

Rationale  
For  
Changes Suggested by the CB&L Committee 2024-2025  
to  
Constitution and ByLaws and Standing Rules (as approved June 23, 2024)  
Of the Department of North Dakota American Legion Auxiliary  
Submitted May 23, 2025

**Constitution and ByLaws**

**Only changed material is in this document**

ARTICLE IV ELIBILITY – to conform to National C&BL

ARTICLE VI ELECTION OF OFFICERS – To give members an opportunity to ratify the position of President.

ARTICLE VII DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – To allow the ND ALA to conduct business as needed throughout the year.

ARTICLE IX UNIT ORGANIZATION – To allow units with less than ten (10) members to continue instead of being mandated to disband; specify when a Unit is no longer a Unit.

ARTICLE X & XI UNIT OFFICERS & UNIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – to simplify

ARTICLE XIII SECTION 2 – To clarify information previously given

ARTICLE XIII SECTION 3 – To conform to National’s statement of excellence in governing documents

ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS – To move items to the Standing Rules

**BYLAWS**

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ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION – To conform to normal form

ARTICLE III DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

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SECTION 1 PRESIDENT– To reaffirm it is the President’s duty to enforce a strict adherence to the Constitution and ByLaws and Standing Rules. To also advise the correction that it is the President that is an ex-officio member of all standing committees.

SECTION 2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT – To advise the correction that it is the Department President Elect who takes over for the President when needed and that the President Elect does not sit on all committees.

SECTION 3 DEPARTMENT VICE-PRESIDENT – To advise the correction that it is the Department Vice President who takes over for the Department President Elect.

SECTION 4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY – To advise correction that a paid employee shall serve as an ex officio member of boards.

SECTION 5 DEPARTMENT TREASURER – To advise correction that a paid employee shall serve as an ex-officio member of boards.

ARTICLE IV DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SECTION 1 – To advise correction that a paid employee or appointed committee chairman will serve as an ex-officio member of boards.

ARTICLE V DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE BOARD SECTION 1 – To advise correction that a paid employee or appointed committee chairman will serve as an ex-officio member of boards.

ARTICLE VII DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES SECTION 1 –

Item 2 – To indicate the need for knowledgeable people to work with Department finances.

Item 4 – To conform Governing Documents to past practice.

Item 15 – To correct a ByLaws change that was approved by members at the June 2024 convention, but improperly written and therefore not certified by the Department Secretary.

Item 16 – To conform Governing Documents to past practice.

SECTION 2 – To verify that all committee appointments are ratified at the Organizational Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII FINANCE COMMITTEE SECTION 1 – To clarify when a financial review is to be done and authorize a full financial audit if necessary.

ARTICLE IX FINANCE SECTION 5 – To move information to Standing Rules

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## **Standing Rules**

### **All Standing Rules are in this document**

(Old) Rule 6 – No longer in practice

(New) Rule 8 a) – To recognize that the stipend is truly that, but allows the Finance Board to review to see if the amount should be increased or lowered in future years.

(New) Rule 8 c) – To cover the cost of travel to the National Convention for the President.

(New) Rule 10 – To acknowledge that National rotates who is going to go to the Department Leadership Conference.

(New) Rule 11 – To clarify that it should be the President who sets the agenda for the Winter Conference and Department Convention, with input from the Department Secretary.

(New) 12 a) – To codify past practice to indicate that you must fulfil the duties of delegate in order to be paid as a delegate.

(New) 17 – To clarify that it is state wide projects that use budgeted funds that require approval.

(New) 19 – Clarification

(New) 20 - To update and clarify which reports are necessary.

(New) 23 – To codify the current dollar amount.

(New) 27 – To reduce timing of approval.

(New) 28 – To reduce handling of poppy orders by staff.

(New) 29 – To make handover come after elections and appointments are final.

(New) 33 – To update per current practices and outline which entity is paying for Recognition events.

(New) 34 – To update codification of current dues.

(New) 35 – To correct approval process to standard financial practices.

(New) 37 – To update and clarify how many days per diem for each position.

(New) 38 – To clarify description of delegates and Delegate Chairman for the National Convention.

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(New) 39 – To clarify that delegates must attend all meetings in order to obtain reimbursement; clarify delegate pay for alternate delegates if they become delegates.

(New) 40 – To clarify who can be selected as a page according to current practice.

(New) 41 – To make it easier to know who is going to National Convention in order to select delegates.

(New) 42 – To clarify how amendments are handled, who they are handled by, and how they are voted on.

(New) 46 – To codify current practice.

(New) 47 – To update to current practice.

(New) 49 – To allow Department President to decide chairman of committees.

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