked for the discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

MOTION APPROVED

National President Heidi Dineen stated, "National will be running the 2009 National Convention as we do not have a Department. For Convention Chair, I appoint Susan Sisler. For Co-chairs, I appoint Carol King and Heidi Dineen." PNP Betty Lawson moved for the adoption of these appointments. National Second Vice President Patty Peining seconded. National President Heidi Dineen asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

MOTION APPROVED

National President Heidi Dineen re-opened the nomination of National First Vice President. Department President Jeannine Reznik, OH moved that nominations be closed and Patty Piening be elected by acclamation. Second inaudible. National President Heidi Dineen asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

MOTION APPROVED

National President Heidi Dineen re-opened the nomination of National Second Vice President. PNP Brenda Kilgore moved that nominations be closed and Dee Krieling be elected by acclamation. Seconded inaudible. National President Heidi Dineen asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

MOTION APPROVED

National President Heidi Dineen re-opened the nomination of National Third Vice President. NEC Joan Slrek, WI moved that nominations be closed and Lynda Taylor be elected by acclamation. Second inaudible. National President Heidi Dineen asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

MOTION APPROVED

National President Heidi Dineen re-opened the nomination of National Treasurer. NEC Norma Studebaker, IL moved that nominations be closed and PNP Susan Sisler be elected by acclamation. PNP Carol King, IL seconded. National President Heidi Dineen asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

MOTION APPROVED

National President Heidi Dineen re-opened the nomination of National Americanism Officer. PNP Sylvia Lipowski moved that nominations be closed and Kay Gibbons be elected by acclamation. Second inaudible. National President Heidi Dineen asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

MOTION APPROVED

National President Heidi Dineen re-opened the nomination of National Scholarship Officer. NEC Karen Simmons, AK moved that nominations be closed and Leslie Wunderle be elected by acclamation. Second inaudible. National President Heidi Dineen asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

MOTION APPROVED

National President Heidi Dineen re-opened the nomination of National Sergeant-At-Arms. NEC Margie Rabb, NEC moved that nominations be closed and Sue Dick be elected by acclamation. Second inaudible. National President Heidi Dineen asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

MOTION APPROVED

National President Heidi Dineen re-opened the nomination of National President. Name not given moved that nominations be closed and Charlene Kee be elected by acclamation. Seconded inaudible. National President Heidi Dineen asked for discussion. After hearing none, she called for the question.

MOTION APPROVED