

REVISIONS TO DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION
As Approved at the 91st Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary Convention
in Appleton, Wisconsin

Article V – Department Convention

Delete chart enumerating delegate totals to membership.

Article VII – National Convention.

Section 2.6. Current reading:

Each of the twelve Districts may nominate up to three delegates in a caucus, which shall be called for that purpose at the Department convention. There shall be no nominations from the convention floor. The requisite number of delegates shall be elected by the convention according to the plurality count. The remaining nominees for delegates automatically become alternates according to the plurality count.

Section 2.6. Revised reading:

Each of the twelve Districts may nominate one or two delegates in a caucus that shall be called for that purpose at the Department Convention. There shall be no nominations from the convention floor. The requisite number of delegates shall be elected by the convention according to the plurality count. The remaining nominees for delegates automatically become alternates according to the plurality count.

Section 4. Current reading:

A Wisconsin candidate for the National Office of Central Division National Vice President, Historian or Chaplain shall be an automatic delegate to national convention and shall be allowed expenses pursuant to Article VII, Section 5 (sub2).

Section 4. Revised reading:

A Wisconsin candidate for the National Office of Central Division National Vice President, Historian or Chaplain shall be allowed expenses pursuant to Article VII, Section 5 (sub2) and shall be an automatic delegate to National Convention in the year in which the election is held, if there are available delegate positions after satisfying Article VII, Section 2 (sub1).

REVISIONS TO DEPARTMENT BYLAWS
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Article IV, District Organization

Section 8. Current reading:

Each District President shall be allowed for organization work an amount equal to \$1.00 per Unit based on the number of Units within her District.

Section 8. Revised: Delete entire Section 8.

Article VII, Unit Organization

Section 6. Current reading:

For violation by a member of the Auxiliary of any of the provision of the Department National or Unit Constitution and Bylaws, each Unit Executive Committee shall have authority, after hearing, to recommend to the Unit, the expulsion or suspension of such member. Any member so suspended shall have the right to appeal to the Department Executive Board by giving the Board notice within thirty (30) days of such determination.

1. Expulsion of a member should not be made until complete and thorough investigation of the charge has been made; hasty and unwarranted conclusion should be carefully avoided.
2. Due to the fact that expulsion of a member from a Unit automatically expels her from the Auxiliary, since it is only through a Unit that a woman can belong to the Auxiliary, a Unit should not take such action unless the reasons are such as to justify expulsion from any Unit of the entire organization.
3. Names of members who are expelled, together with statement of facts substantiating the expulsion charges and copies of all proceedings, should be reported to Department Headquarters, then to National Headquarters, where a record will be kept. (4) The procedures as set forth in the Unit Handbook must be followed.

Section 6. Revised reading:

For any violation of the Unit, Department or National Constitutions, or for conduct improper and prejudicial to the welfare of the Auxiliary or of The American Legion, any member may be expelled from membership or any officer removed from office by two-thirds vote at a Unit meeting duly called for that purpose, said expulsion or removal to be binding only in the event said member or officer shall have been given at least fifteen days notice in writing by the Unit Secretary of the charges and the hearing thereon. Either party has the right of appeal to the Department Executive Board, or the action thereon shall be final. Any expense related to said appeal shall be the responsibility of the appellant.

1. The procedures for Expulsion or Suspension of a Member as set forth in the Unit Handbook must be followed.

2. The expulsion of a member from a Unit automatically expels her from the American Legion Auxiliary. A Unit should not take such action unless the reasons are such as to justify expulsion from any Unit of the entire organization.
3. Names of members who are expelled, together with statement of facts substantiating the expulsion charges and copies of all proceedings, shall be reported to the Department Secretary, who shall provide written notice of the expulsion to National Headquarters.

Section 9. Current reading:

It shall be the privilege of an American Legion Post to petition the revocation of a Charter of a Unit, which is attached to that Post.

Section 9. Revised reading:

The National Counsel General of the American Legion Auxiliary has ruled that The American Legion Post to which a Unit is attached may not revoke nor threaten revocation of its Unit's Charter.

Section 11. Current reading:

The duties of Unit Officers shall be similar to the duties of the corresponding Department offices, except the Unit Historian, who shall compile a Unit History annually.

Section 11. Revised reading:

The duties of Unit Officers shall be similar to the duties of the corresponding Department offices.

Article VIII, Dues

Section 1 (sub 2). Current reading:

When National per capita dues are increased, Department and units shall automatically include this increase in the funds transmitted to Department and National Headquarters.*

Section 1 (sub 2). Revised reading:

When National per capita dues are increased, Department and units shall automatically include this increase in the funds transmitted to Department and National Headquarters for the ensuing year or such subsequent year as may be adopted by the National Convention.

The remainder of Section 1, (sub 2), the breakdown of dues allocation, remains the same.

Section 5. Current reading:

Any Unit in this Department shall full power and authority to drop from the membership roll the name of any member failing to pay annual dues by December 31st. She shall be classed as delinquent and shall be suspended from all membership privileges provided; however, such suspended member shall be notified by the Secretary of the Unit of such suspension prior thereto. Payment of back dues after suspension shall reinstate such member to active membership. (Any member delinquent to December 31st of the year of delinquency shall automatically be dropped from the rolls and may not thereafter be reinstated without the payment of all past dues or by re-establishing eligibility and making application as a new member.)

Section 5. Revised reading:

A member failing to pay annual dues by January 31st shall be classed as delinquent and suspended from all membership privileges which include voting, holding office and all other privileges of membership. Payment of current dues during such suspension and before December 31st of the dues year shall reinstate the member to active membership. Any member who is still delinquent on December 31st shall automatically be dropped from the rolls, and may reinstate her membership by either establishing eligibility as a new member or by paying all back dues.

Section 6. Current reading:

Any member in good standing wishing to transfer to another Unit must present to the new Unit her current membership card. Upon acceptance of the transfer by the new Unit, the Unit officers will complete the transfer section on the Member Data Form. The new Unit Officer and members must sign and date the Member Data Form to be valid. The member shall then be entitled to active membership in said Unit. No dues shall be transferred.

Any member in good standing in a Unit shall be entitled to transfer to another Unit.

Membership in a Unit establishes the District to which the member belongs.

Section 6. Revised reading:

Any member in good standing in a Unit shall be entitled to transfer to another Unit. She must present her current membership card to the new Unit. Upon acceptance of the transfer by the new Unit, the transfer section on the Member Data Form must be completed and signed by an officer of the new Unit and the transferring member. The member shall then be entitled to active membership in said Unit. No dues shall be transferred. Membership in a Unit establishes the District to which the member belongs.

Article XIII, Parliamentary Ruling

Current reading:

The rules of procedure of the Department shall be those set forth by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised except as otherwise expressly stated herein.

Revised reading:

The rules of procedure of the Department shall be those set forth in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised except as otherwise expressly stated herein.

REVISIONS TO DEPARTMENT STANDING RULES
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Page 83, Department Informational Forum, #3

Current reading:

That the Department President, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and all Department Chairmen be responsible for conducting workshops.

Revised reading:

That the Department President, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and all Department Chairmen be responsible for conducting workshops as the Department President deems necessary.

Page 88, Subsidiary Organizations

Current reading:

It is the policy of the Department:

1. That we recognize the “Departmental” of the 8/40, and permit the organization of Petite Salons within the “Departmental.”
2. That the Department shall not affiliate itself with any organization or group of organizations whereby it may lose its identity as an independent organization, or whereby the American Legion Auxiliary vote would be controlled by the majority vote of the group.

Revised reading:

It is the policy of the Department not to affiliate itself with any organization or group of organizations whereby it may lose its identity as an independent organization, or whereby the American Legion Auxiliary vote would be controlled by the majority vote of the group.