

Recommended changes to the
Department of North Dakota
As of

Constitution and Bylaws 2024 (approved June 23, 2024; certified 07-22-2024)

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<p>ARTICLE VII DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SECTION 1. Between Department Conventions, the administrative power shall be vested in the Department Executive Committee (DEC), which shall be composed of the Department President, National Executive Committeeman, Department President-Elect, Department Vice-President, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, Chairman of the Finance Board and the ten District Presidents.</p>	<p>ARTICLE VII DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SECTION 1. Between Department Conventions, the administrative power to conduct business deemed necessary shall be vested in the Department Executive Committee (DEC), which shall be composed of the Department President, National Executive Committeeman, Department President-Elect, Department Vice-President, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, Chairman of the Finance Board and the ten District Presidents. <u>Ex Officio Members will be the Department Secretary, Department Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Board and will be without vote.</u></p> <p><u>A special DEC meeting (outside of Winter Conference and Department Convention) can be called by the President or a minimum of three members of the DEC. This may occur as an in-person or virtual event.</u></p>	<p>ARTICLE VII DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SECTION 1. Between Department Conventions, the administrative power to conduct business deemed necessary shall be vested in the Department Executive Committee (DEC), which shall be composed of the Department President, National Executive Committeeman, Department President-Elect, Department Vice-President, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, and the ten District Presidents. Ex Officio Members will be the Department Secretary, Department Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Board and will be without vote.</p> <p>A special DEC meeting (outside of Winter Conference and Department Convention) can be called by the President or a minimum of three members of the DEC in order to conduct necessary business. This may occur as an in-person or virtual event.</p>

<p>The immediate Past Alternate National Executive Committeeman shall be an advisory member of the Department Executive Committee until such time as the midyear National Executive Committee meeting has been held.</p>	<p>The immediate Past Alternate National Executive Committeeman shall be an advisory member of the Department Executive Committee until such time as the midyear National Executive Committee meeting has been held.</p>	
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<p>ARTICLE VIII DEPARTMENT CONVENTION SECTION 4 National Delegates. Delegates to the National Convention shall be elected at the Department Convention as follows: The incoming Department President (to be installed), National Executive Committeeman, the outgoing Department President (Chairman of the Delegation) and the Department Secretary shall be delegates ex-officio, odd numbered Districts to be represented in the odd numbered years, even numbered Districts to be represented in even numbered years and said delegates to be nominated at their respective District meeting. In the event of the inability of the Department Secretary to attend the National Convention, the Department Treasurer shall be the alternate delegate for the Department Secretary.</p> <p>SECTION 5 Quorum: A quorum shall exist at a Department Convention when one-fourth of the Units are represented in whole or in part.</p>	<p>ARTICLE VIII DEPARTMENT CONVENTION SECTION 4 National Delegates. Delegates to the National Convention shall be elected at the Department Convention as follows: The incoming Department President (to be installed), National Executive Committeeman, the outgoing Department President (Chairman of the Delegation) and the Department Secretary shall be delegates ex-officio, odd numbered Districts to be represented in the odd numbered years, even numbered Districts to be represented in even numbered years and said delegates to be nominated at their respective District meeting. In the event of the inability of the Department Secretary to attend the National Convention, the Department Treasurer shall be the alternate delegate for the Department Secretary.</p> <p>SECTION 5 Quorum: A quorum shall exist at a Department Convention when one-fourth 20% of the Units are represented in whole or in part.</p>	<p>ARTICLE VIII DEPARTMENT CONVENTION SECTION 4 National Delegates. Delegates to the National Convention shall be elected at the Department Convention as follows: The incoming Department President, National Executive Committeeman, the outgoing Department President (Chairman of the Delegation) and the Department Secretary shall be delegates, odd numbered Districts to be represented in the odd numbered years, even numbered Districts to be represented in even numbered years and said delegates to be nominated at their respective District meeting.:-</p> <p>SECTION 5 Quorum: A quorum shall exist at a Department Convention when 20% of the Units are represented in whole or in part.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE IX UNIT ORGANIZATOIN SECTION 3. With the sole exception of the Department Headquarters Unit the minimum membership of a Unit shall be ten (10) Senior members. The Department Headquarters Unit shall have no minimum membership requirement.</p>	<p>ARTICLE IX UNIT ORGANIZATOIN SECTION 3. With the sole exception of the Department Headquarters Unit the minimum number of membership of a Unit shall be ten (10) Senior members in order to charter a unit shall be ten (10) Senior members. Once chartered, there is no minimum requirement. The Department Headquarters Unit shall have no minimum membership requirement.</p>	<p>ARTICLE IX UNIT ORGANIZATOIN SECTION 3. With the sole exception of the Department Headquarters Unit the minimum number of members-in order to charter a unit shall be ten (10) Senior members. Once chartered, there is no minimum requirement. The Department Headquarters Unit shall have no minimum membership requirement.</p>

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<p>Committee.</p>	<p>Committee.</p> <p><u>SECTION 2 The President and Chairman of the Finance Board are authorized to execute contracts on behalf of and for the benefit of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Dakota, Inc., upon two-thirds (2/3) approval of a specially called Department Executive Committee Meeting.</u></p>	<p>Committee.</p> <p>SECTION 2 The President and Chairman of the Finance Board are authorized to execute contracts on behalf of and for the benefit of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Dakota, Inc., upon two-thirds (2/3) approval of a specially called Department Executive Committee Meeting.</p>
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<p>ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS</p> <p>SECTION 1. This Constitution, or any part thereof, may be amended at any Department Convention by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, provided that such amendments shall have been submitted through the Department Secretary to the Units at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the next Department Convention; provided further, it may be amended by the unanimous vote of any Convention without notice; provided further, that all proposed amendments shall be read at regular session of the Convention at least twenty-four (24) hours before the vote is taken thereon.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Necessary amendments proposed after distribution or revision as shown in Section 1, may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the delegation, provided they have been read at one meeting of the session prior to taking the vote.</p> <p>SECTION 3. This Constitution and the Department Bylaws shall also be amended to conform to the National Constitution and Bylaws.</p>	<p>ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS</p> <p>SECTION 1. This Constitution, or any part thereof, may be amended at any Department Convention by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, provided that such amendments shall have been submitted through the Department Secretary to the Units as outlined in item number 42 in the Standing Rules. at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the next Department Convention; provided further, it may be amended by the unanimous vote of any Convention without notice; provided further, that all proposed amendments shall be read at regular session of the Convention at least twenty-four (24) hours before the vote is taken thereon.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Necessary amendments proposed after distribution or revision as shown in Section 1, may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the delegation, provided they have been read at one meeting of the session prior to taking the vote.</p> <p>SECTION 3. 2. This Constitution and the Department Bylaws shall also automatically be amended to conform to the National Constitution and Bylaws under the direction of the Constitution and ByLaws Committee, with review by the Department Executive Committee.</p>	<p>ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS</p> <p>SECTION 1. This Constitution, or any part thereof, may be amended at any Department Convention by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, provided that such amendments shall have been submitted through the Department Secretary as outlined in item number 42 in the Standing Rules.</p> <p>SECTION 2. This Constitution and the Department Bylaws shall be automatically amended to conform to the National Constitution and Bylaws under the direction of the Constitution and ByLaws Committee, with review by the Department Executive Committee.</p>

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS

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<p>ARTICLE III DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS SECTION 1. Department President. It shall be the duty of the Department President to preside at all meetings of the Department in Convention assembled, and the Department Executive Committee, to enforce a strict observance of the Constitution and Bylaws and perform such other duties as custom and parliamentary usage require, and to appoint all officers or committees not otherwise provided for.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Department President-Elect. (1) Shall become President at the beginning of the succeeding year. (2) Shall assist the President in every way possible, and such duties as may be assigned her. (3) Act as the President's representative when so requested. (4) Serve as ex-officio member without vote on all standing and special committees. (5) Assume the duties of the President in case of resignation or death until the post is filled in accordance with the Bylaws.</p> <p>SECTION 3. Department Vice-President. (1) Shall serve as an aide to the President. (2) Presides when called upon by the Department President or when the Department President is absent. (3) Shall be appointed by the Department President to a Chairmanship. (4) Shall assume the duties of the Department President in the event of resignation or death until the position is filled in accordance with the Bylaws.</p> <p>SECTION 4. Department Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Department Secretary to perform all secretarial duties and others which are usually incident to such office, shall prepare and submit an annual report of the office to the Department Convention, and shall receive such salary as shall be recommended by the Finance Board and approved by the Department Executive</p>	<p>ARTICLE III DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS SECTION 1. Department President. 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The Department Historian shall compile a historical record of the Department and members thereof, and shall perform such other duties as are incident to such office and shall have a vote .</p> <p>SECTION 8. District Presidents. The District Presidents shall preside over at least one District meeting annually. They will endeavor to visit as many Units as possible, aid in their work, and organize new Units.</p> <p>SECTION 9. Department Officers. It shall be the duty of all Department Officers to attend all Department Conventions during their incumbency in office.</p>	<p>Board and approved by the Department Executive Committee to be fair and reasonable, together with such expenses for office as the <u>Department</u> Executive Committee shall deem reasonable and necessary for the proper performance of said duties. <u>The Department Secretary will serve ex officio on the Finance Board and the Department Executive Committee with no vote.</u></p> <p>SECTION 5. Department Treasurer. 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All Past Department Presidents who retain their membership in a North Dakota Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary shall be members for life of the Department Executive Committee, without vote and without expenses allowance from the Department.</p> <p>ARTICLE V DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE BOARD SECTION 1. Meetings of the Department Executive Board will be for emergency matters that require immediate action between Department Executive Committee meetings.</p> <p>SECTION 2. The members of the Department Executive Board are the Department’s President, President-Elect,</p>	<p>ARTICLE IV DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SECTION 1. Between Department Conventions, the administrative power shall be vested in the Department Executive Committee which shall be composed of the Department’s President, President-Elect, Vice President, Historian, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Finance Board Chairman and the ten District Presidents. 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<p>d) Authorize a CPA, with no Auxiliary connection, to complete an audit every five years, starting in 2020.</p> <p>ARTICLE IX FINANCE SECTION 3. The local Unit shall determine the amount of the local dues.</p> <p>SECTION 5. Department Officers, Department Chairmen, Department Committee members and other auxiliary members who may be called in to report or present subject matter expertise at Department meetings shall be allowed mileage and per diem. The amount to be determined annually by recommendation of the Department Finance Board, subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee.</p> <p>An Expense Reimbursement form along with appropriate receipts shall be submitted to the Department Headquarters for review and approval by the Department Secretary and the Department Finance Board Chairman prior to reimbursement being made.</p> <p>SECTION 6. Department attendees of the National Department Leadership Conference (Spring) for Department Secretary, Incoming Department President, and Incoming Membership Chairman; and the National Department Finance Conference (Fall/Winter) for Department Secretary/Treasurer and Finance Board Chairman shall be reimbursed for expenses upon submission of an Expense Reimbursement form along with appropriate receipts not paid by National Headquarters.</p> <p>ARTICLE XIII</p>	<p><u>may be requested by the Finance Board and/or Department Executive Committee.</u></p> <p>ARTICLE IX FINANCE SECTION 3. The local Unit shall determine the amount of the local unit dues.</p> <p>SECTION 5. Department Officers, Department Chairmen, Department Committee members and other auxiliary members who may be are called in (to report or present subject matter expertise) at Department meetings Convention shall be allowed mileage and/or per diem as outlined in Standing Rule Number 37. At Winter Conference, only mileage is to be paid. The amount to be determined annually by recommendation of the Department Finance Board, subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee.</p> <p>An Expense Reimbursement form along with appropriate receipts shall be submitted to the Department Headquarters for review and approval by the Department Secretary and the Department Finance Board Chairman prior to reimbursement being made.</p> <p>SECTION 6. Department attendees of the National Department Leadership Conference (Spring) for Department Secretary, Incoming Department President, and Incoming Membership Chairman; and the National Department Finance Conference (Fall/Winter) for Department Secretary/Treasurer and Finance Board Chairman shall be reimbursed for expenses upon submission of an Expense Reimbursement form along with appropriate receipts not paid by National Headquarters. [Note: this is covered in the Standing Rules.]</p> <p>ARTICLE XIII CANDIDATES SECTION 1. Candidates for elective offices shall be introduced and given an opportunity to speak not to exceed five minutes when in attendance at any Unit or District meeting and at the Department Convention.</p>	<p>Treasurer is elected to office. A full financial audit may be requested by the Finance Board and/or Department Executive Committee.</p> <p>ARTICLE IX FINANCE SECTION 3. The Unit shall determine the amount of the unit dues.</p> <p>SECTION 5. Department Officers, Department Chairmen, Department Committee members and other auxiliary members who are called in (to report or present subject matter expertise) at Department Convention shall be allowed mileage and/or per diem as outlined in Standing Rule Number 37. At Winter Conference, only mileage is to be paid. The amount to be determined annually by recommendation of the Department Finance Board, subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee.</p> <p>An Expense Reimbursement form along with appropriate receipts shall be submitted to the Department Headquarters for review and approval by the Department Secretary and the Department Finance Board Chairman prior to reimbursement being made.</p> <p>ARTICLE XIII CANDIDATES SECTION 1. Candidates for elective offices shall be</p>
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