

CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION
(Approved 7/16/16 at 2016 Department Convention)

Page 64, Article III - Eligibility

PRESENT READING

Section 1. Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of members of The American Legion, and to the mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during any of the following periods: April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918; December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946; June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955; February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975; August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984; December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990; August 2, 1990 to the date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the Government of the United States, all dates inclusive; or who being citizens of the United States at the time of their entry therein, served on active duty in the duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during any of said periods, and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; and to those women who of their own right are eligible to membership in The American Legion.

PROPOSED READING

Section 1. Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion, and to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during any of the following periods: April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918; December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946; June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955; February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975; August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984; December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990; August 2, 1990 to the date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the Government of the United States; all dates inclusive, or who being citizens of the United States at the time of their entry therein, served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any governments associated with the United States during any of said periods, and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; and to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.

Page 65, Article III - Eligibility

PRESENT READING

Section 3. Under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, stepdaughters, stepmothers, and stepsisters comply with the provisions of Section 1.

PROPOSED READING

Section 2. Under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, equivalent step-relatives comply with the provisions of Section 1.

Section 2 then becomes Section 3.

Page 65, Article V - Department Executive Board

PRESENT READING

Section 2. The Department Executive Board shall be comprised of the immediate Past Department President, all elective officers, Alternate National Executive Committeewomen and the District President from each District. The Department Board members have full voting authority.

PROPOSED READING

Section 2. The Department Executive Board shall be comprised of all elective officers, Alternate National Executive Committeewoman and the District President from each District. The Department Executive Board members have full voting authority.

Page 66, Article VI - National Officers

PRESENT READING

Section 1. The immediate Past Department President shall be the National Executive Committeewoman and her term of office shall commence immediately following the adjournment of the National Convention next ensuing and shall end at the adjournment of the next succeeding National Convention. The immediate Past National Executive Committeewoman shall be her alternate and shall serve only in the absence of the National Executive Committeewoman. In the event of a vacancy for Alternate National Executive Committeewoman, the Department President shall appoint a successor beginning with the most recent Past Department President and continuing in the order of service.

PROPOSED READING

Section 1. The Department shall elect a National Executive Committeewoman from among the members, who will serve for a two-year term of office, and further will be allowed to serve for an additional elected two years of service. Her term of office shall commence immediately following the adjournment of the National Convention next ensuing, and shall end at the adjournment of the National Convention in two years or after a four-year term of office, if reelected. The immediate Past Department President shall be the Alternate National Executive Committeewoman and her term of office shall commence immediately following the adjournment of the ensuing National Convention for one year. In the event of a vacancy for Alternate National Executive Committeewoman, the Department President shall appoint a successor beginning with the most recent Past Department President and continuing in the order of their service.

CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT BYLAWS
(Approved 7/16/16 at 2016 Department Convention)

Page 71, Article II - Duties and Powers of Officers

PRESENT READING

Section 4. **Department Executive Secretary-Treasurer:** It shall be the duty of the Department Executive Secretary-Treasurer to record proceedings of the Department Convention and the Department Executive Board meetings, and keep all records of the Department. She shall transmit reports and bulletins of all Department standing committees and send out all literature and calls of meetings. She shall be the custodian of the funds of the Department and she shall account for the same. She shall sign checks in disbursing the funds of the organization and shall make reports upon the condition of the Department treasury when called for by the Department President.

PROPOSED READING

Section 4. **Department Executive Secretary-Treasurer:** It shall be the duty of the Department Executive Secretary-Treasurer to record proceedings of the Department Convention and the Department Executive Board meetings, and keep all records of the Department. She shall transmit reports and bulletins of all Department standing committees and send out all literature and calls of meetings. She shall be the custodian of the funds of the Department and she shall account for the same. She shall sign checks in disbursing the funds of the organization and shall make reports upon the condition of the Department treasury when called for by the Department President. To our external audiences only, her title shall be Executive Director.

Page 73, Article V - Standing Committees

PRESENT READING

Section 2. The Finance Committee is comprised of three members from different districts who serve 3-year terms, one of whom shall be elected each year at the pre-convention meeting of the Department Executive Board. The Chairman of the Finance Committee will be appointed by the Department President from among these three members. The Chairman of the Office Policy Committee and the National Executive Committeewoman are automatically members of the Finance Committee. The number of Finance Committee members shall then be five. All members must be Past Department Presidents.

PROPOSED READING

Section 2. The Finance Committee is comprised of three members from different districts who serve 3-year terms, one of whom shall be appointed each year by a committee composed of the Senior Vice President and the First and Second Vice Presidents, with additional input from the Department President and the Department Executive Secretary/Treasurer. Each candidate will first submit a resume detailing specific information relating to knowledge of finance, accounting, auditing or relevant experience. The Chairman of the Finance Committee will be appointed by the Department President from among these three members. The Chairman of the Office Policy Committee and the Alternate National Executive Committeewoman are automatically members of the Finance Committee. The number of finance committee members shall then be five.

(This change would become effective with the 2017-2018 Auxiliary year.)

Page 75, Article V - Standing Committees

PRESENT READING

Section 10. The following Standing Committees shall be chaired by a Past Department President: Finance, Constitution and Bylaws, Legislation, Office Policy, Past President's Parley and Standing Rules.

PROPOSED READING

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