

2021 NATIONAL CONVENTION MOTIONS

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Motion by National Parliamentarian/PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis (MA), Second by Cheri Lindholm (AK) to accept Convention Rules. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National First Vice President Joan Sirek (WI), Second by Sherry Marecek (FL) to appoint PNP Marvell Ruppel (WI) as timekeeper. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National Americanism Officer Denise Rodzen (ME), Second by Kay Gibbons (OH) to adopt the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Barbara Montagne (AK), Second by Kristine Albright (FL) to approve the 2021 NEC minutes as published. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National Parliamentarian/PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis (MA), Second by Sherry Marecek (FL) to approve the recommendations to the Bylaws and Manual as distributed. **MOTION CARRIED**

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Motion by National Parliamentarian/PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis (MA), Second by PNP Kathy Berning (IA) to approve to approve the new Constitution Article XV – Electronic Meetings. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Cheri Lindholm (AK), second by Joanne Whynot-Butler (MA) to change the uniform from forest green to black. Voting – YES – 117, NO – 61, ABSTAIN – 3; TOTAL VOTES CAST – 181; 2/3rds Majority was 121. **MOTION FAILED**

Friday, August 20, 2021

Motion by National Treasurer/PNP Barbara Guth (KY), Second by PNP Evelyn McElvin (FL) to approve the 2019-2020 income for operation be \$508,425.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National Treasurer/PNP Barbara Guth (KY), Second by National First Vice President Joan Sirek (WI) that the expenses for Headquarters operations be \$265,162.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National Treasurer/PNP Barbara Guth (KY), Second by National Hospital Officer Cindy Rice (OH) that the National President line item be \$40,000.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National Treasurer/PNP Barbara Guth (KY), Second by National Second Vice President Karin Simmons (AK) that the National Officers line item be \$75,075.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National Treasurer/PNP Barbara Guth (KY), Second by National First Vice President Joan Sirek (WI) that the line item for Programs be \$15,000.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National Treasurer/PNP Barbara Guth (KY), Second by PNP Barbara Valley (OH) that the line item for Publications be \$36,000. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National Treasurer/PNP Barbara Guth (KY), Second by National Chaplain Mary Lanphere (NY) that the line item for Miscellaneous be \$800.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by PNP Leslie Wunderle (WA), Second by Clarice Poisson (MI) to cancel the general caucus. **MOTION CARRIED**

Saturday, August 21, 2021

Motion by National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis, second by National Americanism Officer Denise Rodzen (ME) to change the name of the National Sons of AMVETS “Storm The Hill” to Legislative Action Week (LAW). **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National Parliamentarian/PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis (MA), second by Honors and Awards Chairman/PNP Evelyn McElvin (FL) to approve the Election Rules. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Saturday, August 21, 2021
Post-Convention NEC Meeting**

Motion by National Treasurer/PNP Barbara Guth (KY), Second by PNP Kathy Berning (IA) to approve the 2022 National Convention income be \$25,545.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National Treasurer/PNP Barbara Guth (KY), Second by PNP Barbara Valley (OH) to approve the 2022 National Convention expenses be \$25,545.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National Parliamentarian/PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis (MA), Second by PNP Leslie Wunderle (WA) to accept all newly elected National Officers’ projects and themes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis (MA), Second by National Treasurer/PNP Barbara Guth (KY) to approve National President-elect Joan Sirek’s theme and appointments. **MOTION CARRIED**

National President’s Theme: “Honor Our Heroes”
National President’s Project: Freedoms Foundation –McArthur Building window replacement
2022 Convention Chairman: Ginny Rominger (LA)
Parliamentarian: PNP Marvell Ruppel
Junior AMVETS Coordinator: Fran McGurk (FL)
Honors and Awards: Faye Richardson-Green (MI)
History and Scrapbook: Paula Cummings (WI)
Training Chairman: PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis (MA)

Carol King
Minutes submitted by National Executive Director

November 1, 2021
Date

Dolores “Dee” Baggett
Approved by 2019 – 2021 National President

November 21, 2021
Date

PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis
Approved by National Parliamentarian

November 21, 2021
Date

ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

As quoted from Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12th Edition (2020): An electronic meeting must be provided for in the Bylaws.

Article XV. Electronic Meetings

Section 1: Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, meetings of the Auxiliary shall be conducted in person or participate in electronic meetings by Teleconference and/or Telephone when a State of Emergency has been declared or when the President has obtained written consent (email or by hand) by every Executive Board Member, or a two-thirds vote with previous notice of motion to do so. The electronic meetings of the Auxiliary shall be subject to all rules as stated in these Bylaws.

When a Teleconference is being conducted an Internet Platform such as Zoom will be utilized. The following criteria needs to be met:

- The Secretary shall send an email to every member at least two (2) weeks before each meeting with the time of the meeting, the URL and code necessary to connect to the Internet meeting service, the phone number for audio connection and/or to participate by phone and a copy of, or link to, these rules.
- The President and Secretary must have access to a control panel which enables them to perform their duties during the meeting, such as ensuring the text of the pending motion is properly displayed, assigning the floor to a member, opening, and closing the polls for taking a vote, etc.
- The meeting platform, such as Zoom, should begin at least 15 minutes before the start of each meeting.
- Each participant must use their own computer or device with audio, speakers, and microphone. No action shall be invalidated on the grounds of the loss or poor quality of a member's individual connection.
- If the computer has a webcam, it must be turned on.
- The list of participants in the meeting must be visible and identified with proper name.
- The presence of a quorum shall be established by audible roll call at the beginning of the meeting. Thereafter, the continued presence of a quorum shall be determined by the online list of participating members.
- To seek recognition by the chair, a member shall use the raise hand feature.
- A member who intends to make a motion shall use the raise hand feature.
- Motions should be submitted and viewed in writing. The Secretary shall designate an online area exclusively for the display of the motion.
- Votes shall be taken by the anonymous voting feature of the Internet Meeting Service unless a roll call vote is required/ordered. The Secretary shall post the motion using the online survey tool, and the President shall alert the members that the polls are open. The polls shall be closed not less than two (2) minutes after they have been opened. The President's announcement of the voting result shall include the number of members voting and any abstaining. Business may also be conducted by unanimous consent. An anonymous vote conducted through an Internet meeting shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in these bylaws that a vote be conducted by ballot.

When a telephone meeting is held the following criteria will be used:

- The Secretary shall send notice to every member at least two (2) weeks before each meeting with the time of the meeting and the phone number and any access code needed to connect to the telephone conference call, using a free service. This meeting shall begin 15 minutes before the start of each meeting.

- Members shall announce themselves at the first opportunity after joining the telephone conference call but may not interrupt a speaker to do so.
- The presence of a quorum shall be established by roll call at the beginning of the meeting.
- To seek recognition by the chair, a member shall address the chair and state their name.
- Motions may be made orally.
- All votes shall be taken by roll call. The total of votes shall be announced.
- Each member is responsible for their connection to the telephone conference call; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that loss of, or poor quality of, a member's individual connection prevented participation in the meeting.

PROPOSED and **APPROVED** to the AMVETS Ladies National Constitution August 2021: New Article XV Electronic Meetings and Move current Article XV Publications to a new article XVI. Departments and Local Auxiliaries must add this to their bylaws as well; if it is not stated in the Bylaws then electronic meetings cannot be held!

Proposed Changes to the Constitution August 2021:

Article V Departments, change second (m) to (o) as they are missed lettered.

Proposed changes to the Bylaws August 2021:

Article III-Duties of Officers, Section 6 add: "It is customary to drape the picture of a Past National

President or National Officer at the National Meeting immediately following their passing.

Article IV National Executive Committeewoman, Section 1 (e): delete the last sentence and add appointed to the first sentence to read If a National Executive Committeewoman accepts an elected or **appointed National Office, she shall resign her office as NECwoman.**

Proposed changes to the Manual August 2021:

Page 6 Add Dee Baggett as a PNP

Page 14 Under Internal Revenue Form 990: add a last line to read: After initially filing, return to the filing and update status from pending to approved by clicking on the word pending.

Page 20 last bullet delete the words National Headquarters, will now read: Federal regulations require **that all Auxiliaries MUST file IRS Form 990 following the close of its fiscal year (see details in Headquarters section). Copies MUST be sent to the IRS and Department if required by the Department.**

Page 22, 11th bullet under Basic Requirements of Departments, remove the words with a copy to national headquarters and if gross income is over \$50,000 as all Departments need to file with the IRS. It will now read: The Department shall be required to file Internal Revenue Form 990 at the close of **its financial year.**

Under Service Report Guides add UBS cords/chargers evaluation

Page 83- Draping of the Charter, after second sentence add **"It is customary to drape the picture of a Past National President or National Officer at the National Meeting immediately following their passing.**

Recommendation from Hospital/VAVS Committee:

Masks to be evaluated at \$5.00 per mask plus 1 hour (also a recommendation from C.W.) Cell Phone Evaluation raise from \$50 to \$100

Recommendation from Community Service Committee:

Change evaluation from 50 pill bottles: \$10, 1 hour to 25 pill bottles: \$10 and 1 hour Go Green Recycle: add glass \$0.05 per bottle
Cell phone increase from \$50 to \$100

Recommendation from Child Welfare:

Legos be evaluated at \$10.00 per pound, no miles no hours (!legos.com/replay) This site has a freeshipping label on the website.

Backpack and roller bags for foster kids: actual cost of new bags, used \$20.00 per backpack/roller bags

Recommendation from Membership:

In Manual under Membership General Information 9th bullet add a new bullet: Rejoin: when current membership is not renewed by December 31st, they are considered a rejoin for a period of three years and must reestablish eligibility.

Recommendation from the Scholarship Committee:

On Career Start Scholarship Application, under check list of requirements change to read: Authorized copy of her most current transcript with at least one semester/quarter grade with an explanation of the grading system.

On Career Start Scholarship Application, under judging criteria, Scholarship 15% change to read: Scholastic transcript of semester/ quarter average for all courses taken in semester with an explanation of grading system.

On application change the word resume to essay listed under the checklist of requirements on all applications.

Remove Standing Rule #9

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