



2026 Annual ALA Department Convention
 Hilton Paper Valley
 333 W. College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911
 July 17-18, 2026

NOMINATIONS OF DEPARTMENT & NATIONAL OFFICERS

Friday, July 17, 2026

Department Bylaws, Article I, Section 1: The following officers shall be elected annually at the department convention by a majority of the ballots cast: Department President and Senior Vice President. When there is but one candidate for an office, the nominee can be elected by voice vote or acclamation.

The following officers shall be elected annually at the department convention by plurality vote of the ballots cast: First Vice President, Second Vice President, Historian and Chaplain. When there is but one candidate, the nominee can be elected by voice vote or acclamation.

Department Standing Rules, Elections and Campaigns, #2: In line with The American Legion Council General’s opinion, any member may run for any office as a right of membership. While each experience as an officer or chairman helps to prepare the member for higher office, members have the right to pursue any office that is personally fulfilling without obligation to seek other offices.

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION ALTERNATES

Due to Department Headquarters by June 1, 2026

National Constitution, Article VI, Section 2: Representation in the National Convention shall be by Departments. Each Department shall be entitled to delegates based upon the number of members whose dues are paid up-to-date as provided in the Standing Rules.

National Standing Rules, Section II, Subsection 2: Each Department shall be entitled to seven (7) delegates; and one (1) additional delegate for each one thousand two hundred (1,200) members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received by the National Treasurer thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of said National Convention, and to one (1) alternate for each delegate. The delegates and alternates shall be selected not less than two (2) weeks before the National Convention at Department Conventions or in any manner specified by any Department Constitution.

Department Bylaws, Article III, Section 1, Subsections 4-5: *Each of the twelve districts may nominate alternates to the national convention at the district level. The nominee selection process shall be determined at the discretion of the district, possibly at their spring or fall conferences, or by executive action. Names of nominees shall be sent to department headquarters as soon as selected and no later than June 1st. There shall be no nominations from the floor and election of alternates shall be held at a designated time during department convention and named in order of plurality count. No alternates elected at department convention shall be named to fill vacant positions until all delegates and alternates have been selected according to the [priorities stated in subsections 1-4].*

- Nomination forms for Alternates to National Convention were sent to all District Presidents and must be returned no later than June 1, 2026.
- Elections will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the convention hall.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

1	Delegation Chairman (2025-2026 Department President Sue Hembrook)
7	2026-2027 Dept Officers (President, Sr. VP, 2-VPs, Historian, Chaplain, Exec Secretary-Treasurer)
12	2026-2027 District Presidents (based on term of office and membership ranking)
<u>0</u>	<u>Additional Delegates to be elected from supplemental list (based on current membership totals)</u>
20	Total (<i>subject to change, determined by membership totals 30 days prior to National Convention</i>)

Wisconsin has five (4) delegates-at-large: Past National Presidents Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan and Diane Duscheck; National Executive Committeewoman Maggie Geiger; and National Chairman Diana Sirovina.