



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of North Dakota

DISTRICT CONSTITUTION

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations during all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of the American Legion, to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

**ARTICLE I
Organization**

- SECTION 1.** The Districts shall have the same numbers and territorial limits as the Districts set up in the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of North Dakota.
- SECTION 2.** All District organizations shall be subject to jurisdiction of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Dakota.
- SECTION 3.** Each District shall be governed by the District Constitution, which shall always remain in conformity with the Department Constitution and Bylaws.

**ARTICLE II
Officers and Their Elections**

- SECTION 1.** The District Officers of each District shall be a District President, and District Vice President/Secretary.
- SECTION 2.** The District President shall enter upon the duties of the office immediately prior to the adjournment of the Department Convention which ratified her nomination and shall hold office until immediately prior to the adjournment of the next Department Convention as which the nomination of her duly elected successor shall have been ratified.
- SECTION 3.** Should said District President fail to qualify at the time of the Department Convention, the District delegates at said Convention shall caucus and nominate another such officer, subject to the ratification of said Department Convention.
- SECTION 4.** The District Vice President/Secretary shall also be nominated at the annual spring meeting of the District and shall assume her duties following her ratification at the next ensuing Department Convention.

**ARTICLE III
Meetings**

- SECTION 1.** There shall be annual District meetings of each District at the time and place designated by the Department President and the District President.

- SECTION 2.** The fall District meeting shall be held prior to January first each year.
- SECTION 3.** The spring District meeting shall be held between March first and June first each year.
- SECTION 4.** The purpose of the annual spring meeting shall be the nominating of a District President and District Vice President/Secretary; the nominating of a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the National Convention by the even numbered Districts in even numbered years; the nominating of a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the National Convention by the odd numbered Districts in odd numbered years – nominations mentioned in this SECTION 4 to be ratified at the following Department Convention; receiving reports of the District activities during the year, and discussion and formulating recommendation for the coming Department Convention.
- SECTION 5.** The purpose of the fall District meeting shall be to outline the program for the ensuing year and present such other plans as may prove beneficial to the District.

ARTICLE IV Voting

- SECTION 1.** A Unit shall be entitled to vote for the President and one vote for every thirty members, or major fraction thereof, whose dues have reached Department Headquarters by midnight ten days before such meeting. Each Unit represented shall be entitled to cast the full vote to which said Unit is entitled.
- SECTION 2.** Nominations shall be made from the floor, and voting shall be by roll call. After the first vote, if there is no election, the candidate having the lowest number of votes at each roll call shall be dropped, providing that there are more than two candidates.
- SECTION 3.** A quorum shall exist when twenty-five percent of the Units in the District are represented.
- SECTION 4.** The Unit President shall act as Chairman of her delegation and shall announce the vote of her Unit.
- SECTION 5.** A Department Officer or Chairman shall have no vote unless a duly elected Unit Delegate.

ARTICLE V Finance

- SECTION 1.** A registration fee NOT to exceed \$4.00 shall be paid by each person in attendance at fall and spring District meetings. The amount charged within each District shall be left to the discretion of the District President.
- SECTION 2.** The total amount of registration fees collected at fall and spring District meetings shall be given to the District President to be used at her discretion for expenses of said meetings.

ARTICLE VI Parliamentary Ruling

- SECTION 1.** The rules of procedure at District meetings shall be those set forth in *“Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised”*.

ARTICLE VII Amendments

- SECTION 1.** District Constitution may be amended at the annual spring meeting of each District by two-thirds of the votes cast, providing the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the Units prior to the time of said meeting; and further provide, that such proposed amendment has the approval of the Department Executive Committee.

DISTRICT CONSTITUTION - CERTIFICATION

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