

2022 NATIONAL CONVENTION MOTIONS

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

National First Vice President Karin Simmons, second by National Hospital Officer Laura Bugaj to accept the Convention Rules. **MOTION CARRIED**

PNP Patty Piening moved, second by PNP Kathy Berning to accept Nancy Carrier as timekeeper. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by PNP Patty Piening (FL), second by Karen Spittlemeister (WI) to adopt the agenda as it may be amended. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by PNP Leslie Wunderle (WA), second by PNP Patty Piening (FL) to approve the 2021 Convention minutes as published. **MOTION CARRIED**

Friday, August 19, 2022

Motion by National Treasurer/PNP Barbara Guth (KY), second by National Second Vice President Amy Stopyra (PA) to approve the 2022 - 2023 income for operations be \$519,025.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Treasurer/PNP Barbara Guth (KY), second by Karen Spittlemeister (WI) that the expenses for Headquarters operations be \$273,197.00.

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 PNP Carol King (IL) that the National Officers line item be \$75,875.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Treasurer/PNP Barbara Guth (KY), second by IPNP Dee Baggett (FL) that the line item for Programs/Services 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 Sherry Maracek (FL) that the line item for Miscellaneous be \$800.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Treasurer/PNP Barbara Guth (KY), second by PNP Leslie Wunderle (WA) that the Publications line item be \$36,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Parliamentarian Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by IPNP Dee Baggett (FL) that the membership year shall run from January 1 through December 31. Any membership received at the Local level after December 31 shall be counted as a new member and establish eligibility.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Parliamentarian Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by IPNP Dee Baggett (FL) that Local Auxiliaries may grant two (2) Honorary memberships per year.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Parliamentarian Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by National Hospital Officer Laura Bugaj (NY) to allow wives of Sons of AMVETS members to join the Auxiliary. **REJECTED**

Motion by National Parliamentarian Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by PNP Kathy Berning (IA) that National, Department, District or Regional Officers may credit hours to the Local Auxiliary when the activity in which she participated involved the respective office she holds. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National Parliamentarian Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by National Scholarship Officer Laurie Shea (IL) to change the wording in the Manual regarding certificates awarded to read “at the discretion of the program.”

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Parliamentarian Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by PNP Kathy Berning (IA) to change Article XII Discipline, Section 2 J to read “All parties shall remain available to the committee until a decision has been reached.”

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Parliamentarian Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by PNP Linda McGriff (TX) change Section R to read “Any member whose membership is suspended or forfeited may appeal to the next highest level (Local Auxiliary to the Department Appeals Board).”

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Parliamentarian Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis to change Section S to read “On the Local level a written document of the results will be sent by the Grievance Committee Chairman to all members of the Committee, along with accused, Local and a copy sent to the Department within 30 days. On the Department level, written documentation of the results will be sent by the Grievance Committee Chairman to all members of the Committee, the accused, the Department and Local and a copy to National within thirty (30) days.”

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Parliamentarian Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by Dawn Dennie (IN) to add to Section 2 W “The decision of the Grievance Committee stands until a member files an appeal and the appeals hearing is held.”

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Parliamentarian Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by Karen Spittlemeister (WI) to add to Second Vice, Section 3 “She shall oversee terms of any Department Trusteeship entered by the National Executive Board.” (This has been the practice initiated in previous Trusteeships. This clarifies whose responsibility it is to oversee this in writing.)

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Parliamentarian Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by PNP Leslie Wunderle (WA) to change Section 8 “Storm The Hill” to read “Legislative Action Week (LAW).”

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Parliamentarian Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by PNP Leslie Wunderle (WA) recommended Article V, Standing Committee, Section 1 (d) Finances: (e) In the event there is no Immediate Past Treasurer, the President shall appoint a member of the National Executive Committee to the National Finance Committee. Term to coincide with the National Treasurer.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Parliamentarian Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by National Americanism Officer Mary Lanphere (NY) recommended Article VII, Section 1: The Headquarters staff shall (a) consist of such personnel necessary to provide the services required to meet the needs of Headquarters operation, as defined by the Personnel Committee. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President, Personnel Committee or as found in the Policy of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary and Headquarters staff job descriptions and procedure.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Parliamentarian PNP Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by National Americanism Officer Mary Lanphere (NY) to change the current information listed under Convention Rules in the Auxiliary Manual to coincide with those listed in the Convention book.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Parliamentarian PNP Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by PNP Carol King add to evaluations Crown Royal bags to be evaluated at \$5.00 per bag (no other evaluation).

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Parliamentarian PNP Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by Myra Clark (TX) add to Scholarship application PDF verified signatures will be accepted from references.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by National Parliamentarian/PNP Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by National Scholarship Officer Laurie Shea (IL) that an updated check list for Scholarship applications will be included on the National website Scholarship application packet information. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National Parliamentarian/PNP Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by Betty Wiggins (TX) that an Honorary member is eligible to receive a blood donor pin. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National Parliamentarian/PNP Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by PNP Dee Baggett (FL) add to the Convention Digest that a one (1) time blood donor pin will be presented to a member donating their first eight (8) pints (1 gallon) with written verification. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National Parliamentarian/PNP Marvell Ruppel (WI), second by National Third Vice President Cindy Rice (OH) add to evaluations a \$10.00 evaluation for wheelchair/walker bags (no other evaluation). **MOTION CARRIED**

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Motion by PNP Patty Piening (FL), second by Barbara Montagne (AK) thirty (30) day deadline for certificates to be sent out from Headquarters. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Darlene Hempel (WI), second by Betty Wiggins (TX) to accept the Election Rules. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National President Joan Sirek (WI), second by National Sergeant-at-Arms Debra Gass to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED**

Saturday, August 20, 2022 Post-Convention NEC Meeting

Motion by National Treasurer/PNP Barbara Guth (KY), second by PNP Carol King (IL) to approve the 2023 National Convention income be \$25,670.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by National Treasurer/PNP Barbara Guth (KY), second by National Scholarship Officer Laurie Shea (IL) to approve the 2022 National Convention expenses be \$25,670.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

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

National President's Theme: "Honor. Remember. Teach."

National President's Project: Fisher House

National 1st Vice President's Theme: "Linking Our Membership Together"

National 2nd Vice President's Theme: "Children Learn What They Live - Inspire a Child."

National 3rd Vice President's Theme: "Working Together For A Stronger America:

National Sergeant-at-Arms' Theme: "Stay Strong. Strong women don't have attitudes, we have standards"

National Scholarship Officer's Theme: "Paving a Path to Higher Education"

National Hospital Officer's Theme: "When "I" is replaced with "we", even illness becomes wellness."

National Americanism Officer's Theme: "Our History will Guide Our Future"

2023 Convention Chairman: PNP Dee Kreiling-Riley (PA)

Parliamentarian: PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis (MA)

Junior AMVETS Coordinator: Denise Speigle (OH)
Honors and Awards: PNP Leslie Wunderle (WA)
History and Scrapbook: Paulette Joy (AK)
Training Chairman: PNP Linda McGriff (TX)

Motion by Pam Lukemire (IL), second by Donna Smith (NY) to nominate/elect PNP Kathy Berning (IA) to a one (1) year term on the Finance Committee
MOTION CARRIED

Carol King
Minutes submitted by National Executive Director

December 1, 2021
Date

Joan L. Sirek
Approved by 2021 – 2022 National President

December 1, 2021
Date

PNP Marvell E. Ruppel
Approved by National Parliamentarian

December 1, 2021
Date

Revised -Results of the Constitutions and Bylaws Committee Meeting - August 16th, 2022

15 Committee members attended; 37 guests

One resolution was received from the Department of Pennsylvania. It urges the National AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary to consider expanding eligibility in AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary to include nieces of AMVETS (or deceased veterans), and wives of Sons of AMVETS – **rejected**

A second resolution was received on 8/14/22 from the Department of Michigan – **rejected**

Conflicting Information: Membership/Rejoin (Manual, Constitution)

- The membership year shall run from January 1st through December 31st. Any membership received at the local level after December 31st shall be counted as a new member and must establish eligibility.

Additional Committee recommendations:

Constitution Article IV: Membership and Dues: Sec. 3 Honorary Membership – Honorary memberships are granted in instances where circumstances and/or qualification merit such distinction and shall be limited to ladies who are not eligible for regular membership. Local Auxiliaries may grant one Honorary Membership per year. An Honorary Membership is \$10.00 annually to National Headquarters. Any additional charges to the Honorary Member would be up to the Local Department Auxiliary.

Change to read: Membership and Dues: Sec. 3 Honorary Membership – Honorary memberships are granted in instances where circumstances and/or qualification merit such distinction and shall be limited to ladies who are not eligible for regular membership. Local Auxiliaries may grant **two** Honorary Membership per year. An Honorary Membership is \$10.00 annually to National Headquarters. Any additional charges to the Honorary Member would be up to the Local Department Auxiliary.

Recommendation to allow the wives of a Sons of AMVETS member to join the Auxiliary – **rejected**

VAVS reporting:

Manual: Service Report Guidelines – Hours (last paragraph)

Currently reads: National, Department, District or Regional Officers may credit her hours to the Local Auxiliary when the activity in which she participated involved the duties of the respective office she holds. A member may credit hours to the Local Auxiliary, excluding the VAVS Program.

Change to read: National, Department, District or Regional Officers may credit her hours to the Local Auxiliary when the activity in which she participated involved the duties of the respective office she holds. A member may credit hours to the Local Auxiliary.

Certificate Awards

Manual - Currently reads under certificates – “Donations of \$100.00 or more”

Change to read: At the discretion of the program.

Constitution:

ARTICLE XII Discipline - Section 2 - The following Grievance Procedure shall be followed on both the Department and Local Levels

Sec. 2 J – Currently reads: All parties shall remain available to the committee until a decision has been reached. The Committee shall inform the accused of the decision, followed by a written document being sent to all members of the committee along with the accused’s Local/Department within 30 Days.

Change to read:

Sec. 2 J. All parties shall remain available to the committee until a decision has been reached.

Sec. R. – Currently reads: Any member whose membership is suspended or forfeited may appeal to the next highest level (Local Auxiliary to the Department Appeals Board). A letter shall be sent to the Local/Department President notifying her that the membership is suspended or forfeited.

Change to read:

Currently reads: Any member whose membership is suspended or forfeited may appeal to the next highest level (Local Auxiliary to the Department Appeals Board).

Sec. S –Currently reads: The member has the right to appeal in writing to the next level. (see Appeals Process Section 3).

Sec. S. Change to read:

On the Local Level a written document of the results will be sent by the Grievance Committee Chairman to all the members of the committee, along with the accused’s Local and a copy sent to the Department within 30 days.

On the Department Level a written document of the results will be sent by the Grievance Committee Chairman to all the members of the committee, the accused, Local, the Department, and a copy to National within 30 days.

Sec S. would then become T, T would become, U, U would become V.

Add: Section 2 W. The Decision of the Grievance Committee stands until a member files an appeal and the appeals hearing is held.

Department Level - Trusteeship: Add a 3rd paragraph before the National Executive Board ...

The Department Parliamentarian shall prescribe specific outcomes to be achieved by the Local Auxiliary which are clear, specific, and measurable. The Trusteeship should be reviewed by the Department Executive Board at an SEC meeting and Department Convention.

Add after the last paragraph:

The National Parliamentarian shall prescribe specific outcomes to be achieved by the Department and/or Local Auxiliary which are clear, specific, and measurable. The Trusteeship should be reviewed by the National Executive Board at the spring NEC and National Convention.

A Trusteeship shall be removed upon review upon review by the National President and with the approval of the Executive Board at the spring NEC or National Convention.

Bylaws:

Article 1. National Convention

Section 13. Currently reads: The National President shall appoint a Convention Chairman two (2) years in advance of the National Convention from the Department of the Convention site. Said Chairman shall assume her duties, as prescribed in the Convention Policy and Procedure Book, on September 1. Expenses for the Convention Chairman shall be provided for in the annual Convention budget.

Recommendation: Change National President to **National President elect** – to correlate with working in Sec. 11, 12,

Section 14. Currently reads: The National President shall appoint at the Post Convention National Executive Committee Meeting, Parliamentarian, VAVS Officer, Chairman for the Honors and Awards Committee, Junior AMVETS Coordinator, History/Scrapbook Chairman, Training Committee Chairman, as outlined in these Bylaws, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Recommendation: Change National President to **National President elect** – to correlate with working in Sec. 11, 12,

Article III Duties of Officers:

Sec. 3 Currently reads: The Second Vice President shall serve as Child Welfare Chairman and as such initiate projects benefiting children, including Worchid Project and John Tracy Center program by submitting varied program ideas to Department and Local Auxiliaries. In the absence or disability of the President and First Vice President, she shall preside at all meetings and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee. She shall serve on the Honors and Awards Committee and as Chairman of the Child Welfare Committee. She shall be a member of the Finance Committee and Search Committee.

Recommendation: Add to 2nd Vice Sec. 3: She shall oversee terms of any Department Trusteeships entered by the National Executive Board. (This has been the practice initiated in previous Trusteeships. It clarifies whose responsibility it is to oversee this – in writing.)

Sec. 8: Currently reads: The Americanism Officer shall promote the American way of life; promote the ideas of God, Country, and patriotic virtues. She shall instill patriotism in her bulletins; promote new and adopted patriotic programs. It shall be her duty to urge participating in activities that encourage program activities in connection with Freedoms Foundation. She shall obtain information from the AMVETS legislative representative and Sons of AMVETS Storm the Hill for distribution. The Americanism Officer shall serve on the Honors and Awards Committee and as Chairman of the Americanism Program Committee.

Change to: “Storm the Hill” to read “Legislative Action Week”

Article V Standing Committees Sec. 1 (d) Finances: The National Finance Committee shall consist of the following: National Treasurer, who shall serve as Chairman; National President, ex-officio, NEC Council Chairman, Immediate Past Treasurer, National First Vice President, National Second Vice President, National Third Vice President, Immediate Past National President, ex-officio, without vote, one NEC member elected at Post Convention NEC for one-year term and the National Parliamentarian, ex-officio, without vote.

Recommendation: Since there may not be an Immediate Past Treasurer Add:

(e) In the event there is no Immediate Past Treasurer, the President shall appoint a member of the National Executive Committee to the Finance Committee. Term to coincide with the National Treasurer. This would then change the current e to d, d to e – etc.

Article VIII Headquarters Staff Sec. 1: The Headquarters Staff shall: (a) Consist of such personnel necessary to provide the services required to meet the needs of headquarters operation, as defined by the National Executive Board. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President, the Executive Committee, or as found in the Policy of AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary and Headquarters Staff job descriptions and procedure.

Recommendation:

The Headquarters Staff shall: (a) Consist of such personnel necessary to provide the services required to meet the needs of headquarters operation, as defined by the **Personnel Committee**. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President, **Personnel Committee**, or as found in the Policy of AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary and Headquarters Staff job descriptions and procedure.

Convention Rules:

The Convention Rules listed in the Auxiliary Manual do not coincide with those listed in the convention book.

For example: Auxiliary Manual - #14 reads: A general caucus of all candidates will be on Friday of National Convention at a time specified on the agenda.

#14 of the Convention Rules in the Convention book reads: Campaign posters or distribution of campaign materials shall be not permitted in the convention meeting room. Such posters and signs may be permitted as each individual hotel may designate. Campaign literature will be permitted outside of the convention meeting room and/or distribution on department tables at least one-half (1/2) hour prior to the opening of sessions as printed in the convention agenda.

Recommendation: Change the current information listed under Convention rules in the Auxiliary Manual to coincide with those listed in the Convention book.

Committee Meetings:

Add: Crown Royal bags be evaluated at \$5.00 a bag (no other evaluation)

Add: Scholarship application – PDF verified signatures will be accepted from references

Add: An updated check list for Scholarship applications will be included on the National website Scholarship application packet information.

Add: An Honorary member is eligible to receive a blood donor pin.

Add: To the convention digest: A one (1) time Blood Donor pin will be presented to a member donating their first eight (8) pints (1 gallon) with written verification.

Add: A \$10.00 evaluation for a wheelchair/walker bag (no other evaluation)