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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF OREGON**

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION MEETINGS
JUNE 27th-30th, 2018
FLORENCE, OREGON**

Pre-Convention Meetings

June 27th, 2018-All welcome

Convention Opening

5:30 PM

June 28th, 2018 Opening Session

Reading of the Call to Convention Vice President Krisann Owens Unit 34

Moved on the floor to suspend the reading of the call to convention as it has been distributed by email. Motion on the floor to suspend. Motion Carried

Reading of the Convention Rules (Appendix A)

Vice President Krisann Owens

Moved to read the Convention Rules that the President has requested to be read as the rules have been distributed by email Motion Carried. Dept. Parliamentarian Ardis Snyder of Unit # 56 read Rule 8, and Rule 15.

Report from Credential Committee

Louise Carter of Unit 29 reported that 77 Delegates signed in. This equals 51% Delegates as the Quorum was achieved

NEC Pam Seelye Introduced: Western Division National Vice President Nancy Michalski

- Mission for Auxiliary (spirit of service not self)
- Daily share the Auxiliary (schools/market place)
- Grow Auxiliary Leadership
- Work with Auxiliary Family (Legion/SAL)
- Membership (recruit/train/retain)

President Helen Hisaw Announced:

Raffle Baskets

Rodeo Donation from New Office Assistant Cindy Hillyard

President's Project

Asks All Officers to be prepared to give reports.

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First Reading of Resolution(s)

Chairman Margy Tucker read resolution regarding Dues Increase,
(Members Maggie LaMont/Kathi Karnowski)

NEC Pam Seelye

Encourages all members to ALA Academy located on ALA National Website under
Members/ALA Academy

Training; (examples)

- ALA 101
- ALA Communications Methods
- ALA Leadership
- Establishing ALA Culture and good Will

Reports

Historian Louise Carter District 5 Unit 29

Received 4 written history books, 4 presidents memory books and plans to have President's
Book out in September 2018

Department Chaplin Maggie Lamont District #6 Unit #43

Reports all expectations were exceeded. Thank everyone for prayers for Daughter In Law

Department President Helen Hisaw

Announced ALA Office Assistant Cindy (not in attendance)
Office Manager, Andrew Miley.

Department Secretary Linda Liebenow District #1 Unit #6

Clarified the duties of the new position Department Secretary

Department Vice President Krisann Owens introduced Grandson

VA&R Chairman Brooks Lange Unit #104 Spoke about the Gift Shops

President Helen Hisaw asks for District Cheers!

Erin Walters Unit #180 asks about additional Resolutions. They will be discussed at Post DEC

Deby Levy Unit #63 asks for clarification as to when and where a resolution should be done.

They are to be discussed at Post DEC

Angelina (Lina) McKinney Junior Department President Unit # 150

Her raffle goal is to bring Girls to Girls State who cannot afford to go to Girls State (raffling off
an Eagle)

Dick Winders Photographer introduced

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Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman (AEF) Cindy Lee Unit #29 requests everyone take interest in AEF and announced AEF Award Winner Most Outstanding Program of the Year Crook County Unit #29

Americanism Chairman-Donna Hartwell Unit #15

Americanism Awards:

Americanism Essay Winner 7th-8th Grades, Amelia Hall Unit #77

Americanism Essay Winner 9th-10th Grades, Samantha Ford, Unit #77

Unit with Most Outstanding Program for the Year, North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #83

Amelia Hall's essay sent to Western Division

Poppy Poster Chairman Awards Donna Hartwell

Poppy Poster Cash Award \$10.00ea:

- 3rd-4th Grades: Lillian Kratzer, Louis Larsen Unit #68
- 5th-6th Grades: Jonah Shelton, Louis Larsen Unit #68
- 7th-8th Grades: Iolas Kratzer, Louis Larson Unit #68
- 9th-10th Grades: Abraham Gift, Louis Larsen Unit#68
- 11th-12th Grades: Rachel Hagen, Louis Larsen Unit #68

Overall Winner Rachel Hagen's poster sent to Western Division

Highest Gross Proceeds: LaGrande Unit#43 \$6,090.34 in sales

June 28th Afternoon Session

PDP Deby Levy/Past President Parley Chairman Angelina McKinney

Deby dressed as Willy Wonka walked in by Assistant Sargent At Arms Geanne Horne.

Patti Cooper Unit #29 announced the PDP voted to send \$50.00 in the name of Denise Mairani to the Veterans Gift Shop

Community Service Chairman Karol Satterfield Report Unit #83 and Awards

Read from the Book of Reports (**APPENDIX B**)

23,615 Volunteer hours and \$61,073 reported

Best Overall Community Service: Crook County Unit 29

Best Community Service Under 150 Members: North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #83

Best Community Service Project: Oregon Trail-Portland Unit #150

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Education Chairman Karol Kaufman Unit #159 Report Education (read report in Book of Reports (**Appendix B**))

Ashley C. of Baker City went to National for Children of Warriors
Promoting Education Scholarships: Crook County #29

We had 3 Scholarships (Spirit of Youth, Non-Traditional, Department) with NO entries!

Junior Chairman Cheryl Park Unit #180 Juniors Report

Announced Best Unit Junior Report: North Eugene/Santa Clara #83

Junior History Award: North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #83

Americanism Award: North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #83

Junior Camp Announcement the first weekend of August 2018

New Charter District #8, Unit #5 Willamette Falls

Helen Hisaw, District President & Erin Walters District #8 President Unit #5 President Tanya Lege

Introduction of Marilyn Bolen Unit #59 Convention Chairman

Marilyn welcomed and thanked Auxiliary

Legislative Report Program Coordinator Kirk Harvey-

Announced increase in States Veterans Services budget of \$26.1M (in Book of Reports)

Received NO reports from Units

Children & Youth Chairman Lori Sherman Unit #68

Presents Awards:

- Best Unit Program Held in April, Louis Larsen Unit #68
- Best Unit Program, North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #83

Good Deed Award Presented by Department President Helen Hisaw to Rachel Hagen Junior Auxiliary Member Unit #68

Received 3 reports and 3 questionnaires

Public Relations Chairman Yvonne Drury Unit #4

Mentioned development of Website

Awards:

Best Public Relations Report 10-35 Members: Unit # 77 Ellis Tracy-John Day

Best Public Relations Report 36-75 Members: Unit # 110 Aurora

Best Public Relations Supplement Report: Unit # 77 Ellis Tracy-John Day

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President Helen welcomed first time Convention Attendees

VA&R Chairman Brooks Lange Unit #104

Awards:

- Service to Veterans with Members 36-75 Oregon Trail Unit #150 (\$10.00)
- Service to Veterans with Members 76-125 North Eugene/ Santa Clara Unit #83 (\$10.00)
- Service to Veterans with Members 126-200 Lagrande Unit # 43 (\$5.00)
- Polly Scott Award for Best All Around Unit Report: Portland Unit #1
- Arlene Downing Award for Best All Around Unit Report on Hospital Services: Oregon Trail Unit #150
- Trudie McGriff Award for Best All Around Unit Report on Services to Veterans: North Eugene/North Santa Clara Unit# 83 (Presented by PDP Trudie McGriff)
- Marge Kenobbie Award for Best All Around Unit Report on Transplant Unit Service: Lagrande Unit #43

Memorial Service

Maggie cleared the stage. Cheryl Park represented Patricia Calhoun. Angie McKinney represented Denise Mariani

Maggie Sent Officers back on stage

Historian Louise Carter Unit #29

History Awards:

- Best Unit Written History: Unit #83
- Best Unit Memory Book : Unit #68
- Best Unit Memory Book: Unit #43

Admin Report- Linda Boone Unit #158-Administration Committee formed in 2017 to:

- Oversee Department Staff
- Website Consulting
- Finance Recommendations
- Performance Evaluations (Dept. Staff)
- Interviewing Committee

President's Report Helen Hisaw

- Thank You
- Unit Visits
- Improve Relationship with Legion Posts (challenge)
- Get Information (updated) to Department (challenge)

District President Helen Hisaw gave convention option to adjourn meeting early and return @ 8:30am the next day OR take break and go another 45min to hour. Majority voted to adjourn early.

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June 29th Session

Department President called meeting to order

- Chaplain Maggie Lamont gave opening prayer
- Donna Hartwell led Pledge of Allegiance
- Cheryl Park led “God Bless America”

Commander Gene Hellickson introduced and escorted in.

- Spoke on unity between Legion and Auxiliary.
- Getting Along (between Post and Auxiliary)
- Legion/Auxiliary History
- Thank You Auxiliary

Meanwhile; President Helen Hisaw left meeting to go speak at Legion Meeting

Krisann Owens-Department Vice President passed the hat for President’s gift

Reports Credentials Committee Chairman Louise Carter

- 88 Registered Delegates Registered..... We have a Quorum

2nd reading of the resolutions Marge Tucker Unit #43

Resolution: Department Dues Increase

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Submitted by: Department Finance Committee
Karen Banks, chair; Linda Boone, Maggie Lamont

For consideration at the June 2018 Department Convention

- WHEREAS** The Department Finance Committee met to review actual expenses and to prepare a budget for the FY2019 Auxiliary year, and
- WHEREAS** the FY2018 and FY2019 budgets, after considering all options, both predict significant deficits that will require withdrawals from reserves of approximately \$40,000 each year to balance the budget, and
- WHEREAS** the current level of unrestricted reserves is approximately \$448,000 and the level of recommended reserves a nonprofit should keep on hand is approximately two years of operating expenses, which for Oregon would be approximately \$556,000, and

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WHEREAS the Department has continued to experience a decrease in membership of over 2000 members since 2011, and

WHEREAS the decrease in members equates to a financial annual loss of approximately \$28,000, and

WHEREAS to continue to current level of operations for the headquarters and mission programs, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Oregon raise the senior dues by \$3.00 effective the 2020 dues year, and

Discussion:

PRO:

Karen Banks (explanation of dues increase)

- We have gone over budget for the 2018 fiscal year
- National raised dues \$3.00

CON:

Kathi Karnowski Dist. 6 Unit 43 AGAINST

Erin Walters Dist. 8 Unit #180 AGAINST

Cindy Soria Dist. 4 Unit 70 AGAINST

Nancy W. District 2 AGAINST

Suzanne Driver Dist. 3 AGAINST

Marilyn B Unit #50 AGAINST

Deby Levy requests explanation if \$3.00 increase , does it balance deficit No/Yes

Karen Banks explains the \$3.00 increase helps offset National dues increase but does not balance budget

Jody Marsh Unit #99 We exceeded the budgeted members (number) but NOT the value. We grew more Junior members.

Deby Levy requests clarification on why we need 2 years reserve. Members feel the \$3.00 increase is going towards rebuilding our reserves and clearing up the past. Taking money from member to cover Admin. Expenses, refill reserves. \$3.00

Karen Banks responds: We're not rebuilding reserves with increase.

Sharon Jones District 10 commented \$24.50 for membership 2018 received notification of \$27.50 for 2019.

Maggie Lamont Unit #43 commented, \$40K taken out of reserve for 2018. We did not budget increase for 2019 in dues.

Motion to table Resolution until after lunch. The motion was changed to table discussion until after break.
Motion Carried

President introduced National Executive Committeeman Rob Liebenow

Introduces James "Bill" W. Oxford candidate for National Commander

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Vice President Krissan Owens presented Love Offering to Department President Helen Hisaw

Dept. President Helen Hisaw introduces Megan Crosby for Juniors Presentation

Megan Led Junior Members and Ladies in Girls State Cheer

Louise Carter asks when the remainder of Resolutions will be read

They will be read at Post DEC

Chaplain's Report Maggie LaMont

Chaplain's Awards:

- For the best unit prayer book: Crook county unit 29 Roxann Stringer
- Chaplain's Achievement Award: YVONNE DRURY STEVENS-CHUTE Unit 4

Department President Helen Hisaw presented her Prayer book by Maggie Lamont

Erin Walters Resolution....Cheryl Park...Deby Levy

Ardis Snyder reads Rule # 7 (Appendix)

Erin reads proposed resolution. (Resolution for the Advance Publication of Documents

Advance Publications Changing the "Standing Rule"

Linda Boone clarifies that standing rules are done at DEC and not Convention because it's not a bylaw or constitution. We will take this to further discussion at Post DEC

Motion to table discussion on Resolution 1 until after break Motion Carried

District Report District 2

Nancy W. announced she was hospitalized and didn't make deadline to turn in Report. Will make copies for those who want one

15 Min Break

Resolution 1 "Membership Dues Increase"

Back on table Treasurer Karen Banks clarifies and explains resolution

Dept. President calls for vote on Resolution

Dept. President calls for Roll Call Vote (**see attached APPENDIX C**)

The vote was as followed: 48 = Yea/104 = Nay

The Resolution FAILED

Yvonne of District #5 Presented trophy to Unit #180 The very Poppy trophy that was presented to them at 2017 Convention when trophies were discontinued.

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Department President Nominations

- Linda Boone nominates Krisann Owens
- No other nominations
- Krisann – New Department President

Department Vice President Nominations

- Linda Liebenow nominates Gea Clausier
- No other nominations
- Gea is Department Vice President

District Nominations

District 1

Lori Sherman Unit 86 -President

Jody Marsh Unit 99-Vice President

District 2

Debra Godwin Unit 21-President

Gregooria Hernandez Unit 21-Vice President

District 3

Suzanne Driver Unit 10-President

Roberta Peebler Unit 10-Vice President

District 4

Cindy Soria Unit 70-President

Colleen Bouchard Unit 70-Vice President

District 5

Yvonne Druuy Unit 4-President

Louise Carter Unit 29-Vice President

District 6

Kathi Karnowski Unit 43-President

Maggie Lamont Unit 43-Vice President

District 7

VACANT

District 8

Erin Walters Unit 180-President

Cheryl Park Unit 180-Vice President

District 9

VACANT

District 10

Linda Schmidt Unit 63-President

Debra levy Unit 63-Vice President

Vocal collaborative vote. All Voted In

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Delegates to National Convention

Jody Marsh
Linda Liebenow
Cheryl Park
Angie McKinney
Linda Schmidt-Alternate
Deby Levy-Alternate
Lori Sherman
Judy Harris
Catherine Brockmann

Motion for chair to appoint members to Delegate in good standing. Motion carried

National Executive Committee-Pam Seelye

National Executive Committee- Alternate-Trudie McGriff

LUNCH

Girls State Chairman Erin Walters Reports

Read from report
Video presentation

Awards:

- Karol Satterfield Samsung Scholarship: Harney County Unit #63
- Louise Pugh Girls State Governor: Aroura Unit #110
- Grace Walker, Chief Justice: Santiam Unit # 51
- Girls State First Citizen: Harney County unit #63
- Ardis Snyder, Girls Nation: Milwaukie Unit # 180
- Julie Wickman, Girls State: SAL #180
- Ginny Williams Supplemental Report: *NO ENTRY*

Western Divisional National Vice President endorsement brought to vote. Candidates (Cheryl Park/Krissan Owens)

Unit Activities Awards

Best Unit All-Around Activities Report 76-125 Category: North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit 83
Best Unit All-Around Activities Report 126-200 Category: Crook County Unit 29
Best Unit All-Around Activities Report 36-75 Category: Stevens-Chute Unit 4

Western Divisional National Vice President Result-Cheryl Park (2019 nominee candidate)

Ballots destroyed

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District President's Award goes to Kathi Karnowski District 6

Brenda Sherlock District 1 President

Catherine Brockmann and Judy Harris were recognized for participating in the revitalization for District 1

Unit #48 President Susan Garin presented Dept. President with beaded poppy

Vice President Krisann speaks (report) as New Department President

Awards:

Continuous Membership for the Longest Period: Carl Douglas Unit 74

District President whose District in in First Place 30 days prior to Convention: Sharon Jones
District 10

Highest Gain in Membership 10-75 Members: Warms Springs Unit 48

Highest Gain in Membership 76-150 Members: McMinnville Unit 21

Highest Gain in Membership 151-299 Members: Aloha Unit 4

Highest Gain in Membership 300+ Members: Santiam-Lebanon Unit 51

June 30th Reconvene Business

PDP Angie McKinney presents Member of the year

Susan Smith Louis Larsen-Clatskanie Unit 1

Department President Helen Hisaw spoke on:

- Budget inquiries. Encouraged everyone to examine a copy and follow the chain of command for general questions and contact Karen Banks for special/specific questions.
- Be Kind! Spoke on incident of a new member overhearing Auxiliary members gossip and left convention. Was also asked (not nicely) to move because she was sitting in wrong area.
- Announced Junior Member of the Year Rachel Hagen
- Announced Unity Award to Post/Unit to Brownsville

Cheryl Park presents the District Pages

- Lina McKinney Department President's Page Unit #150 Dist. 8
- Kaylynn Crosby Unit #180 Dist. 8
- Jessica Poole Unit #15 Dist. 4
- Rachel Hagen Unit 68 Dist. 1
- Lily Pool Unit #15 Dist. 4
- Eden Fulcher Unit #173 Dist. 2

Margie Tucker Unit #43 Dist. 6 Read Resolution

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
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Resolution: Courtesy Resolution- Florence Post and Unit 59

Submitted by: Convention Resolution Committee

WHEREAS the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Oregon 2018 Department Convention held at Three Rivers Casino in Florence, Oregon, and

WHEREAS the Post and Unit of Florence #59 made preparations and,

WHEREAS the convention has been a success, due to their efforts and joint cooperation,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Oregon express its appreciation to Florence Post and Unit #59 thru adoption of this resolution by a standing ovation.

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Resolution: Courtesy Resolution-Department President

Submitted by: Convention Resolution Committee

WHEREAS the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Oregon has been led this year by Helen Hisaw as Department President, and

WHEREAS the Department President was required to spend many hours assisting with administrative management challenges for the second year, and

WHEREAS she continued to visit as many Unit and Districts as time allowed, and

WHEREAS she was committed to providing training workshops throughout the year, for Unit members, and held eight in conjunction with DEC meetings, and

WHEREAS her wonderful partner Chuck was supportive of her dedication, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED

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The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Oregon express its appreciation to Department President, Helen Hisaw, thru adoption of this resolution by a standing ovation.

All District Presidents stood and thanked Department President Helen Hisaw for her service in 2018

Auxiliary Members excused to joint Installation Service with the Legion

Basket Winners:

District #1

Nancy Wilmas

District #2

Bobbie Pebbler

District #3

Geanne Horne

District #4

Ann Eeveretts

District #5

Sharron Green

District #6

Linda Dryden

District #7

No Basket

District #8

Kathi Kranowski

District #10

Cheryl Park

Tee Shirt

Any Millar

Blanket

Nancy Wilmas

Sweat Shirt

Andy Millar

Jacket

Collene Bouchard

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District #2 Project Quilt

Dan Evers

Girls State Junior Raffle

Nancy Mahouski

Rodeo Tickets

Jody Marsh

Meeting Adjourned

APPENDIX A (2018)

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

June 2018

PROPOSED CONVENTION STANDING RULES

1. All meetings of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Oregon shall be called to order at the designated time, or as soon thereafter as a quorum is present.
2. The Chair may deviate from the printed program when necessary or expedient.
3. The Credentials Committee shall report at such times as directed by the Chair.
4. The audience shall remain seated during the business of the Convention. Doors will remain open unless noise or distractions interfere with conducting of business. Delegates will be allowed to leave or enter the convention hall except when balloting or elections are being held; or when a guest speaker is addressing the convention body. Persons leaving the convention hall during balloting, elections, or speaker presentations will not be allowed to re-enter until the balloting, elections, or speakers have concluded. Delegates may enter or leave the convention hall without an escort. Smoking is not permitted. All electronic communications devices shall be turned off or silenced.
5. The Chairman of each Unit delegation shall be charged with the responsibility of ensuring that only accredited delegates are seated with their delegation. If a delegate is absent from a meeting, an alternate delegate shall take her place with the delegation.
6. Only voting delegates of the Convention may make motions and address the Department Convention in debate. To address the Convention, the voting delegate shall rise and (1) address the chair, (2) wait to be recognized by the Chair, and (3) upon being recognized by the Chair, shall state her name and Unit.
7. All main motions, resolutions and amendments shall be presented in writing immediately to both the Chair and Secretary on the motion forms provided, signed with the full names of both the person making the motion and the person making the second. The completed motion form is then to handed to nearest page for immediate delivery to both the Chair and Secretary.
8. Debate on any question shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each delegate. No person shall speak on the same question more than twice without the consent of the Convention. No delegates may address the Convention a second time on the same question until all delegates who wish to speak on the topic have spoken. During debate delegates,

alternates, and guests are to remain seated within their own delegation or assigned seating area unless they are approaching the microphone, completing a motion form, or entering or exiting the general session. Pages may deliver messages to the stage and to other delegations at any time.

9. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate may be cast with the majority of the delegates present from her Unit, in accordance with the current Department Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules.
- ~~10.~~ Voting shall be by voice vote except when the Chair deems it necessary to use some other method or when a roll call is requested by the Chairman of three (3) delegations.
11. When the chair deems paper ballots are to be used, a ballot envelope shall be provided for each Unit. Placed inside each envelope shall be:
 - a. The number of ballots to be cast by each Unit.
 - b. One certification sheet, which shall have the number of votes to be cast as certified by the Credentials Chairman.
12. If and when a paper ballot is used, each Chairman of the Unit delegation shall distribute a ballot to each voting delegate.
13. If and when a paper ballot is used, the Chairman of the delegation shall enter onto the certification sheet the total number of votes cast, plus the absentee votes witnessed by an assistant. The Chairman of the delegation shall place the certification sheet and all the ballots in the ballot envelope. The name of the Unit shall be removed from the ballot envelope by the Chairman of the delegation. The Chairman shall return the ballot envelope as instructed.
14. The Department President shall appoint an Election and Tally Committee.
15. Nomination of candidates for District Presidents and District Vice presidents shall be at the District caucuses.
16. Nomination of candidates for the office of Department President, Department Vice President, National Executive Committeewoman, and Alternate National Executive Committeewomen shall be on Friday, June 22, 2018.
17. Nominations of candidates for department officers shall be made from the floor.
18. Nominating speeches shall be limited to two minutes for each candidate except for the Department President who will be allowed four minutes. There shall be no seconding speeches.
19. Following the nomination speeches for department officers, each of the nominees for Department President, Department Vice President, National Executive Committeewoman, and Alternate National Committeewoman shall be introduced to the Department Convention by the member making her nomination. In response to the introduction, the nominee shall be allowed a maximum of two minutes for remarks.
20. Election of Department officers shall be held on Friday, June 22, 2018. When there is but one candidate for any office, the nominee may be elected by voice. When there is more than one candidate for a department office, the election shall be by paper, as determined by the presiding officer. A majority of votes cast shall elect each officer. When no candidate receives a majority of votes on the first ballot, a second ballot will be taken between the candidates receiving the two highest numbers of votes, with the candidate receiving the most votes on the second ballot being elected.

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21. The Department Parliamentarian with the approval of the Department President, Department Secretary, and Department Treasurer is authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make such technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the voting delegates in connection with any amendments to the governing documents considered at this convention.
22. These rules may be amended during the convention by two-thirds vote.

APPENDIX B
(see attached spreadsheet)