

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 2011 ONTARIO CONVENTION**

**BYLAWS CHANGES**

**Article I Duties of Department Officers**

**Section 1. Department President**

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Department Convention assembled and the Department Executive Committee; to enforce strict observance of the Constitution and Bylaws, except as hereinafter provided in (D), and with the exception of the National Security Chairman to appoint chairmen of standing committees, Hospital Representatives and their Deputies, Hospital Chairmen and their Deputies in non-VA hospitals; when requested by the District or Districts involved and the Poppy Production Managers; and create such other special committees and appoint members thereof as she deems advisable, and perform such other duties as custom and parliamentary usage requires.

**CHANGE AS RESOLVED AND PASSED.** It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Department Convention assembled and the Department Executive Committee; to enforce strict observance of the Constitution and Bylaws, except as hereinafter provided in (D), and with the exception of the **Legislative** Chairman to appoint chairmen of standing committees, Hospital Representatives and their Deputies, Hospital Chairman and their Deputies in non-VA hospitals; when requested by the District or Districts involved and the Poppy Production Managers; and create such other special committees and appoint members thereof as she deems advisable, and perform such other duties as custom and parliamentary usage requires.

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**Article III Department Standing Committees**

**Section 1. Finance and Security**

Finance and National Security.

**CHANGE AS RESOLVED AND PASSED**

Article III, Section 1. Finance and **Legislative**  
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**Section 2. Appointment of Chairman of Standing Committees**

The Department President shall appoint the following standing committee chairmen: (1) Americanism; (2) Auxiliary Emergency Fund; (3) Children and Youth; (4) Community Service; (5) Constitution and Bylaws; (6) Convention Commission; (7) Editor; (8) Education; (9) Girls

State; (10) Junior Activities; (11) Leadership; (12) Legislative; (13) Membership; (14) Past Presidents; (15) Poppy; (16) Public Relations; (17) Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. (2007)

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## Article VI National Delegates Expenses

### Section 1. Department President and Junior Past Department President

The Department President and the Junior Past Department President shall be allowed plane fare (economy, if possible) and travel allowance as approved in the Department annual budget while serving as delegates and attending the National Convention. The Finance Committee shall properly budget for such expense. (2006)

**CHANGE AS RESOLVED AND PASSED.**

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## Constitution Changes

### Article V

#### Section 6, Installation of Officers

Elective Department Officers, Junior Member of Finance Committee, District Presidents, District Vice Presidents shall be installed prior to and take office upon adjournment of the Department convention at which they were elected, ratified; and serve until the adjournment of the succeeding Department convention.

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**Section 8B Department President, Department Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer - How Filled.**

In case of vacancies in the offices of Department President, Department Vice President, and Department Secretary/Treasurer simultaneously, the Junior Past Department President, Department Parliamentarian, and the Department Finance Committee Chairman shall call an emergency meeting of the Department Executive Committee within 30 days of such vacancies. This meeting shall be held in the Department Headquarters of the American Legion Auxiliary.

**CHANGE AS RESOLVED AND PASSED.** In case of vacancies in the offices of Department President, Department Vice President, and Department Secretary/Treasurer simultaneously, the Junior Past Department President, Department Parliamentarian, and the Department Finance Committee Chairman shall call an emergency meeting of the Department Executive Committee within (30) thirty days of such vacancies. This meeting shall be held in the Department Headquarters of the American Legion Auxiliary **or by electronic means.**

**Section 12 National Executive Committeewoman.** The retiring Department President shall automatically become the National Executive Committeewoman and National Security Chairman, and the Department President her alternate. In case of a vacancy in the office of National Executive Committeewoman or alternate, her successor, with the unexpired term, shall be chosen by the Department Executive Committee.

**CHANGE AS RESOLVED AND PASSED.** The retiring Department President shall automatically become the National Executive Committeewoman and **Legislative** Chairman, and the Department President her alternate. In case of vacancy in office of National Executive Committeewoman or alternate, her successor for the unexpired term shall be chosen by the Department Executive Committee.

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**Article VI Subsidiary Organizations**

**Section 1. Regulated by American Legion Auxiliary**

All subsidiary organizations of the American Legion Auxiliary shall be subject to regulation by action of the Department Convention or the Department Executive Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary. Subsidiary organizations in the Department of California shall be the County Councils, and all other groups as may be organized under the name and jurisdiction of the Department of California.

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**Resolution to change NEC from National Security to Legislative Chairman  
LEGISLATIVE CODE #2 CHANGE**

**WHEREAS:** The Department is attempting to reduce their budget, and

**WHEREAS:** Traditionally, \$500-\$1000 has been budgeted for the Department Legislative to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Awareness Assembly in Washington D.C., and

**WHEREAS:** The National Executive Committeewoman is called to attend the NEC meeting which is held in conjunction with the Awareness Assembly and the National Organization pays for transportation to and from Washington D.C. plus one (1) nights lodging, and

**WHEREAS:** There is a proposed Constitution and Bylaws change that the National Executive Committeewoman be appointed the Legislative Chairmanship instead of National Security and if passed, and **THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That funds for the National Security Chairman shall no longer be budgeted for her attendance at the Awareness Assembly, and **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED:** That National Security Code 2 that reads "The Department National Security Chairman shall be privileged to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Awareness Assembly. She shall be reimbursed \$150.00 for one (1) night's accommodations." be deleted in its' entirety, and **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED:** That Legislative Code 2 which reads "The Department Chairman may attend the Awareness Assembly sponsored by the National Organization if approved by the Department President and if funds are available and adopted in the annual budget" be changed by deleting "*if funds are available in the annual budget*" and replaced with "*funds not to exceed \$125 per diem for 3 days shall be budgeted annually to help defray the cost of attending the Awareness Assembly*".