

1 for the ensuing year, said budget shall be sent to the
2 Department Treasurer and Finance Committee for review and
3 approval of the Finance Committee not later than October
4 10th. The budget shall be recorded on the form provided
5 by the Finance Committee. Said budget to be approved by
6 the Mid-Year Department Executive Committee. 2020."

7 Number 12 will now read: "Upon completion of the
8 budget by the ALA Girls State Committee for the ensuing
9 year, said budget shall be sent to the Department
10 Treasurer and Finance Committee for review and approval of
11 the Finance Committee not later than October 31st. The
12 budget shall be recorded on the form provided by the
13 Finance Committee. Said budget to be approved by Mid-Year
14 Department Executive Committee. 2021."

15 Okay. So do I need to get that --

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: You need to move
17 for acceptance.

18 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: I move that we
19 accept the new code as I read it.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
21 to accept Code 12 which will now read: "Upon completion
22 of the budget by the ALA Girls State Committee for the
23 ensuing year, said budget shall be sent to the Department
24 Treasurer and Finance Committee for review and approval of
25 the Finance Committee not later than October 31st. The

1 budget shall be recorded on the form provided by the
2 Finance Committee. Said budget to be approved by the
3 Mid-Year Department Executive Committee."

4 Liz, do we have a ballot, please?

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Discussion first.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Oh, okay. Is
7 there any discussion?

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Diane DeLashmit.
9 Diane, unmute. And you were muted so you didn't need
10 anything.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Madame
12 President? Linda Workman, Finance Chairman. This code
13 was also brought up in the Finance Committee. We didn't
14 know that Girls State was bringing that up as well. So I
15 just want to let you know that we'll be deleting it from
16 our report.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you. Is
19 there any discussion on the proposed code change?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.
22 Please cast your vote.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Motion carried.
24 Motion carried.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,

1 ladies. You have accepted the new Code 12 for the Girls
2 State code. Tammy.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You're muted.

4 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Oh, I didn't know
5 I was muted. Okay. So Girls State Code 30(b) now reads:
6 "Must be willing to conform with all medical regulations
7 as stated in the medical form. Shall not be excluded
8 because of religious medical beliefs."

9 Now Code 30(b) will now read: "Must be willing
10 to conform with all medical regulations specified by
11 federal and state law, California Department of Public
12 Health, and as stated in the medical form."

13 So we are excluding "shall not be excluded
14 because of religious medical beliefs." I move that we
15 adopt the change by direction of the committee.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It's been moved
17 to adopt Code 30(b) to read: "Must be willing to conform
18 with all medical regulations specified by federal and
19 state law, California Department of Public Health, and as
20 stated in the medical form."

21 Is there any discussion?

22 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: I raised my hand
23 with a question. Is this a recommendation of the
24 committee?

25 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Yes, the Girls

1 State Committee.

2 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Does recommend
3 that this be eliminated?

4 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Yes, because the
5 laws were changed I believe 2019 July 1st. Right after
6 the measles outbreak.

7 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Okay. Thank you.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Is there any
9 other discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Please cast your
12 vote.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Motion carried.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
15 ladies. You have accepted the code change to 30(b).

16 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Thank you,
17 everybody. Am I muted?

18 Okay. Madame President, may I please continue
19 with my platform remarks?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

21 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Thank you. Thank
22 you to each of our Girls State Committee members who have
23 served an additional year during the pandemic. Sherry
24 Core has been an outstanding addition as Assistant
25 Director, allowing long-time Girls State volunteer in

1 numerous leadership roles Sherry Schneider to volunteer as
2 a City Mom.

3 The Department of California has 424 attending --
4 delegates attending our 78th session. 134 units in 28
5 Districts sponsored delegates, which is excellent
6 considering the many challenges of the pandemic.
7 Thirty-four new schools are participating, along with an
8 additional 18 schools that did not participate last year.
9 Many units were willing to accept requests from students
10 and schools to participate in the 2021 session and sponsor
11 them.

12 I would like to recognize District 26 Kerry
13 Finley who worked with her unit to sponsor an additional
14 five students who attended schools previously sponsored by
15 units who chose not to participate in Girls State this
16 year, doubling the number of schools that unit originally
17 planned to sponsor.

18 The relationship between the American Legion
19 Auxiliary and schools is critical to maintain from year to
20 year so that Girls State alumni can return to their
21 schools as seniors and help promote the program to juniors
22 for the following year. Kerry's unselfishness to support
23 these four units even outside her district should be
24 commended.

25 I thought shifting to a virtual town hall in only

1 two months for 2020 was difficult, but this year has been
2 even more taxing. In addition to preparing for a more
3 extensive virtual session while volunteers juggled various
4 responsibilities as the world adjusted to operating during
5 a pandemic, we have also had the additional task of
6 working with legislators and their staff, the American
7 Legion and their lobbyists, and the community for
8 California Senate Bill 363. It will be refreshing to be
9 with the delegates next year and witness the value of all
10 the work that so many put into this program as hundreds of
11 young people will experience the incredible spirit of the
12 Girls State program and learn more about the American
13 Legion Auxiliary.

14 The Girls State program is an excellent
15 opportunity to recruit members for your units through
16 candidates, their relatives, and friends. Even though a
17 student may not be eligible now to join the ALA, they may
18 be in the future due to their own service or a relative's,
19 as was my case.

20 One of the best improvements we implemented this
21 year was to hold monthly Zoom meetings. My intent for our
22 first Zoom meeting was to familiarize our unit and
23 district Girls State Chairpersons with Zoom in case they
24 decided to interview candidates for Girls State via Zoom
25 or wanted to volunteer as a City Mom for our virtual

1 session. It proved to be such a helpful way to share
2 ideas, answer questions, and feel the support of one
3 another throughout the department that we continued to
4 meet each month.

5 Sometimes there was only one member of a unit
6 that supports the Girls State program. Through the
7 monthly Zooms, these members can see how many others
8 throughout the department also work hard. I worry about
9 units -- excuse me. I worry about units who have had
10 members who have taken this role for numerous years on
11 their own. Each unit should have at least three members
12 working with the Girls State program to distribute the
13 workload. Then when personal issues arise, a member does
14 not feel overwhelmed since there are others who can help.

15 I hope the monthly Zoom meetings will provide
16 guidance and encouragement, especially to those who are
17 new to these roles, so that more people in each unit will
18 be willing to accept these positions.

19 Another benefit of the monthly Zoom meetings was
20 the valuable input and suggestions I received to help me
21 better serve in this role. For example, the inspiring
22 video from delegates who attended the 2020 town hall, and
23 it's on the website, was compiled because of the feedback
24 I received during one of our Zoom meetings.

25 It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as

1 Department State -- Department Girls State Chairperson. I
2 have received an incredible amount of support and
3 assistance from each of the unit and district chairperson,
4 the Girls State committee, and the Girls State staff.
5 Thank you for the appointment, Madame President.

6 Madame President, may I now present my awards?

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We are presenting
8 first place awards only on screen, Tammy. Just a
9 reminder.

10 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Yes, ma'am.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

12 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: This year I would
13 love to give an award to each person who was involved with
14 Girls State. There were some units who worked and worked,
15 yet were unsuccessful in identifying candidates. Their
16 efforts should be recognized. Others learned Zoom,
17 endured health issues, lost loved ones, and overcame
18 numerous challenges to sponsor delegates. But like our
19 units who must chose only one student among several
20 qualified candidates, I had to choose among several
21 wonderful reports.

22 The Best District Supplemental First Place,
23 District 29 Kay Hamby. Best Unit Supplement First Place
24 District 25, Unit 262 Cyd Kintzer. Congratulations,
25 ladies.

1 Madame President, that ends my report.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Tammy.
3 And please extend my deepest thanks to Allyn, your team.
4 You were awesome this year. Thank you.

5 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Thank you. I
6 will tell her. She's amazing.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes. All righty.
8 Tammy, as you're on screen now, do you have anything as
9 director that you want to convey?

10 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Not really. I
11 think Allyn covered it all. I'm sure you don't want to
12 open up SB 363 right now.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: No. Thank you
14 very much.

15 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: All right. I'm
16 done.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Tammy, thank you
18 very much. Heather has my tablet.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Did you receive the
20 information from Gloria? You're muted. I did and I'm
21 almost done creating the polls.

22 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Terrific.
24 Because I can't get to my email -- well, maybe I can.

25 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Yeah, I sent you a copy

1 too, Madame President.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Okay.

3 Give me just a second, Gloria. There it is.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Or else I can share
5 it on the screen and you can see it that way.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I will have the
7 printed report momentarily. And just to let the
8 membership know, I am waiting on the invitation from the
9 Legion to go to their website to bring greetings, but it's
10 coming in under a different thing. So I'm working on
11 that, so we'll just keep going until I get it.

12 RIDERS PRESIDENT RUIZ: Madame President, this is
13 Rey Ruiz from the Riders. I just wanted to let you know
14 that I am on.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Excellent.
16 Excellent.

17 Gloria, five minutes, please. Rey, thank you
18 very much. I covered up my notes.

19 Ladies, the Department Rider President Rey was
20 traveling on Friday and Saturday and he has graciously
21 made himself available to bring greetings today.

22 Rey, I turn it over to you. Thank you so much
23 for agreeing to this.

24 RIDERS PRESIDENT RUIZ: Thank you, Madame
25 President. Good afternoon, Members of the Auxiliary. I

1 bring greetings from the American Legion Riders Department
2 of California. I'd like to begin by thanking Liz Doidge
3 for inviting me to address your group at your convention.
4 I want to thank Kathie Martinez for her continued support
5 these past two years.

6 Much like Kathie, many officers were rolled over
7 into an additional year of service due to the pandemic. I
8 appreciate her continued support of the Auxiliary as we
9 move forward into another challenging year.

10 I stand before you as potentially the last
11 American Legion Riders President to be addressed -- to
12 address the Auxiliary. National has decided the term
13 "president" gives the appearance that the ALR is an MC.
14 California is one of 54 departments that uses this term.
15 The other 51 departments use "director" or "chairman."

16 The Resolution 19 was passed last year in
17 November, I believe it was, that we could no longer use
18 the term "president." However, there are -- there is a
19 resolution on the floor with the Legion currently to
20 bypass that and allow us to continue to use the term
21 "president." We have a lot of support and hopefully we'll
22 be able to keep that.

23 California -- all right. I already did that. We
24 will adapt because the title on our chest does not change
25 the mission in the heart. So once I am no longer the

1 Department President, should this pass, the next
2 individual to address you will be a director.

3 As you are aware, the American Legion Riders is
4 the only family member that includes all family members,
5 Auxiliary, Sons, and Legionnaires. In fact if you are a
6 member of the Auxiliary and we were having a live
7 convention, I would ask all of the Auxiliary members that
8 are American Legion Riders to please stand and be
9 recognized.

10 I want to thank you, if not for our fabulous
11 Auxiliary members, I love you ladies, and I know that the
12 men are Auxiliary now, so I'll learn to love you as well
13 soon. However, the ladies for years have been the
14 backbone and support for many servicemen and women at home
15 and abroad. Without you being back home, many service
16 members may not have had something to come home to.

17 Whether you are a mom, aunt, sister, a
18 grandmother, spouse, or you were the girlfriend or a child
19 of a service member, thank you for being the reason for
20 wanting to come home. I know in my case while I was at
21 sea and on foreign soil defending our great nation's
22 freedom, the support of the organization and family brings
23 this -- brings is incredible.

24 This year the American Legion Riders were able to
25 do our California Legacy Run that we started back in 2019,

1 cancelled last year, and our two and a half day run from
2 Norfolk, California to San Joaquin National Cemetery. We
3 were able to raise \$17,678.28 that we will donate to the
4 National Legacy Fund. And that is not our final number.
5 We're still tallying some other donations and merchandise
6 and registration. So we're hoping to be over \$20,000 that
7 we would be able to donate.

8 And just to throw out some other numbers to you,
9 because I know how much you like to see numbers; right?
10 Currently there are 2,048 Riders in the Department. 1364
11 are veterans, 361 are SAL members, and 323 are Auxiliary.
12 I see a lot of opportunity for growth within the Riders by
13 adding Auxiliary members. Currently 15.5 percent of our
14 Riders are Auxiliary members.

15 Many of you in this room are the spouse of a
16 Rider, but you are not. So the question is why? Is it
17 the impression that it's a boys club? Is it a man thing?
18 I'm here to tell you that it isn't. You can ask any of
19 the ladies that who stood up earlier, many of the
20 Auxiliary members have held positions within the Riders as
21 chaplain, treasurer, secretary, vice president, chapter
22 presidents, and even alternate area VPs. They are
23 thriving and taking charge. I would like to see a spike
24 next year with membership from the Auxiliary to show the
25 boys how it's done.

1 I want to thank you for the opportunity to
2 address your convention floor. Good luck to you all as we
3 come to -- as we come out of this pandemic and a
4 challenging and rewarding year to come.

5 In closing, I would like to present this plaque
6 to Madame President. And it reads, "Kathie Martinez,
7 thank you for your support of the American Legion Riders.
8 American Legion Riders Department of California June 26,
9 2021." And I will make sure I get this to you and I will
10 hand deliver it so that I can see you and thank you in
11 person.

12 Thank you, ladies, gentlemen from the Auxiliary.
13 Looking forward to a great new year next year and
14 everybody getting out and doing what we do best. Thank
15 you.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Rey.
17 The plaque is beautiful. Thank you. I will see you and
18 give you a hug because that's what we're missing.

19 RIDERS PRESIDENT RUIZ: Yes. We'll do an air hug
20 for now.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Air hug for now,
22 but soon.

23 RIDERS PRESIDENT RUIZ: Absolutely. Thank you.
24 Enjoy your convention.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you. Okay.

1 Okay. Gloria, third time is a charm. I do
2 apologize.

3 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: I'm sorry that you didn't
4 receive it. I didn't hear from anyone, so I thought you
5 had it. It's no problem.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I've got it now.
7 Thank you.

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9 **VETERANS ADMINISTRATION & REHABILITATION**

10 **CONVENTION REPORT (Resumed)**

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12 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Okay. The proposed changes
13 have to do with medical center representatives and it
14 starts on page 64 of our code. The code presently reads:
15 "3(a) Representatives and CBOC deputies once appointed by
16 National and certified to the VA Voluntary Services shall
17 serve until reassigned or replaced. They should be bonded
18 as established by Finance Committee. The representatives
19 shall receive compensation semiannually and submit
20 itemized statements at the call of the Finance Committee
21 and Department Chairman."

22 This would include a 3(b): "Representatives and
23 deputies of Cal Vet Homes, once assigned by the Department
24 President, shall serve until reassigned or replaced. The
25 representative shall receive compensation semiannually and

1 submit itemized statements at the call of the Finance
2 Committee and the Department Chairman."

3 Madame President, on the direction of this
4 committee, I move for the adoption of the code change.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
6 to add 3(b).

7 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: 3(b).

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, 3(b) as in
9 boy, yes.

10 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: As in boy, yes.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Code 3(b) will
12 read: "Representatives" -- we're just adding 3(b);
13 correct, Gloria?

14 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Yes, that's correct.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. 3(b) will
16 now read: "Representatives and Deputies of Cal Vet Homes
17 once assigned by the Department President shall serve
18 until reassigned or replaced. The representative shall
19 receive compensation semiannually and submit itemized
20 statements at the call of the Finance Committee and the
21 Department Chairman."

22 Is there any discussion?

23 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Yes. Just
24 confirming that that's what the committee discussed and
25 agreed on and recommends; correct?

1 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Yes.

2 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Thank you.

3 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Can you see
4 me, Madame President?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

6 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: This is
7 Nancy Brown-Park, Past National President. My only
8 question is in 3(a) it says, "they shall be bonded as
9 established by the Finance Committee." Do the reps and
10 deps of the Cal Vet Homes also need to be bonded?

11 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: They didn't include that in
12 their original motion, Nancy. I'm not sure.

13 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Okay. If
14 it's in there --

15 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: But it's in the 3(a).

16 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: But it
17 doesn't say it in 3(b).

18 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: No, it doesn't.

19 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: It probably
20 should.

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Madame
22 President, Susie Tozier District 22.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, Susie.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It should say
25 the same thing as 3(a). The only difference between these

1 two codes is VA facilities, federal government facilities,
2 are certified by National. California are certified by
3 the Department President. So they should basically say
4 the same thing, they shall be bonded.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. So do we
6 need to insert the bonding on this or do we need to take
7 it back to committee and have them agree to that?

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madame
9 President, I just move to amend to add, "they shall be
10 bonded as established by the Finance Committee." After
11 "replaced."

12 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Right, just
13 that same line right there.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes.

15 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Can I talk?
16 Madame President, I move that we add to 3(b), "they shall
17 be bonded as established by the Finance Committee," right
18 after "replaced."

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You didn't hear
20 me, huh?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Anita, moved --

22 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: I'm sorry.
23 I didn't hear, you Anita. I'll mute myself. Sorry.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Do we have a
25 second?

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Second.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you. It
3 has been moved and seconded to amend Code 3(b) to add the
4 statement, "they shall be bonded as established by the
5 Finance Committee."

6 Is there any discussion on this amendment?

7 DISTRICT 24 DELEGATE NILES: Madame President?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

9 DISTRICT 24 DELEGATE NILES: Nancy Niles,
10 District 24. Just in the -- in 3(a) there's a typo. It
11 says "bounded" instead of "bonded."

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: That can be
13 cleared under housekeeping.

14 DISTRICT 24 DELEGATE NILES: Thank you.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: And the printed
16 code is right. I think it's just a typo by our wonderful
17 secretary. She fixed it.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I'll just fix it on
19 my end.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Liz, do you have
21 the ballot for the amendment? Okay. Liz, this is not the
22 amendment. This is just 3(a).

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Here. Let me
24 read -- let me go back over. I'm sorry. I'm trying to
25 help with your whole Legion, trying to get to the Legion

1 Ladies, the amendment has passed. Code 3(b) will now read
2 as amended: "Representatives and deputies of Cal Vet
3 Homes once assigned by the Department President shall
4 serve until reassigned or replaced. The representative
5 shall be compensated semiannually and submit itemized
6 statements at the call of the Finance Committee and the
7 Department Chairman. They shall be bonded as established
8 by the Finance Committee."

9 Is there any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Liz.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. It's going
13 to say 3(a), and that's my error. I can't modify it since
14 I accidentally launched it. But this is for 3(b).

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You are passed.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Excellent,
18 ladies. Thank you. You have approved the code change.
19 Okay. Gloria, next.

20 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: This appears on page 67,
21 "Awards." I will read numbers 6 as it appears. "Plaques
22 will be displayed in medical center of winning candidate
23 until requested by the American Legion Auxiliary
24 representative or the Department VA&R Chairman. 1993."

25 The proposed change still will be in 6: "Plaques

1 will be displayed in the medical center of the winning
2 candidate for a period of one year and then returned to
3 the American Legion Auxiliary representative or the
4 Department VA&R Chairman."

5 By the direction of the committee, I move for
6 this adoption.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
8 to change code 6 to read: "Plaques will be displayed in
9 the medical center of the winning candidate for a period
10 of one year and then returned to the American Legion
11 Auxiliary representative or the Department VA&R Chairman."

12 Is there any discussion?

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: A minor note,
14 Madame President. Anita Biggs, District 23.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That it's not
17 plural. It's only one plague. So just to drop the "S" in
18 both of those. Because the original code does not have it
19 plural.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Was that a
21 typo?

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Maybe.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I copy and pasted
24 that. That's straight from Gloria.

25 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: That's in the code.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: The code does
2 not say "plaque," it says "plaques."

3 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: All right. We're
4 good. So we'll change it to plaque; correct?

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, it is
6 plaque.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: There you go.
8 Anybody else?

9 I muted myself and then I tried to call you
10 Makayla. You're good to go, Kathie.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Adopted?

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Thank you,
14 ladies. You have accepted the code change for Code 6.
15 Gloria?

16 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE YARBROUGH: I have a
17 question. Is it proper English to just start off with the
18 word "plaque" or should it say "a plaque" or "the plaque"?
19 I mean it just says "plaque" and it's not proper English
20 or proper --

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I believe -- let
22 me get my code here. Because this is number 6, it could
23 have been part of a list of things. Let me double-check
24 here.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: This is under

1 Medical Center Representatives?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: No. This is
3 under Awards.

4 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Page 67.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Yes, the
6 heading of this code addresses the fact that it's a
7 perpetual plaque.

8 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE YARBROUGH: Okay.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: And there's other
10 things spelled out in the code as well. This is just one
11 item that's being addressed.

12 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE YARBROUGH: Okay.

13 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Okay. The last one is the
14 N.A.V.A., Non-Affiliated Volunteer Award, should be moved
15 under a new category as "Reporting" and become number 1.
16 By the direction of the committee, I move for the adoption
17 of that code change.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
19 to have N.A.V.A.

20 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: V-A.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Non-Affiliated
22 Volunteer Award to be moved into a new category as
23 "Reporting" and become number 1.

24 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Yes.

25 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Just a quick

1 question. I know that I keep asking this, but this was
2 something that the committee discussed and agreed on;
3 correct?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes. These are
5 all -- these chairmen who are presenting code changes,
6 these are all coming from the respective committees that
7 they were in.

8 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Okay. But I just
9 want to make sure that it was agreed on in the committee
10 meetings.

11 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Yes, it was.

12 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Thank you.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: They cannot
14 present it if it was not.

15 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: That's good to
16 know. Thank you.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Is there
18 discussion?

19 Anita?

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madame
21 President, Anita Biggs, District 23. I'm sorry. I'm just
22 a bit confused with regard to the N.A.V.A. award. You
23 said you want to move it where? So that it's under
24 "Reporting"? I'm just a bit confused.

25 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: They said --

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: That's what we're
2 proposing, yes.

3 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Yes, that's what the
4 committee proposed.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Where is
6 "Reporting"?

7 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: A new category as
8 "Reporting."

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Oh, a whole new
10 category?

11 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Yes. It's number 1.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Even though
13 it's an award?

14 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: That's what they agreed on.
15 This came up in our reps and deps meetings both years.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: What's the
17 rationale? I'm sorry.

18 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: You would have to ask Susie
19 Tozier, Past Department President.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I would like
21 for her to explain that, Madame President. Thank you.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Susie?

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Can Liz put it
24 up on the screen, please, because I -- I don't know what
25 they're -- kind of what they're talking about. Sorry,

1 Liz.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: That's what I
3 received, so --

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Where was it
5 before? Was it on the other one?

6 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: It was on the other one.

7 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: It was under
8 "Awards."

9 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Yeah. It was on page 11.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I think it
11 should stay where it was at, where the awards were.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Madame Vice
13 President, can you assume the podium, please, so I can
14 speak on this?

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I'm here,
16 Kathie.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you, Dee
18 Ann. If I might put my two cents worth in. Let me step
19 aside here. It appears that what they're looking at --
20 ladies, please. It appears that what I'm looking at, this
21 bold is just a heading. Everything underneath it
22 describes what N.A.V.A. is, non-affiliated volunteer.
23 Because the next line in the code reads, "A certificate to
24 be awarded annually to an outstanding non-affiliated
25 medical center worker." I believe this is just a heading.

1 Nothing needs to be done with a heading. If you look at
2 the code, it's a heading.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Susie Tozier,
4 District 22. In the code there is a heading already that
5 says N.A.V.A.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Right, and this
7 is what appears to be what's being addressed.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It's already
9 there.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We don't need to
11 move it anywhere. It's just a heading, it's not --

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yeah.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: -- anything else.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Gloria, I'm
15 sorry. I have a two-year lapse of memory.

16 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: That's okay. Susie, this
17 was your suggestion, but that's okay.

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: No.

19 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Can I ask another
20 question? This is Cindy 110, District 14. So if it's
21 under a new category as "Reporting" becoming number 1,
22 does that mean you're going to have other things there too
23 under this new category? That's kind of what this --
24 that's what it seems to imply. I'm just trying to
25 understand it.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: The way I'm
2 looking at it this is -- is not necessary. So we can vote
3 against it, nothing will happen. It remains as a heading
4 because there is -- and, Cindy, if you go onto the
5 department website --

6 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Uh-huh.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: -- you can pull
8 up the entire department code.

9 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Yeah.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Go in there and
11 you can look up any program. You will see this under the
12 VA&R program.

13 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Uh-huh.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It is a heading.

15 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: No, I'm not
16 opposed to it.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: But below that it
18 states what N.A.V.A. is, what the qualifications are for
19 the award, and everything else is detailed out underneath
20 this heading.

21 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: So it was felt
22 that it belonged better under a new category as
23 "Reporting," it fits more with what it is?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: No, no. It's an
25 award.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madame
2 President, point of order. You have other hands and
3 you're doing a dialogue so --

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I'm sorry. Okay.
5 Pat?

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That would be
7 Dee Ann. She's assumed the chair.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: You're right.
9 I'm sorry. Let me get out of here.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You can no
11 longer rule on this.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: You're right.
13 That's why I've got to move over to the side.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I see Diane and
15 I see Linda Workman. Both of their hands have been up.

16 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Madame
17 President? Can I speak?

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Go ahead.

19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Yes. Madame
20 President?

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Diane, go ahead.

22 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: I'm just
23 wondering if it should be just maybe made a little
24 smaller. Because if you look at the other headings on
25 here, the department code is a little smaller print, to me

1 it looks that way at least, maybe it's not because it's
2 not all in caps and the other one is in caps, so it makes
3 it look like that's more important. Maybe if we just
4 change that to maybe not be in bold.

5 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Take the bold off.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Madame
7 President, Linda Workman, District 9. All those headers
8 -- I'm sorry. All those headers are in bold and what is
9 below it, it just explains what the N.A.V.A. award is as
10 it does in all the other awards. There's an explanation
11 of what it is, and then it lists the requirements for that
12 right below it.

13 So it's good the way it is and we should just
14 leave it and I think, Madame, I move the previous
15 question.

16 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Thank you.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Second.

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: It has been
19 moved to remove the prior -- I can't see anything on here.
20 Remove the prior paragraph.

21 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Madame
22 President?

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yes.

24 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: We're just
25 voting on the question to stop debate. That's all we're

1 doing is stopping debate.

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. We're
3 going on vote on the question to stop the debate. All in
4 favor?

5 DELEGATES: Aye. Yes.

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: We didn't have
7 Liz do the poll.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I don't have any
9 more polls. I maxed out at 25 for the day.

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Any opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,
13 motion carried.

14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Now was that
15 the vote of the actual deletion of it or was that the
16 action of the question?

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: The action of
18 the question.

19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Okay. Thank
20 you. So now we have to vote to reject this.

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Gloria, do you
22 want to restate it? It's not up on the screen so I have
23 no nothing to read.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madame
25 President, Anita Biggs, 23, District 23. I don't believe

1 she can because it's by the direction of the committee and
2 so you have to carry out the vote. We've expressed our
3 feelings about it so -- I'm opposed, so --

4 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Okay.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: -- I'll put
6 that out there.

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: So we're
8 making a motion of not taking any action on this?

9 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Actually,
10 the motion is to change it. So she needs to say that, but
11 if you don't want to, then you say no.

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Gloria, do you
13 want to rephrase it?

14 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: I can -- no. I need to say
15 it as it is and they can vote to decline it.

16 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: That's
17 right.

18 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Okay. "The N.A.V.A.,
19 Non-Affiliated Volunteer Award, should be moved under a
20 new category as Reporting and become number 1."

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. There's
22 a motion on the floor to read: "The N.A.V.A.,
23 Non-Affiliated Volunteer Award, should be moved under a
24 new category as Reporting and become number 1."

25 All in favor? We're going to vote?

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah, I'm going to
2 launch a poll. It says 6, but it's for N.A.V.A. We're
3 launching for N.A.V.A., so --

4 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE YARBROUGH: Is it easier
5 just to say anybody opposed?

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Apparently because
7 it doesn't want to work. Yes, it's given up. Relaunch.
8 Oh, yes. Continue. There we go.

9 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Code 6 or
10 N.A.V.A.?

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: N.A.V.A. I can't
12 create any more polls. Zoom limits you to 25 polls. With
13 all the voting this morning and Finance and Girls State
14 and VA&R, we have maxed out our polls for the day. And I
15 can't -- once I've launched them, I can't edit them. So
16 we're reutilizing polls. So whatever I say at this point
17 is what it is if we're reutilizing them.

18 We don't need the poll results. The court
19 reporter is writing down what our results are. Whether
20 it's a yay or a nay, that's all we need. We don't need
21 these poll results.

22 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE YARBROUGH: Thank you, Liz.

23 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Thank you, Karen.

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: With that
25 being said, the motion carries?

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes, it is. No.
2 I'm sorry. It was opposed. That was opposed.

3 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: That was
4 opposed.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

6 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT SARCEDA: Excuse me.
7 Yvonne Sarceda, District 17. I did not get to vote.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Again?

9 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT SARCEDA: Again.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yvonne, do you want
11 to message me your vote again?

12 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT SARCEDA: Will do.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Thank you.

14 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT SARCEDA: I can't find just
15 "Liz."

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: It's under
17 "Elizabeth." I actually put it under Elizabeth. I'm
18 sorry. One more time.

19 Kathie, did you get the email from the Legion?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Heather is
21 working on it now.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You should have
23 gotten an email from them, from elaine@calegion.org.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I believe Heather
25 is working on getting it, so we're good.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Perfect.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: So Dee Ann is in
3 charge.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okeydokey.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Ladies, I have to
6 go bring greetings to the Legion. I shall be back
7 shortly.

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay.

9 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: We'll be here.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I'm sure you
11 will, but we're just about done. We'll finish this and
12 then we can do Finance.

13 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE HARVILLE: Quick question.
14 Carol Harville, District 20. Where on the Department
15 website do you find codes? I can't seem to locate it.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: On the left-hand
17 side there's a tab for Department Code. Click on there
18 and it's got 2020 through 2017 I believe.

19 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE HARVILLE: On the left-hand
20 side?

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: It's on the first
22 page on the left-hand side.

23 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE HARVILLE: I'm going to hold
24 up the deal. This is what I'm looking at. Sorry.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Yes.

1 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE HARVILLE: Okay. And I see
2 nowhere on there. It says bulletins, calendar, Auxiliary
3 Newsletters.

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: There's a
5 list in white.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: There's everything
7 across the top. Read across the left-hand side.

8 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT LEFLER: Liz, do you want
9 me to drop the link in the Chat? I'll do it just in case
10 somebody else needs it.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

12 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Madame
13 President?

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yes.

15 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Madame
16 President, I can't even think. Okay. We voted, but I
17 don't think she's finished with her report; right?

18 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: No, I'm not.

19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Thank you.

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Gloria, you've
21 got the stage.

22 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Okay. The vote was
23 defeated. Okay. I'll get back to this. After the code,
24 second and third place winners were announced in the
25 meeting and there will also be appreciation awards sent

1 out to all. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. and
2 prayer was offered by Past District President Bonnie
3 Christner.

4 And, Madame President, may I continue with my
5 supplemental?

6 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madame President,
7 Ruby Kapsalis, District 28. Can I ask why we're not
8 changing the code for VA&R to issue checks directly to the
9 unit for the Temporary Financial Assistance as we did in
10 the Children & Youth? In Children & Youth we changed the
11 code this morning or yesterday, whenever it was, to have
12 checks issued directly to the unit rather than the
13 chairperson.

14 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Oh, I don't --

15 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: And I believe we
16 need to do the same thing for the VA&R program as we did
17 for the Children & Youth. They should be the same.

18 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR SCHULTZ: Madame
19 President, when I changed the Children & Youth one, I
20 thought I was making it align with the VA&R TFA. Does it
21 not?

22 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: No, no, it's not.
23 No. It needs to be changed under the VA&R. If the check
24 is going to be issued to the unit and not the chairperson
25 or the person submitting the -- submitting the TFA, then

1 we need to make a change.

2 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: That's something that I
3 think that she needs to look into. We didn't know
4 anything about that. I never was approached about it.

5 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. I don't
6 know how it came about that --

7 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: I don't know either.

8 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: -- Children &
9 Youth changed it and VA&R was left out on it.

10 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Yeah, we were left out on
11 that.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: What's the code
13 number? Anita Biggs, D23.

14 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: I don't have the
15 code in front of me.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I'm looking at
17 the code and looking for it.

18 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR SCHULTZ: I did look at
19 the code and I thought I was aligning Children & Youth to
20 VA&R.

21 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Oh, it goes to the person,
22 not the unit.

23 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Right now the
24 checks are issued directly to the person.

25 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: It does. It goes to the

1 person, right.

2 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Not the unit.

3 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Right, not the unit.

4 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: If we are going
5 to make Children & Youth issue to the unit, then we need
6 to do the same thing for VA&R TFA.

7 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Madame President, that may
8 cause some problems, a lot of problems. We were not aware
9 of that and that could have caused some problems, some
10 serious problems.

11 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: What problems is
12 it going to cause?

13 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Well, it's a unit. We
14 don't know how fast they will get it, especially TFA, how
15 fast they will get it to that person or that
16 representative.

17 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: No, no, that's
18 not -- that's not the intent. The check from Department
19 will go to the unit. Then that check -- that chairperson
20 or persons putting in the TFA goes to the unit and gets
21 the checks issued that she needs to pay for the program.

22 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: It's in there, Ruby.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It does state
24 that it's going to the unit, check made payable to the
25 unit.

1 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: On page 62 of the code.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Code 7.

3 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Well, that
4 hasn't been done that way.

5 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: It's added in here as of
6 2014.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Right.

8 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: "Rehabilitation, A,
9 casework shall be completed and signed by the Unit
10 Chairman and Unit President. Checks shall be made payable
11 to the unit."

12 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.

13 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: It's 62 of the code.

14 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Thank you.
15 I'm sorry. I -- I didn't have it in front of me and I
16 wanted to make sure they were the same.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They aligned
18 Children & Youth with VA&R because we've been doing it
19 that way.

20 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I just couldn't
22 find it because this type is all crazy.

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you,
24 Gloria.

25 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: No problem.

1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Do you want to
2 finish your report, Gloria?

3 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Yes, I do.

4 Madame President, on behalf of our units and
5 districts in California, I'm pleased to report that 100
6 percent reporting was received from all districts. The
7 complete statistical report can be found in the Book of
8 Reports on page 30. This horrible world pandemic caused
9 our Defenders and our MASH team to forego in-person
10 hospital and home commitments to our veterans and families
11 for a while. Most VA facilities have reopened and our
12 troops are back providing their loving care to
13 hospitalized and shut-in veterans.

14 Many districts started planning their strategies
15 early last year on ways to include veterans and their
16 families such as providing drive-up back-to-school,
17 Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas gifts, toiletries,
18 clothes, and other personal items.

19 Most units have changed their method of personal
20 interaction activities with hospitalized veterans. By
21 working closely with the VA staff, 5500 masks were given
22 out. Video games were conducted by VA staff and units
23 were asked to purchase canteen books. One VA facility in
24 the south hosted a drive-through holiday event. Units
25 participated in giving out baggies of love, 25 to \$50

1 grocery cards. Unit 741, District 16 donated 150 baggies
2 of love. District 23 has provided snacks to veterans as
3 they waited to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations.

4 During the Christmas holiday, over 12,000 toys
5 were distributed to children of veterans. Homelessness is
6 a serious problem in America. Tents, baggies of love,
7 were given to veterans at VA hospitals and local
8 communities.

9 When the 23rd District VA representative found
10 out from the VA staff that 55 plus veterans were living on
11 the campus of Greater Los Angeles VA facility in tents and
12 was in need of warm clothing, Unit 283 in District 24 came
13 together to rescue them with an amazing donation of
14 \$3,000.

15 District 17 urged the Legion Family not to look
16 past the faces of dependent veterans on the streets and
17 freeway ramps. Many of them proudly fought for our
18 country and now need our help. This year Unit 103 served
19 over 951 veterans, helped 135 veterans with benefits.
20 They donated four cars, two motor -- two motors,
21 transmissions, brakes, tires to veterans. They also
22 helped 225 homeless veterans.

23 Our Northern VA Menlo Park facility reported
24 receiving 45 Easter baskets in April of this year.
25 Several units gave away playing cards, 146 afghan quilts,

1 fleece blankets, decks of cards, writing items and
2 candies. All the donations from the seven units amounted
3 to \$12,648.

4 District 18 was able to include its units and
5 Juniors in an Easter drive this year. They donated 534
6 bags of candy, 1,818 Easter eggs, stuffed animals, 1,320
7 snack bags, and 190,615 novelty toys. Over 900 military
8 children were given bags. The ladies in this district
9 have donated school supplies to Fort Irwin Army Base for
10 students which were publicized in the ALA National
11 Magazine.

12 This District 17 urges the Legion Family to
13 continue to help desperate veterans that end up on the
14 streets and the freeway ramps. Many of them have proudly
15 fought for our country and now need our help.

16 This year Unit 103 served over 951 veterans,
17 helped 135 veterans with benefits. They donated cars.
18 Our District 7 is small, but resilient. They have been
19 finding new ways to help veterans to accomplish their
20 goals. They donated money to the Forgotten Soldier
21 Program, Stand Down, and Volunteers of America which helps
22 many veterans and their families in their local
23 communities.

24 One unit helped with Stand Downs by serving
25 lunches to veterans. Veterans residing in the district

1 can expect Unit 130 to continue to deliver meals on
2 special events to veterans and assisting living homes.
3 Our representatives and deputies have been in the
4 forefront on promoting and encouraging the districts and
5 units in service, veterans, and their families.

6 No matter what happens in the world, our members
7 are dedicated to serving, providing, and caring for our
8 veterans and their families.

9 Madame President, this concludes my platform
10 remarks. May I continue with the first place awards?

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yes, please.

12 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: What happened?

13 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: You're good.

14 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Oh, okay. I saw everything
15 was blank. May I continue, Madame President, with the
16 first place awards?

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yes. Thank
18 you, Gloria.

19 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Unit 741, and it has been
20 referred to National for an award. Madeline Lee is
21 Chairman. District 7, Carolyn Smith as chairman.

22 Madame President, it has been an honor to serve
23 as the VA&R Chairman for these past two years. Thank you
24 for entrusting this appointment to me. And to all the
25 representatives and deputies, thank you so much in the

1 past two years for all of the work that you have done and
2 the caring that you have shown to our veterans and their
3 families. This concludes my report.

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you,
5 Gloria. Thank you for all your work as well.

6 I think Kathie wanted to go into Finance.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: That is me.

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: That's you.

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: That's me.

10 Yay. And I know you guys have been waiting with bated
11 breath for me to come on.

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13 FINANCE COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

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15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: The committee
16 on -- the convention committee on finance met on Thursday,
17 June 24th, 2021 at 10:05 a.m. The meeting was open --
18 excuse me. Let me just go to this so I can read it
19 better.

20 The meeting was opened by Linda Workman, Senior
21 Member of Finance, due to the resignation of Martha
22 Romano. Junior Member Cathaleen McCoy was introduced and
23 offered prayer. Role was taken and there were 11 district
24 delegates present and three guests. The code was read and
25 the following changes were recommended by the committee.

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1 Department finance code number 3 now reads: "The
2 General Ledger and the office bookkeeper shall be
3 available to the Finance Committee as requested."

4 The proposed change will read -- the proposed
5 change will read: "The General Ledger as posted in
6 SharePoint and QuickBooks shall be available to the
7 Finance Committee and Treasurer."

8 Madame President, by recommendation of the
9 committee, I move the acceptance of this code change.

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: The finance
11 code number 3, there's a motion on the floor to change.
12 Department Finance Code number 3 now reads: "The General
13 Ledger and the office bookkeeper shall be available to the
14 Finance Committee as requested."

15 The proposed change will read: "The General
16 Ledger as posted in SharePoint and QuickBooks shall be
17 available to the Finance Committee and Treasurer. 2021."

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Discussion?

19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Discussion?

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Is there any
21 discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,
24 take a vote.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Take a vote.

1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There it is.
2 It's up on the screen. Take a vote.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Motion carried.

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I'm sorry. I
5 don't think I took a second on that motion.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: You don't have
7 to. It was recommended by the committee.

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. Thank
9 you. That answered that question.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. The
11 Department Finance Code number 4 currently reads: "The
12 annual audit shall be completed no later than November
13 15th and shall appear in the Book of Proceedings. One
14 copy of the audit shall be provided to each district by
15 the Department Secretary/Treasurer as soon as it is
16 received from the auditing firm."

17 The proposed change will read: "The annual audit
18 shall be completed no later than November 15th and shall
19 appear in the Book of Proceedings. One copy of the audit
20 shall be provided to each district by the Department
21 Secretary as soon as it is received from the auditing
22 firm."

23 We are just removing the word "Treasurer" as that
24 is now a separate job. Secretary/treasurer is not
25 together anymore. They're no longer combined.

1 Madame President, by direction of the committee I
2 move the acceptance of this code change.

3 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: Second.

4 FIANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: You don't have
5 to second. Sorry.

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a
7 motion on the floor to change Finance Code number 4 from,
8 "The annual audit shall be completed no later than
9 November 15th and shall appear in the Book of Proceedings.
10 One copy of the audit shall be provided to each district
11 by the Department Secretary/Treasurer as soon as it is
12 received from the auditing firm. 2014."

13 The proposed change will read: "The annual audit
14 shall be completed no later than November 15th and shall
15 appear in the Book of Proceedings. One copy of the audit
16 shall be provided to each district by the Department
17 Secretary as soon as it is received from the auditing
18 firm. 2021."

19 All in favor?

20 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: No.

21 Discussion.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DODGE: Discussion.

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Oh, any
24 discussion? Sorry.

25 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Yeah, I have --

1 so we're only having the Secretary --

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Name, please.

3 Just identify yourself and your district.

4 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Oh, I'm sorry.

5 Unit 110, District 14 Cindy. So the reason for this is

6 the Treasurer was already previously involved in the audit

7 process so, therefore, it would be the Department

8 Secretary that would distribute it; is that right?

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Elizabeth Doidge,

10 Department Secretary. The audit gets mailed to the

11 Department Office. The Treasurer is typically not in the

12 office, so it would fall to me to forward it to you guys.

13 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah, the

14 Secretary/Treasurer used to be a one-person job. Now that

15 job --

16 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Like I said, I'm

17 just trying to understand because I'm fairly new.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You're good, Cindy.

19 Debbie Hurado?

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Debbie, where

21 are you at?

22 DISTRICT 14 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT HURADO: Okay.

23 My question is who is the auditing firm?

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Deborah, can

25 you identify what district --

1 DISTRICT 14 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT HURADO: Oh,
2 Deborah Hurado, District 14.

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: I can't
4 remember what the name of our CPAs are.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I can't either off
6 the top of my head. We've had them for like five, six
7 years, if not longer.

8 DISTRICT FIRST VICE PRESIDENT HURADO: So this
9 isn't anything new?

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah, it's an
11 independent auditing firm.

12 DISTRICT 14 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT HURADO: Thank
13 you.

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Any more
15 discussion?

16 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Sorry. I don't
17 know whether I'm raising or lowering my hand. Usually
18 it's customary to switch auditing firms every so many
19 years. We have a practice of doing that. That's a
20 standard accounting procedure.

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: We've had this
22 firm for a while and it's hard to find nonprofit auditing
23 firms in San Francisco.

24 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Okay. Being an
25 accountant, that's why I asked.

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah, we've
2 changed it.

3 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Liz, did you put up a
4 voting thing? My screen still has a code.

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: It's still
6 under discussion.

7 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Oh, okay.

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Any other
9 discussion?

10 Gloria, did you have another question?

11 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: No, that's the only one.

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. Get the
13 vote. It should be up there.

14 Thank you, Liz.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Motion
16 carried.

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: The Department
19 Finance Code number 5 currently reads: "The Department
20 Office shall provide the Finance Committee a Profit/Loss
21 Budget Performance Report, investment accounts, and bank
22 statements monthly. These are due no later than the end
23 of the following month."

24 The proposed change will read: "Micro Project
25 Management Company (MPMC), shall provide the Finance

1 Committee and Treasurer a Profit/Loss Budget Performance
2 Report, investments accounts, and bank statements monthly.
3 These are due no later than the end of the following
4 month."

5 Madame President, by the direction of the
6 committee, I move the acceptance of this code change.

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a
8 motion on the floor to change Finance Code number 5 to
9 read -- it did read: "The Department Office shall provide
10 the Finance Committee a Profit/Loss Budget Performance
11 Report, investment account, and bank statements monthly.
12 These are due no later than the end of the following
13 month. 2015."

14 The proposed change is: "Micro Project
15 Management (MPMC), shall provide the Finance Committee and
16 Treasurer a Profit/Loss Budget Performance Report,
17 investment accounts, and bank statements monthly. These
18 are due no later than the end of the following month.
19 2021."

20 Is there any discussion?

21 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Just a
22 clarification. It says Department Office in the first
23 line of 5. The proposed change to MPMC --

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You need to
25 identify yourself. I'm sorry.

1 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Oh, I'm sorry.
2 Cindy again from Unit 110, District 14. We're still --
3 why are we changing it to MPMC now when we're in the
4 middle --

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: MPMC is our
6 firm that does our accounting now on our accounts
7 receivable. They provide our monthly statements, not the
8 Department Office. They provide --

9 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Okay. So this is
10 getting -- this is getting -- sorry to interrupt. This is
11 getting us in sync with what we're doing during this
12 two-year trial period?

13 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: We've already
14 been using MPMC for a year. They have been providing us
15 with the monthly profit and loss statements.

16 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Got that. Okay.
17 And we don't want it to go through the Department Office
18 anymore when it can go --

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: It does not
20 need to go through the Department Office if they provide
21 the report.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DODGE: Diane Rapport.

23 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAPPORT: Diane Rapport,
24 District 26. So are we saying -- it's my understanding,
25 which may not be correct, that MPMC has only been handling

1 our accounts receivable. So that is the only --

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah, let me --
3 let me explain. And I know where this question is going
4 to. They handle the accounts receivable completely at
5 this point. The Treasurer has handled the accounts
6 payable, sends all that information over when she does it
7 every, you know, week, month, whatever she's doing. Then
8 they have to input it in their system to do the monthly
9 profit and loss statements. So we're trying to run off of
10 only one system, which Microsoft Project Management
11 handles for us, but we're at a two system place at this
12 point.

13 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAPPART: So should we not
14 be voting on whether we want to extend the contract or --
15 with MPMC to include both aspects rather than --

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: And thank you.
17 That will be coming up later in the report. Thank you.

18 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAPPART: Okay. So then the
19 change that we're making now is only covering --

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: The profit and
21 loss.

22 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAPPART: Which is accounts
23 receivable?

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Well, it's
25 accounts receivable and payable. They receive the

1 information from the Treasurer on the payables that they
2 have done, that she has done, and then they enter it into
3 their system.

4 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAPPART: Okay. I guess --

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: We're only
6 getting one report.

7 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAPPART: Okay. I guess
8 what it sounds like to me though is that if we approve
9 this, we're already saying they're going to do both when
10 in fact we haven't voted on that.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yes, and it
12 doesn't make any difference. When you approve this, this
13 is what they're doing currently. It's just that the code
14 doesn't reflect that.

15 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Linda, and you're
16 saying that it is going to the Treasurer also anyway, so
17 the Treasurer can reconcile this report with what she's
18 got.

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Exactly,
20 exactly.

21 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: And so if the
22 Treasurer keeps doing the payables, which that is the
23 presumption, this just is like to more accurately reflect
24 that once the reconciliation on the data entry is done --

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yes, it's for

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the reconciliation.

DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Okay. Thanks.

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Any more discussion?

DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Any more discussion?

(No response.)

DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none, let's vote on the code change.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Carried.

DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion is carried. Next, Linda.

Can I remind everybody when you want to speak, to identify what district you're representing, please.

Linda, are you still there?

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: I'm sorry. I somehow muted myself. I'm sorry. Department Finance Code number 6 currently reads: "The Department Treasurer is authorized use of a credit card for official use only and shall provide copies of the credit card statement with copies of receipts to the Finance Chairman monthly, for review, verification, and internal control of expenditures."

The proposed change will read: "The Department Treasurer is authorized to use of a credit card for

1 just so we're all understanding on the MPMC, this is part
2 of their current profit and loss work and this information
3 helps them? Are they needing to get it from the --

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: They are
5 tracking all of our expenditures and receipts. They put
6 everything, all these receipts and expenditures, they put
7 everything into a SharePoint so that it is very
8 transparent to everybody. Everybody can see -- well, the
9 people who are designated to see that can see that
10 information at any time. So we have to send them that
11 information so that it's there in the site, the
12 SharePoint, and so that they can validate that if the
13 credit card is used, they see the credit card statement,
14 what did it go to, how did they -- what GL do they have to
15 put it on if they haven't received receipts previously.

16 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: So they're having
17 to get that from the Finance Chairman already? They were
18 having to already forward this to them anyway?

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: They get it
20 from the Treasurer. The Treasurer is the only one who is
21 authorized to use the official credit card for the
22 company.

23 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Okay. It says
24 currently in the old wording that it's being given to
25 Finance Chairman. Now in the new wording it's being given

1 to the Finance Chairman and MPMC both; correct?

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Right. And the
3 Finance Chairman and MPMC, and that's right. But the
4 Treasurer is the only one who gets -- has the receipts.

5 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: No, that I
6 understand.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: All right.
8 Yeah, it goes to both.

9 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Just wanted
10 clarification why we're adding it. Thank you.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Catherine Katz.

12 DISTRICT 29 DELEGATE KATZ: Sorry. Cat Katz,
13 District 29 delegate. Just a quick question. And I think
14 this has already been sort of covered, but I just want to
15 make sure that MPMC is not the audit company?

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: No, they're
17 not.

18 DISTRICT 29 DELEGATE KATZ: Okay. Thank you.

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: No further
20 discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: We'll vote on
23 the amendment to 6.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Thank you.

1 And, Madame President, because code number 8 we did
2 discuss in the finance committee meeting -- excuse me --
3 but because that recommendation has already been passed by
4 this body from the Girls State Committee, I move that the
5 finance code number 8 be changed to reflect the same as it
6 shows in the Girls State code.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Second.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Anybody that needs
9 a refresher.

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Finance Code
11 number 8.

12 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: We'll be
13 changing that to October the 31st instead of October the
14 10th.

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. Liz,
16 you're quick.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I try.

18 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Any
19 discussion?

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Any
21 discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Want me to
24 read it again?

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Can we just say no?

1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: No. Okay.
2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Can we just say
3 no?

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. Anita
5 said no.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Anita said no.
7 But, Madame President, you can read the proposed.

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. I will
9 read the proposed. Number 8: "Upon completion of the
10 budget by the Girls State Committee for the ensuing year,
11 said budget shall be sent to the Department Treasurer and
12 Finance Committee for review and approval of the Finance
13 Committee no later than October 31st. The budget shall be
14 recorded on the form provided by the Finance Committee.
15 Said budget to be approved by the Department Executive
16 Committee. 2021."

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Discussion?

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Any
19 discussion?

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madame
21 President, I got my hand up. Anita Biggs, Department -- I
22 mean District 23. Just to add in there "mid-year." I
23 believe they want that done at the mid-year, at the
24 Mid-Year DEC since we have more than one. Just add -- I
25 move to add that "mid-year" or maybe just --

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: I think that
2 was a typo.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah, just add
4 "mid-year" in there, Liz.

5 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Second if it's
6 needed.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They just
8 forgot to place that.

9 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Okay.

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: You want me to
11 read it again?

12 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: I think we're
13 good.

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. Any
15 discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And launch.

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: You know, Liz,
19 I'm keeping you for another year.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Just don't do a
21 Zoom convention and I might stick around.

22 Okay. Motion is carried.

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Thank you.
24 Addition to Finance Code number 10. I will read. "All
25 outstanding credit memos in excess of \$10 will have a

1 reimbursement check issued to the unit if funds are not
2 expended by June 30th of each year."

3 Madame President, by the direction of the
4 committee, I move the acceptance of this code change or
5 addition.

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a
7 motion on the floor to add Finance Code number 10 which
8 would read: "10. All outstanding credit memos in excess
9 of \$10 have a reimbursement check issued to the unit if
10 funds are not expended by June 30th of each year. 2021."

11 Any discussion?

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Actually, Madame
13 President, do we need to clarify this one to make sure
14 that it's known that the culmination of credit memos that
15 -- your \$5, \$3, whatever, adding those together, lumping
16 them together, anything above \$10?

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yes, yes. And
18 let me explain. We did a list of the outstanding credit
19 memos and there were some units out there that had
20 hundreds of dollars. Actually, we have right now over
21 \$10,000 in credit memos sitting in our general fund
22 waiting for someone to use them. So we can't hold your
23 money forever, so we're just going -- anything over \$10
24 will be sent back to the unit every year by June the 30th
25 if you have not used it.

1 And the \$10 ones we hope that you're going to use
2 it on your next membership transmittal. But you will be
3 sent a -- every unit will be sent a memo telling them that
4 they have a credit memo or that their check will be coming
5 to them.

6 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madame President,
7 Ruby Kapsalis, District 28. What happens to the \$2, \$3
8 credit memos?

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: The \$2 and \$3
10 credit memos will remain there and will let the units know
11 that they need to be used. Anything under \$10 will stay
12 active. Anything over \$10, we will do the check and send
13 it back.

14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Madame
15 President, my understanding was that if it was under \$10,
16 that it would just stay in the Department Office unless
17 the unit requested a refund.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Exactly, yes.
19 And they can request to have their refund sent back to
20 them.

21 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE YARBROUGH: Madame
22 President, this is Shelly Yarbrough from District 21. My
23 question is when I took over my unit, the gals didn't know
24 what to do with that and so they gave me about \$20 -- no,
25 actually, they gave me \$55 worth of credit memos and they

1 were all expired. What are you going to do about those?

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Those -- when
3 they've listed those, and I'm not sure what the expiration
4 date was on those, but we cannot hold the unit money.
5 Legally we cannot hold your money if it is not designated
6 for something. We would have to look at those
7 specifically and see what is still outstanding and then
8 you can use -- you know, if you're at 55 bucks, then, you
9 know, you're going to get that money back in a check.

10 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE YARBROUGH: Yeah. Well,
11 this was two years ago because they're only good for a
12 year according to the document, and so I've been holding
13 on to them not knowing what to with them. So you're
14 saying that I could request the refund?

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Well, and when
16 we look at that list, you probably will be getting a
17 refund because they're out there.

18 Am I correct, Ruby, if they're still out there,
19 they're using them even if they have an expired date on
20 them?

21 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: I'm not really --
22 oh, unmute.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You're unmuted.

24 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Am I unmuted?

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You are.

1 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: I don't know that
2 all of them -- no, they're not out there. Those -- those
3 credit memos from two years ago are -- have expired and
4 they're not listed on MPMC's records.

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. I wasn't
6 sure how late they went back.

7 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Where did that
8 money go? Back into the --

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Back into the
10 general fund.

11 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Okay. Thank you.

12 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE YARBROUGH: So will these
13 new credit memos have an expiration date on them?

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: They will
15 expire -- well, it will be by June 30th and then you will
16 be issued a new credit memo for your \$10 or \$3 or
17 whatever. Hopefully you'll use that with your -- you'll
18 have a grace period. They'll send out the checks June
19 30th and then you have a grace period to use them probably
20 by, you know, your first transmittals that go in for
21 membership you can use those.

22 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE YARBROUGH: Okay.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Diane Rapport.

24 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAPPORT: Diane Rapport,
25 District 26. So part of this I think we've just covered,

1 but to clarify, because my unit, we are to the point where
2 now we have more people signing up online than we do
3 sending in checks, so we have very little that we can use
4 those credit memos for. So the credit memos will still
5 have an expiration date on it and then, for example, if I
6 have credit memos for \$21 and \$30 or \$35, I will -- if I
7 have not used those by the end of that year, I will
8 receive a check or another credit memo?

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: You will
10 receive a check. If it is over \$10, you will receive a
11 lump sum check of all the credit memos that you have
12 outstanding.

13 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAPPORT: Okay. So -- and
14 that starts now. So there will still be a one year when
15 I --

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: We voted on this
17 technically -- we voted to do this as of this year at DEC,
18 so I think Ruby is already in the process I think --

19 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAPPORT: Okay. This is
20 Diane then again. So I will still be receiving credit
21 memos, it's just that if I can't -- I don't -- if I can't
22 use them, I will have to send letters and everything?

23 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madame President,
24 through you to Diane, this is Ruby Kapsalis, District 28.
25 I just received credit memos from National and the credit

1 memos from National are the ones that I send out to the
2 units. MPMC sends out from the -- if you've overpaid your
3 transmittals, underpaid, or whatever, they're the ones
4 that take care of the membership. So I just received for
5 June National's letter telling me who was owed -- who paid
6 dues online. So I sent checks to those units as of June.

7 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAPPART: Okay.

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: So Ruby sends
9 checks, not credit memos.

10 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: No, I sent credit
11 memos.

12 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Oh, okay.

13 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: If it's -- if
14 it's a low amount of money, I send a credit memo. If it's
15 a high -- if it's a high amount of money, I send a check.

16 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAPPART: Okay.

17 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: If it's under
18 \$50, then I -- then I send credit memos. Did that
19 clarify?

20 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE RAPPART: I think the "under
21 \$50" just threw me a little bit. Otherwise, I understand
22 what you're saying.

23 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT HUSTON: Madame President,
24 Kathy Tellyer has had her hand up for a long, long time.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: So has Gigi. So

1 has everybody. I tried to call on Kathy actually and she
2 didn't speak so somebody else started speaking. But Kathy
3 Tellyer. Go ahead.

4 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE TELLYER: Kathy Tellyer,
5 District 11. I'm wondering in order to get some of these
6 lower dollar credit memos off the books, if we add the
7 words "an aggregate amount in excess of \$10" so that you
8 don't have a lot of small dollar credit memos sitting out
9 there, if the aggregate amount is over \$10, then we can
10 clear some of that stuff up.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Well, and the
12 aggregate amount is what the check will go out. It's all
13 the combined credit memos that are out there. The credit
14 memos when they're issued, they're issued for whatever
15 money you oversent. So, you know, we can't combine those.
16 So for all credit memos -- well, I guess it should be for
17 the -- well, yeah, how do we word that?

18 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE TELLYER: Yeah, I was just
19 wondering if you add the word "aggregate," "the aggregate
20 amount of credit memos is in excess of \$10." Because
21 right now it just sounds like if it's a credit memo, it's
22 an outstanding credit memo in excess of like one credit
23 memo in excess of \$10, then you get a check.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It says "all."

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah, it does

1 say "all outstanding credit memos in excess." So we are
2 kind of aggregating them.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Right, that's
4 an aggregate.

5 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE TELLYER: Okay. I just
6 wanted to bring that up. It might be more clear to add.
7 Yeah, it wasn't clear to me, so that's fine. Thank you.

8 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Okay. That makes
9 sense.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Susie Tozier?
11 I'm sorry, Gigi. I'll get to you next, Gigi.

12 DISTRICT 22 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT MANNO: Okay.

13 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Susie, are you
14 there?

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You're muted,
16 Susie.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Susie Tozier,
18 District 22. With the wording of -- at the beginning take
19 the word "all" out and put "the sum of all outstanding
20 credit memos." Would that --

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: There you go.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: -- would that
23 clarify it?

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: There we go.
25 We could do that.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You've already
2 made a motion; right, Linda?

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: I made the
4 motion. You've got to amend it, yeah.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. I move
6 to amend the motion to say, "the sum of all outstanding
7 credit memos in excess of \$10 will have a reimbursement
8 check issued to the unit if the funds are not expended by
9 June 30th of each year."

10 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: What about the
11 total, that total more than \$10?

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: What's the
13 sum? Sum means total.

14 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: That total more
15 than \$10.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: That's what I
17 said, the sum.

18 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: No, a total.
19 Instead of the excess, now that you're saying the sum, you
20 say "that total more than \$10." Just a thought of wording
21 improvement.

22 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: No, it's not. The sum
23 of all outstanding credit memos in excess of \$10 when
24 they're all added together they exceed \$10.

25 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Yeah, the sum

1 part looks great. That's perfect. I was saying --

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You're not
3 identifying yourself.

4 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: I'm sorry. Cindy
5 14. "The sum of" is perfect. That's great wording, but
6 in addition to that --

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madame
8 President, point of order.

9 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: Turn my phone off.

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please put
11 yourself on mute unless you have the floor. And I think
12 it was Susie.

13 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: Call for the question.

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Is there
15 another question?

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah, Martha
17 Romano's hand is up and Gigi's hand is up.

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I have a
19 motion out there.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Gigi Manno or
21 Martha Romano.

22 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ROMANO: Can you hear me?
23 The only issue with this too is we have to identify that
24 it's within the fiscal year. Because the "all outstanding
25 credit memos," that's what's confusing to everyone when

1 they said they expire. Obviously they haven't expired
2 because we have all this money that we don't know if it
3 actually went into the general fund, and that's the
4 catalyst for this. So I think we need to identify that
5 within the fiscal year.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Martha, what
7 we're trying to do is set a precedent going. We know that
8 we have a mess to clean up, so once we clean up that mess,
9 this is how doing the code change now should read. So
10 that's why we're doing the code change now for -- from,
11 you know, today forward.

12 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ROMANO: Right. So you
13 need to put the sum of the outstanding credit memos within
14 that fiscal year. So each fiscal year. You don't have to
15 identify the actual year, but you have to say within that
16 fiscal year so you're clearing the books every year.

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: It says "each
18 year."

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Madame
20 President, I amend my amendment to say "the sum of all
21 outstanding credit memos in the excess" -- this is Susie
22 Tozier, District 22. "The sum of all outstanding credit
23 memos in excess of \$10 will have a reimbursement check
24 issued to the unit if funds are not expended within the
25 current fiscal year by June 30th." By June 30th, and then

1 just stop there.

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Liz, can you
3 fix that?

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Repeat.

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Expended by
6 current fiscal year.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Fiscal year by
8 June 30th, period. And then drop the end part, the last
9 three words there. Is that better?

10 AMERICANISM CHAIR DURON: Yes.

11 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ROMANO: Yes, because we
12 don't want them thinking calendar year even though it has
13 the June 30th.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Is there a
15 second?

16 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: I can second.
17 Fourteen Cindy.

18 DISTRICT 22 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT MANNO: Oh,
19 geez.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Gigi Manno, did you
21 want to --

22 DISTRICT 22 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT MANNO: Yes. I
23 would like to ask something. Couldn't the unit just
24 donate that money to a program or even if it's a disaster
25 fund to the Department?

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: They can if they
2 choose to.

3 DISTRICT 22 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT MANNO: That
4 answers my question. Thank you.

5 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Madame
6 Chairman, President, Diane DeLashmit, District 25. I
7 believe we were told that we can't donate or use that
8 money for donations because there's not actual money.
9 Ruby would have to explain that I think.

10 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Right. Yeah,
11 what happens on that is if it's an actual donation and the
12 money's not being recorded into the Department account,
13 we're going to have to set up some sort of general journal
14 entry and it's going to be a massive headache.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Sorry.

16 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: I say they can
17 donate the money to the Department, but, I mean, they
18 won't have to be -- if it's donated, the Department
19 doesn't have to do anything. The money is already in the
20 fund somewhere.

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: And we can look
22 into that in the future to see if you can donate to -- if
23 we can set up accounts correctly and we'll look into doing
24 that. Because that's a very good idea. If you've only
25 got ten bucks left and you say, hey, send it to, you know,

1 either the general fund or send it to AEF or a California
2 Disaster -- not AEF because then we have to cut a check to
3 National, but, you know, it would be easier to do once we
4 can set up a process to see if we can do that.

5 So any other questions?

6 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: I think we
7 have some amendments on the floor. We need to take care
8 of them.

9 DISTRICT 2 DELEGATE HENDERSON: I call for the
10 question.

11 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Okay. So,
12 Madame President, we have to vote on --

13 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I just lost my
14 train. We have call for a question. All in favor?

15 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Aye. I
16 don't know. Are we going to get a poll?

17 DELEGATES: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Should I read
19 the code one last time to vote?

20 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: No.

21 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: I don't
22 think you need it. Just ask for those opposed. No. Now
23 you do the thing with the motion with the amendments,
24 unless was there another amendment in there.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: There were two

1 amendments. The first amendment is adding this "in the
2 fiscal year" and eliminating "in each year."

3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: And one was
4 to add "the sum of all."

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah.

6 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Okay. We
7 need to do the second amendment for "the sum of."

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: That was the first
9 one. This is the second one. So we have to do the second
10 one first; right?

11 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Yes.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: So we need to start
13 with "in the fiscal year."

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. I shall
15 read it as I see it on the screen.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay.

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: "10. The sum
18 of all outstanding credit memos in excess of \$10 will have
19 been" -- excuse me -- "will have a reimbursement check
20 issued to the unit if funds are not expended in the fiscal
21 year by June 30th. 2021."

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I am launching the
23 same poll three times because I am out of polls. It says
24 add Finance Code number 10. This is to amend the
25 amendment to add "in the fiscal year June 30th."

1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Correct.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DODGE: Motion is carried.

3 I'll share my screen with you guys again just so we can
4 all view it again. So now we're doing the first
5 amendment. You have to read it again.

6 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Which is
7 just "the sum of." That's all it was.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DODGE: Yes, it was just
9 "the sum of." I'm going to kill that and we're going to
10 relaunch this poll. Please vote again for "the sum of."

11 All right. Dee Ann, motion carried.

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you.

13 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Now we vote
14 on the whole thing as amended.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DODGE: As amended. So the
16 final one is add code number 10 as we've amended it all
17 today. So here's your final vote for code number 10
18 adding this into the code. Oops. No, there's more. No.
19 Linda.

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Very sorry,
21 honey.

22 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Madame
23 President, may I speak to Linda through the chairs?

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yes.

25 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Diane

1 DeLashmit, District 25. On the copy that I have for
2 Finance, we had one at the bottom of the page that says
3 the Treasurer shall be limited to \$25,000. It does not
4 have a number on it. So are we making that number 11?

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Wait a minute.
6 What? That was on my -- where did we have that? Sorry.

7 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: It was at
8 the bottom of the first page. Because I had put 10 next
9 to it, but we just did the credit memo as 10.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: I don't know
11 what that one was. I didn't put that in my report.

12 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: We didn't
13 change anything. I was just asking about the number. I
14 had it -- since at the bottom of the page after 9 I made
15 it 10, but we just made the credit memo 10. Or are we
16 going to move that up and make that one 11?

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: I'm going to
18 look in my Finance Code. Hang on a second. Finance Code.

19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: It's at the
20 very bottom of the page.

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah, it's at
22 the bottom. Yeah, because that didn't have a number on it
23 in the code.

24 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Right.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah.

1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: So we're
2 going to make that number 11 and insert the credit memo as
3 number 10?

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah, we
5 probably should. I think it's probably a typo, but that
6 should be 11. So I'll bring that up next if I can find
7 Zoom again.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Is that a
9 housekeeping though, numbering?

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: It's -- it
11 should be a housekeeping because it looks like it was just
12 not numbered as 10.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good. I don't have
14 to figure out polls since I'm out.

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: No.

16 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: No, it was
17 just to know where we're inserting this credit memo.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. Madame
19 President, can we -- in the code that is existing on the
20 website now, number -- it does not say. It's below 9 of
21 Department Finance Code: "The Treasurer shall be limited
22 to \$25,000 with a single signing authority. Any
23 transaction over \$25,000 shall require detailed approval
24 by email from the Department President and the finance
25 chairman. Each invoice shall be paid in full with

1 supporting documentation approved attached." So if we can
2 number that as number 11 in the code, that's a
3 housekeeping change then?

4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Yes, it is.

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I don't know
6 whose puppy that was, but --

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Madame
8 President, Department Finance Code Budget number 4
9 currently reads: "When the Department President and the
10 Finance Committee have approved in writing an expense
11 above the regular budgeted allowance by a Department
12 Officer, Chairman and/or Department President, payment
13 shall be made upon presentation of the bill."

14 The proposed change will read: "When the
15 Department President and the Finance Committee has
16 approved in writing an expense above the regular budgeted
17 allowance by a Department Officer, Chairman and/or
18 Department President, payment shall be made upon
19 presentation of the bill and receipts."

20 Madame President, by direction of the committee,
21 I move the acceptance of this code change.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Madame President?

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I'm sorry.
24 I'm still here. I had it on mute. Finance Code Budget
25 number 4 currently reads: "When the Department President

1 and the Finance Committee has approved in writing an
2 expense above the regular budgeted allowance by a
3 Department Officer, Chairman, and/or Department President,
4 payment shall be made upon presentation of the bill.
5 2010."

6 The proposed change will read. "When the
7 Department President and the Finance Committee has
8 approved in writing an expense above the regular budgeted
9 allowance by a Department Officer, Chairman and/or
10 Department President, payment shall be made upon
11 presentation of the bill and receipts. 2021."

12 Call for a vote.

13 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Discussion?

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Oh, I'm sorry.
15 Is there any discussion? Are there any hands up, Liz?
16 Oh, there she's got a -- apparently there were no
17 questions.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I didn't see
19 anything.

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you.

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: And I think --
22 I just want to say I think Dee Ann is taking lessons from
23 Pilar, you know, like we don't need no discussion.

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Right. Just
25 get to the vote.

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay.

2 Department Finance Code --

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: We're not done.

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Oh, we're not
5 done yet. I'm sorry.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I'm waiting for
7 people to vote. Sorry. I move faster at convention, but
8 I'm only --

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: You're only
10 one person.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Well, I'm waiting
12 for the numbers to come up. Motion carried.

13 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Thank you.

14 Department Finance Code - Allowances and Expenses number 3
15 currently reads: "Department Officers and Chairmen shall
16 file expense sheets semiannually. The Department Office
17 shall forward the first allowance soon after convention.
18 Any Chairman or Officer whose allowance is under \$100
19 shall be paid once at the beginning of the year. Final
20 estimated accounting by all shall be forwarded to the
21 Department Office by May 1st, except for the Poppy, Past
22 Presidents Parley, and Distinguished Guest Chairman, or
23 reimbursement of convention allowance will be forfeited."

24 The proposed change will read: "Department
25 Officers and Chairmen shall file expense sheets

1 semiannually. The Department Office shall forward the
2 first allowance soon after convention. Any Chairman or
3 Officer whose allowance is \$100 or less shall be paid once
4 at the beginning of the year. Final estimated accounting
5 by all shall be forwarded to the Department Office by May
6 1st, except for the Poppy, Past Presidents Parley, and
7 Distinguished Guest Chairman, or reimbursement of
8 convention allowance will be forfeited."

9 So we are deleting the word "under" and adding
10 the word "or less."

11 So, Madame President, by direction of the
12 committee, I move the acceptance of this code change.

13 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There is a --
14 Finance - Allowance number 3 currently reads: "Department
15 Officers and Chairmen shall file expense sheets
16 semiannually. The Department Office shall forward the
17 first allowance soon after convention. Any Chairman or
18 Officer whose allowance is under \$100 shall be paid once
19 at the beginning of the year. Final estimated accounting
20 by all shall be forwarded to the Department Office by May
21 1st, except for the Poppy, Past Presidents Parley, and
22 Distinguished Guest Chairman, or reimbursement of
23 convention allowance will be forfeited. 2011."

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5 by all shall be forwarded to the Department Office by May
6 1st, except for the Poppy, Past Presidents Parley, and
7 Distinguished Guest Chairman, or reimbursement of
8 convention allowance will be forfeited. 2011."

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: It should be
10 2021.

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Oh, sorry. It
12 should be 2021.

13 Any discussion? Are there any hands up?

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Nope.

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Ready to vote
16 for Finance Code number 3.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And it's passed.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: The resolution
19 from Public Relations was brought to the attention of this
20 committee, but because no funds were utilized by the
21 Department and all funds will be from the District
22 presenting a Public Relations award, it was not necessary
23 to be approved by this committee, but the delegation in
24 the Finance Committee were all in favor of this resolution
25 and wanted to give 100 percent to -- percent support to

1 its passage. Thank you very much.

2 As Chairman of the Transition committee, I
3 brought forward the following motion to the floor, that
4 Microsoft Project Management include the responsibilities
5 for accounts payable effective July 1, 2021. The
6 rationale behind this motion was for the past -- was that
7 for the past year -- I'm sorry. I'm losing it. For the
8 past year, the Department has kept two sets of books which
9 has not proven to be very efficient nor has that allowed
10 us to be completely transparent with all accounting
11 practices.

12 The Treasurer would still be responsible for
13 directing any and all payments to MPMC and responsible for
14 setting up online and auto payments to our vendors. The
15 motion was tabled, and by the direction of our National
16 Parliamentarian, Chris Dickey, we are -- I am now allowed
17 to bring this motion back to the floor at this time.

18 So, Madame President, I move that Micro Project
19 Management Company include the responsibilities for the
20 accounts payable effective July 1, 2001.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: '21.

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: No. 2021. I
23 wish it was 2001; I would be a lot younger.

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Any second?

25 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT JEWELL: I second it.

1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Any
2 discussion?

3 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Yes. I raised my
4 hand.

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Cynthia.

6 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: District 14, Unit
7 110. The concerns we brought up in committee were the
8 cost mostly, the monthly payment for the amount of work
9 done. Since, as Linda just pointed out, the Treasurer is
10 still responsible for directing the accounts payable and
11 figuring out what needs to be paid, to add that additional
12 cost to that budget simply to have some checks written
13 every month, there was -- the committee that when we met,
14 we tabled it because also the other concern was we're in
15 the middle of a two-year trial period with this company
16 and there has been feedback, which some of the people here
17 probably made on their own, of un- -- lack of timing, not
18 timeliness with getting information on membership
19 information after payments are in, sent in, and also
20 posting of payments.

21 And so that's why it was tabled, just so you have
22 more complete information about the concerns the committee
23 had. And I'll go back on mute for others if they wish to
24 discuss.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Geni Lefler.

1 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT LEFLER: Geni Lefler,
2 District 14, Unit 3. A couple of concerns. In today's
3 day and age, especially after COVID, everything is done
4 electronical and I'm not sure why there's not the
5 capability to have the Treasurer input that information
6 from wherever they're at to correlate in the same system.
7 We have SharePoint and all of these great programs now.
8 There shouldn't be a distance thing in using two different
9 programs. I deal with a lot of companies on third-party
10 things and there should be a way for that Treasurer to
11 input into that system so there's one set of books.

12 The other concern is was this brought up to the
13 DEC and again a year later I feel like we're having
14 information crammed to us instead of being able to have
15 time to go through it and ask questions and get a better
16 picture.

17 The other thing is that I agree with Cindy. We
18 are still in the middle of a two-year contract and I have
19 had a lot of complaints in my district alone. And in
20 speaking with people from other districts, there have been
21 other issues that have come up.

22 So I think these things need to be taken into
23 consideration. I think we need to continue on the
24 contract we have, and then at the end of two years there
25 should be a committee to get together to further

1 investigate this so that we all are on the same page
2 before we vote.

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: And can I
4 respond just to Geni right now and Cindy actually. When
5 we talk about accounts payable, we're not talking about
6 just writing checks obviously. And to have two -- two
7 people inputting into the system is not very good. We had
8 so many issues with the two systems just trying to talk to
9 one another, a lot of data entry errors, transpositions,
10 amounts being put in the wrong GL accounts. There were a
11 lot of issues that came up with that, and that is why we
12 were kind of moving towards having just one company,
13 business company doing it and putting it all together for
14 us. So that was the rationale behind it.

15 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT LEFLER: Right, and I
16 understand that, but if one person is putting in the
17 accounts payable and then the company is putting in the
18 accounts receivable, then they should be basically, you
19 know, in charge or responsible for what they are doing and
20 accountable for their things.

21 The other thing I don't understand is our group
22 has been around for over a hundred years now and for a
23 hundred years we seemed to do without a third-party
24 company. To me, I don't think we should need a third
25 party. I think we are a huge strong group of women and

1 men now and I think that we should do everything in-house.
2 But that's my opinion.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Susie Tozier.

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I thought you
5 forgot me. Okay. In response to a question, the
6 Treasurer will provide the information for accounts
7 payable to the company where they will input it into their
8 system, but the Treasurer won't be putting it into a
9 system that they have separate. They're not going to
10 marry the two. You're going to fill out a form. Because
11 the Treasurer is not an employee of the company, they
12 cannot have access to inputting into their database.

13 So the Treasurer would provide the information to
14 them, they will input it, and then the Treasurer will not
15 have to maintain a separate set of books. Oh, gosh.
16 There was another statement brought in there.

17 In regards to the cost, San Francisco is very
18 expensive. We do not have the money to pay somebody to be
19 a full-time bookkeeper working online that we pay them.
20 We -- you have -- we lost people because we didn't have
21 benefits, transportation, where they park and the cost of
22 living in San Francisco is very high, and this was an
23 alternative to provide good accounting for the Department.

24 We have not had good accounting for the
25 Department since Mel the bookkeeper that died 20 years

1 ago. We used to have a full staff. We don't have a full
2 staff anymore because of the cost to maintain that staff.
3 You just keep having a high turnover. They'll be there
4 for a week, and then they're gone.

5 Oh, I'm sorry, my face is in the ceiling fan. So
6 it is beneficial, you know, since the Treasurer won't
7 maintain the books, a separate set of books, but the
8 Treasurer will provide them the input to the accounts
9 payable and then they put it into their system.

10 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Susie, are you
11 saying there's a cost going down to offset the \$700 this
12 is going to cost?

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Point of order,
14 Madame President. There should be no cross-talking on a
15 debatable motion. You have hands up. People need to be
16 recognized and move the debate along.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ruby Kapsalis.
18 Ruby, you're muted.

19 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ruby Kapsalis,
20 District 28. This is going to cost us \$7800 above and
21 beyond what we're already paying them, \$3300 a month. And
22 we can't -- that's a program. Some of our programs only
23 earn \$5,000 a year.

24 Now I personally don't see why we need to pay
25 someone to do our accounts payable when I think, perfectly

1 honestly, we can do it ourselves. I agree with Geni.
2 Everything she said is accurate and I speak against this
3 motion.

4 And I don't understand how the National --
5 National Parliamentarian can tell Linda that she has
6 authority to bring this to the committee again when it was
7 tabled until we reviewed their contract. The motion was
8 tabled when -- until we review their contract. So I don't
9 understand how that table can come off the table.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Can I reply to
11 that? I went -- I went to our Parliamentarian Melanie
12 Taylor and asked her -- I wasn't sure what was happening.
13 It was like if you table it in a committee, can it be
14 brought back up on the floor of the convention. And we
15 looked at Robert's Rules and kind of went through that.
16 And it was kind of wishy-washy, so she asked Chris Dickey
17 and Chris Dickey said exactly what I said, that we can
18 bring it up on the floor.

19 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Why is that --
20 why can you bring that up on the floor when you can't
21 bring anything else up on the floor that's defeated in
22 committee?

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: It wasn't
24 defeated, it was tabled, which is a difference.

25 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Well, tabled and

1 defeated is the same.

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: It isn't.

3 There's a difference.

4 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Well, anyway, I
5 speak against this motion. I think it's not -- it's not
6 good for the Department of California and I think we have
7 better ways of doing things and that's -- that's all I
8 have to say.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Martha Romano.

10 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ROMANO: Can you hear me?

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

12 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ROMANO: Okay. So I'm
13 speaking against the motion. We don't have enough
14 information at this time. And I believe that we gave some
15 work to the vendor to do and there have been some issues
16 and discrepancies with the vendor. And I think they're on
17 a trial basis. I don't think it's good business practice
18 to give a vendor when they're still on their trial basis,
19 to give them additional work.

20 I agree with Geni that we need to evaluate them
21 after the two-year period and have a committee or ad hoc
22 committee established to review that and see if that's in
23 the best -- I guess if it's the best thing for the
24 Department of California to continue or if we can get a
25 request for proposals from three different vendors. And

1 if it turns out they are the best, then we go with -- we
2 continue with them on a year-per-year basis.

3 I don't think they should have an indefinite
4 contract, any vendor. We should review our finances and
5 -- every fiscal year and have a good policy to renew
6 vendor contracts in our code so that we review our
7 finances every year and our contracts are only -- they're
8 approved every year based on our finances, so only
9 approval for a fiscal year basis.

10 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Madame
11 President?

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes, Diane.

13 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Diane
14 DeLASHMIT, delegate from 25. We haven't done the budget
15 yet, but I do want to point out a couple of things. My
16 understanding it was \$7200 is what they are charging for
17 the extra work and we're already \$9,000 over budget. So
18 -- and you'll see that when we go through it. So I just
19 want to give you that information if that will help in
20 your decision.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Sandy Tollefson.

22 DISTRICT 12 DELEGATE TOLLEFSON: Sandy Tollefson,
23 District 12. So I hear everybody, they keep saying this
24 is a two-year contract. And I don't remember. Maybe it
25 didn't have to come to membership for vote. I don't

1 remember voting on it, but I'm speaking against it because
2 it sounds like we have a lot of experience between CPAs,
3 accountants, bookkeepers within our organization that, you
4 know, if everybody gets together, we can -- I think that
5 this should be in-house and we can make it happen. Thank
6 you.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Gloria Jean
8 Sinopoli.

9 Gloria, you're muted.

10 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE SINOPOLI: Can you hear me
11 now, Liz?

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes, we can.

13 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE SINOPOLI: Okay. Thank you.
14 Gloria Jean Sinopoli, District 14.

15 Ruby, I have a question about the cost. My mouth
16 dropped when you said \$7800. Are you talking about a
17 month or are you talking about a year? To me this is
18 exorbitant costs for a job that can be done and has been
19 done for our lifetime by a volunteer in our organization.

20 I'm not happy with this company. I've had -- my
21 units had some problems with them constantly, actually,
22 and so I cannot commit to voting for something that --
23 giving them more work when they can't do what they're
24 doing now. So I'd like somebody to explain to me exactly
25 how much this is costing us, how much the cost will go up

1 if we do it. And I don't remember voting for this to
2 begin with either.

3 So if somebody can answer that question, I would
4 appreciate it. Thank you very much.

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you,
6 Gloria.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Linda, do you want
8 to respond to that one? Or Diane?

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Oops. There
10 you are. I'm sorry. Jean, can you repeat your last
11 question?

12 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE SINOPOLI: Yes. I would
13 like somebody to talk, explain about the cost of this.
14 Ruby said something about \$3300 a month and then she said
15 something about \$7800 but didn't say whether that was in
16 addition for a year or a month. So I'd like some
17 explanation on that if you could, please.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah, it's \$600
19 more a month. So it would go from -- it would be 3937 a
20 month instead of 3337.

21 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE SINOPOLI: Okay.

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: We have to also
23 remember that without the bookkeeper and San Francisco
24 paying -- minimum wage in San Francisco now is \$15 an
25 hour, so just so you understand that, you know, \$15 an

1 hour, whatever that kicks out to, you know, that's a --
2 it's the same salary as what we're paying them.

3 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE SINOPOLI: Okay. Thank you
4 for the explanation.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Carol Borgman, did
6 you want to share something?

7 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Yes, thank you.
8 I'm Carol Borgman, District 29 President. I'm at the
9 point with --

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Carol, we can't
11 hear you. It's really broken up.

12 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: (Inaudible.)
13 MPMC you send a copy of the check or memo or whatever goes
14 with the check to the (inaudible) to the state because
15 there's too many (inaudible) in there and that sounds
16 crazy.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah. She's
18 basically saying that she's having numerous problems with
19 MPMC.

20 Geni, did you have anything else to -- never
21 mind. You're off now.

22 Sandy Tollefson -- oh, you're off now. Did you
23 want to share or are you good now?

24 DISTRICT 12 DELEGATE TOLLEFSON: I'm good now.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Susie

1 Tozier, did you have something else? Okay. Everybody is
2 off now. Are we all good?

3 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Yes.

4 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Call for the
5 question.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay.

7 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Liz, Jean
8 Cooley-Desmeules, Historian. I call for the question.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Somebody else just
10 did, but go ahead. I'll second it.

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There is a
12 motion to call for the question. All in favor?

13 DELEGATES: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Any opposed?
15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,
17 motion carried.

18 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Now we need
19 to vote on this motion.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Give me one second.
21 I'm modifying a poll so that we have a poll for it.
22 Accounts payable.

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Can we put
24 that motion on the --

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I'm doing it right

1 now. Give me one second.

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: That was -- I've
4 just got to find it.

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I'm sorry I
6 don't have it with me.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: No, it's not you.
8 I've got too many -- where did it go? It is number --
9 where did it go? Where did it go? I did it so that we
10 could use it and then it disappears. Let me try one more
11 time. Edit number 21. Accounts payables. There you go.
12 Okay. I'm going to stop it there.

13 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Is there
14 supposed to be a pop-up? I'm not seeing it.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: No. I don't know
16 what happened. It's all those in favor is 30 percent, all
17 those opposed was 70 percent.

18 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Okay. So the motion was
19 defeated.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Defeated, yeah.
21 Thank you for the word.

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you for
23 the word. The motion was defeated.

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. Thank
25 you, ladies. The proposed budget for the 2021-2022 year

1 was read and approved as amended. The meeting was
2 adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

3 Madame President, may I read the budget at this
4 time?

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You need to be able
6 to share your screen, Linda.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yes, I'm going
8 to share. So --

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Kathie, do you
10 want to assume the chair?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Gee, thanks, Dee
12 Ann. You were doing such a wonderful job. Yes, I am back
13 from the Legion. I can step back in.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. Let
15 me -- I'm not sure how I'm doing this, so you'll have to
16 give me a moment, please. Thank you very much. I need to
17 go back to my Zoom. No.

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you for
19 putting this up.

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. I can't
21 move it. I'll get rid of the Chat. No, I won't get rid
22 of the Chat. Okay. Help me, Liz. There we go.

23 Okay. Well, I'm sorry that's as much as you can
24 actually see. Can you see that now, all of it?

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes, it's good.

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Perfect.

2 Excuse me.

3 VA&R CHAIR WILLIAMS: Yes, I can see it.

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. So we're
5 at online dues. So we're talking General Fund here.
6 Online dues, \$45,000. This is the PUFL dues. Americanism
7 donations, \$4,000. Dues membership juniors and seniors,
8 \$354,188. Dues Unit 1000, \$12,600. Postage income,
9 \$1,500. Department supply orders, \$100.

10 Ways & Means -- oh, so sorry -- \$4,000. Current
11 Department President's Pins, \$1500. In Loving Tribute,
12 \$2,200. Donations to the President's Club, \$500.
13 Interest income unrestricted. We do not know what that is
14 every year so we leave it blank. Admin income from other
15 accounts, \$10,000. Fidelity bond, \$1200. Income
16 reimbursement from National, \$2500. Department Convention
17 Proceedings, \$525. California Disaster Fund, \$3,200.
18 Live Units, \$2400. Department President Special Project
19 is blank this year because her special project will be
20 VA&R so the money will go to that. Department Convention
21 Banquet, \$8,000 which is offset by another account in the
22 expenses. Department Past Presidents Parley Luncheon,
23 \$5,000. Mid-year DEC and meals, \$4,500. National
24 Convention income, \$3,000. National Candidates Fund is
25 not -- oh, it was renamed in 2016. General Fund

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1 Miscellaneous account, \$1,000. We had that out there for
2 the 100 celebration birthday, but we -- we're just holding
3 in case. So general fund income, \$466,913.

4 Any questions on the income?

5 (No response.)

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. We'll
7 move on to expenses. Salary expenses, \$40,000. Payroll
8 taxes SDI, \$4,000. I've got to move this up a little bit.
9 I'm so sorry.

10 Okay. Insurance, Social Security and Medicare,
11 \$2,800. Supplies, \$3,000. Postage, mailing -- postage
12 and mailing services, \$3,000. Telephone communications --
13 oh, I'm sorry. Postage mailing was \$5,000. Then we're
14 here. Telecommunications is \$3500. Employee
15 transportation allowance, \$700. Wait. I'm on the wrong
16 line here somehow. There we go. Excuse me. Employee
17 transportation allowance is \$500. Workmen's Comp
18 Insurance, \$1,000. Equipment rental --

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Linda, if you keep
20 clicking on the numbers the far left, it will highlight
21 that number there.

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: That's what I
23 was trying to do, yeah.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: But if you keep
25 clicking on the next line. As you're reading the next

1 line, click on 48.

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: I see what
3 you're saying.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah.

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. Employee
6 Transportation is \$500. Then workmen's comp, a thousand.
7 Excuse me. Rental equipment and maintenance, 20,000.
8 Fidelity Bond, 1200. Finance Committee, 1,000. Auditing
9 and accounting, 11,000. That's for the CPA. Payroll
10 services, 2,000. Auxiliary News Editor, \$50. Finance
11 chair, \$50. Filing fees of the -- filing fees and FTB,
12 200 -- I'm sorry -- \$200. Bank fees and returned checks,
13 \$200. New computer/office equipment is \$1,000.
14 Management fees for Sierra Financial, \$2,500. Charitable
15 trust, \$150. For a subtotal of the General Fund
16 Administrative Expenses, \$99,850.

17 Let's try to move up a little bit. Any there
18 questions on those? I'm sorry.

19 (No response.)

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: No, we're good.
21 Okay. Whoops. Excuse me. General fund - admin expenses.
22 Relocation and moving, nothing. We're not moving again.
23 National dues, \$1,500. Department President's Pins,
24 \$1500. Ways & Means, \$500. Department President's
25 special project, again it will be VA&R so that will be in

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1 the welfare. The membership PUFL, \$1,500. National and
2 Units, \$2400. Temp admin staff fees, nothing. Online --
3 oops. Excuse me. Online dues, \$52,000. American Legion
4 War Memorial, that's our rent, \$2400. General fund
5 miscellaneous, \$400. For a subtotal in the General Fund -
6 Other Admin Expenses \$210,250. Total general fund
7 administrative expenses, \$310,100.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Excuse me.
9 This is Joan Cannon, Delegate, District 11.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yes.

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You're muted,
12 Joan. Joan, you're muting.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I'm unmuting
14 myself. Linda, on item number 74, National dues, what did
15 you read? I want to make sure my mind heard it right.

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: 150,000.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Thank
18 you.

19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: This was
20 just -- Diane DeLashmit, District 25. This was just a
21 misread, I think. It was under Ways & Means. You said
22 500. It says \$50 on mine.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yeah, you said
24 a different number and I just wanted to make sure.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: I'm sorry. I'm

1 blind and, you know, it's kind of tiny on this thing.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Me too.

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. So we're
4 moving down to General Fund - Executive Expenses.

5 Department President, \$7,500. Department Vice President,
6 \$200. District Presidents, \$4,760. Training and program
7 workshops, \$4,500. Parliamentarian, \$500. Authorized
8 travel by Department President, \$2,000.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Linda?

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yes.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Under
12 Parliamentarian you said 5,000 again.

13 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Well, you know
14 what, she works really hard.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: She does.

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: \$50. Sorry
17 about that. Authorized travel for the Department
18 President, \$2,000. Executive Committee Meeting, \$16,000.
19 Distinguished guests, \$400. Secretary/Treasurer travel
20 allowance, \$1500. Department President's Pins, \$500.
21 Past Department President's Pins I should say. National
22 candidates' reserve, \$500. National President's visit,
23 \$1,500. Officers and chairmen liability, that's our D & O
24 insurance, \$5,000. Department -- National department
25 leadership conference is zero. That was new because

1 they're going to start doing that via Zoom or online
2 somehow. Music chairman allowance, \$2500. Total of --

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: \$25.

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: \$25. Just 25
5 bucks. You're not getting \$2500. Okay. General fund
6 executive expense, \$44,435.

7 Okay. Let's move this down -- any questions so
8 far? Except for me not knowing how to read.

9 (No response.)

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: General fund -
11 outsourcing. MPMC currently \$40,244. General fund -
12 outsourcing is the same.

13 Okay. So then we're going to go down to general
14 fund - convention expenses. Excuse me. Let me highlight.
15 Department convention including mileage, \$15,000.
16 Department convention proceedings, \$1,000. Convention
17 reporter, \$4,500. Convention commission chair, \$50.
18 Convention department convention chair is \$150. American
19 Legion Auxiliary convention expense, \$4,000. National
20 Convention, \$5,000. That's the delegate fee. For a total
21 of general fund convention expenses of \$29,700.

22 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madame President,
23 Ruby Kapsalis, District 28. I just had a question on the
24 department convention. We've got expenses of \$15,000 and
25 how can -- how can our mid-year meeting cost us 16,000,

1 but yet our convention meeting is only costing us 15,000?

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: We will look --
3 where was the mid-year meeting?

4 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Right here.

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: You're
6 pointing, but, you know, I'm only seeing --

7 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: 457. GF62457.

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Right here;
9 right?

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Line 107.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. 16,000.

12 We were -- we proposed 16,000 before for the executive
13 meeting and then it was always budgeted previously \$15,000
14 for the department convention. Now that's the mileage.
15 So this is the entire executive committee meeting. This
16 is just the mileage, the 15,000.

17 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Including. No,
18 it says including mileage.

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Including
20 mileage. Okay. But that's how it's been every year.

21 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: This is my
23 first year on the budget since, you know, ten years ago.

24 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah. I don't
25 understand that, but that's okay.

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Do we need to
2 up that? If you think this needs to be upped or we can
3 take it down. We can either way. We spent 15,000 here.
4 We haven't spent anything in a while here because we
5 haven't had anything. Should we move the executive
6 committee down to 15,000? It's a question for you guys,
7 so --

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Anita Biggs,
9 District 23. I agree that we lower the executive
10 committee meeting proposed budget for 2021-'22 to 15,000.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: 15,000.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Because it
13 should be -- it should be about the same as it was because
14 we're at Long Beach again.

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second that.

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. So we'll
18 make that amendment. Should we just move on then or do
19 you want to amend it all at the same time, Madame
20 President, or each one?

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I think as we
22 go.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We will give new
24 subtotals after --

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah, it will

1 happen.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay.

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: So now we are
4 on -- where were we now? We're on 130.

5 DISTRICT 7 DELEGATE WARD: Linda, Marianne Ward,
6 District 7, Unit 587. Could you just put a notation in
7 the comment section when you made the adjustment to 15,000
8 on line item number 107?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Right there.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: I'll just
11 highlight it. We'll know that that was an adjustment.
12 How's that?

13 DISTRICT 7 DELEGATE WARD: That works for me.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. So now
15 we are down to committee chair expenses. Excuse me.
16 Auxiliary Emergency Fund, \$50. Americanism, \$75.
17 Constitution & Bylaws Chair, \$225. Chaplain -- sorry
18 about that. Chaplain Memorial Program Chairman memorial
19 program is \$100. The chairman and the memorial program.
20 Community Service Chair \$50.

21 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MUNROE: Can I speak on that
22 one for the chairman? It says "reduced due to pandemic."

23 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Who are you?

24 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MUNROE: Marcia Munroe,
25 District 11, Unit 249. It says, "reduced due to the

1 pandemic," but if this is the budget for next year, it
2 won't be reduced.

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: You want to add
4 -- you want to move it back up 300?

5 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MUNROE: Yes.

6 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: For chaplain I
7 second.

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: I will
9 highlight. Okay. So we did Community Services, 50.
10 Historian Chair, 375. Junior Activities Chair, \$50.
11 Leadership, \$150. Legislative, 125. American Legion
12 Auxiliary Washington D.C. is \$500. Membership Chair,
13 \$300. The membership payoff party promotion is \$500. I'm
14 going to move this up just a little bit. National
15 Security Chair, \$100. Public Relations Chair, \$50.
16 Public Relations Press Book, \$50. Ways & Means Chairman,
17 \$50. Salute to Active Duty Servicewomen, \$2,500. That
18 was approved at our convention in 2019. California
19 Disaster Fund, \$3,200. Americanism Essay Award/Grants,
20 \$6,200. Americanism Admin Fees, that's 25 percent,
21 \$967.95. For a total General Fund Committee Expense,
22 \$15,867.95. Summary of the general fund expenses,
23 \$439,146.95.

24 Any more questions on that section?

25 (No response.)

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: We'll move up.
2 General fund - program expenses. General fund admin
3 expenses. This is the recap. General fund admin expenses
4 is 99,870. General fund admin other 210,250. General
5 fund executive expenses 44,435. General fund convention
6 expenses \$29,700. General fund outsourcing expenses,
7 40,044. General fund committee expenses, 15,867.95. For
8 a total general fund -- general fund program expenses of
9 \$439,146.95. Total fund total income is 466,913. Leaves
10 us in a positive of \$27,766.05.

11 General fund reserve -- any questions on the
12 recap? It automatically calculates.

13 (No response.)

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. Our
15 reserve funds. Americanism essay reserve funds is
16 \$133,560.26. California Disaster Fund was 114,940.82.
17 And there's the display case that is in reserve for
18 \$3,093, for a total of \$248,510.08.

19 Are there any questions out there? I hear
20 chatting so I just want to make sure we don't have any.

21 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: I had put my hand
22 up, but it was kind of -- if you could give us just a
23 little short explanation of the several thousand dollar
24 increases that we're seeing on some of these expenses up
25 above.

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. What
2 line were you talking about? I'm so sorry.

3 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Not too far up.
4 Go back down where you were. There's a couple places
5 where the amount is quite a bit more, like administrative
6 and stuff. And I want to know the reason for it, and if
7 you could tell us where some of them went up over \$5,000 a
8 line.

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: I'm not sure
10 where -- are you talking about this area here?

11 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Yeah, that's it.

12 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: These are
13 recaps of what we've done up on the top. These are all
14 the recaps. So all those questions would be in these
15 numbers up here.

16 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Okay. So we did
17 lower one of them. Okay. The yellow one. And so the
18 maintenance, something like that, you have no control
19 over. Those are just increased costs?

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yes.

21 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Got it. Thank
22 you.

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. And now
24 we are now at -- here we are. So we have the total --

25 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MUNROE: Marcia Munroe,

1 District 11. I was just -- just curious. It said total
2 general fund reserves is 2,000 and it says Americanism
3 essay is \$498,000. How can it --

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: No. This is --
5 here we are. The total reserves are here. This is from
6 the Ameritrade account. Then these are the accounts that
7 -- so you've got general fund restricted and general fund
8 reserves.

9 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MUNROE: Thank you.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Do you
11 understand that one, everybody? Okay. And we are at --

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Linda Workman?

13 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Linda Fercho,
15 District 15. And it's probably there, but I just was
16 wondering because of the subject of the COVID-19, does the
17 Distinguished Guest Chairman, are they still going to be
18 receiving funds for this next year? Because as a matter
19 of fact, I'm having cataract surgery in a week so you know
20 I can't hardly see.

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: I was going to
22 talk to you offline about that and I can do that.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay.

24 Perfect.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. Thanks.

1 So National candidates is now at \$3,000. Every year we
2 add \$500 to that fund. Let me move it up just a little
3 bit so we've got it.

4 Okay. Summary of the welfare funds. So we have
5 Poppy orders, \$30,000. Poppy distribution, \$5,000. I
6 know we were a little light this year so we're trying to
7 pop it up for next year. Interest income restricted,
8 \$150. Poppy donations, \$500. Poppy fund miscellaneous,
9 \$500. And we're hoping because I know these actuals are a
10 little lighter than what we've proposed, but we've all --
11 we all know that people couldn't go out and do as much
12 last year, so we're hoping that it will pick up. So the
13 total Poppy production fund income, \$36,150.

14 And Poppy production expenses. Postage for the
15 Poppy production manager is \$1,000. Admin fees, \$3,000.
16 Poppy production labor, \$25,000. Poppy production Poppy
17 kits, \$15,000. Miss Poppy award, \$200. Poppy chair,
18 \$175. Bank and service fees we don't account for. Poppy
19 miscellaneous fund we have not -- it got put in one year
20 and it should be taken out of there. Okay. Total Poppy
21 fund expenses, \$44,375. That leaves us a deficit of the
22 \$8,225. So we really need to pick up on our Poppy program
23 here.

24 Okay. So we'll move on to -- let me move this up
25 a little bit. Any questions on poppies?

1 (No response.)

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: We're good. So
3 let's move to the welfare VA&R donations. Donations,
4 \$15,000. Poppy proceeds distribution, \$76.93. That's 10
5 percent of the Poppy productions. Donations to gift shop
6 and patient remembrance, \$12,000. Interest income. We
7 don't put that in until we know what that is. We do the
8 actuals. VA&R TFA cases is \$5,000. That's what our
9 special project -- I'm not going to say too much. Madame
10 President will kill me if I tell you what her special
11 project is.

12 Children of Warrior scholarship, that's the new
13 scholarship. That's \$500. Welfare income miscellaneous,
14 one thousand -- \$100. Sorry. Total welfare VA&R income,
15 \$32,676.93.

16 Welfare expenses. Admin fees, \$2,311.29. TFA
17 cases, \$10,000. Welfare -- patient welfare funds, \$1200.
18 VAMC Tours, \$1,000. Patient gift shop and remembrance,
19 \$12,000. That's a wash from the income. Hospital reps
20 allowance for mid-year, \$2,200. Chairman's allowance,
21 \$400. Bank fees and service charge, we'll leave that
22 blank. Spirit of Youth Fund, \$500.

23 Is there a question there?

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah. Susan Baker.

25 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Yeah, Susan Baker,

1 District 28. On line 203, it should be the Junior Member
2 Loyalty Scholarship, not the Children of Warriors. We
3 already have the Children of Warriors. We're adding the
4 Junior Member Loyalty.

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Oh, okay.
6 Okay. Well, that's for the Children -- the Children of
7 Warriors Scholarship. I'm sorry. I didn't -- that other
8 one is up in Education then. So it's been added to the --
9 this one is set because it comes out of VA&R.

10 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Okay.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. The
12 other scholarship is up in the increases in Education.

13 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Gotcha. Thank you.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Spirit of Youth
15 Fund, \$500. And we're going -- miscellaneous was just
16 like miscellaneous. So your total welfare expense,
17 \$29,611.29.

18 Let's move this up a little bit more again.
19 Okay. So total income and expense -- oh, how come that
20 didn't calculate that up there?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It was copied
22 from the previous column and it should populate it.

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah, we hope.
24 Oh, wait a minute. I did the wrong thing. Escape,
25 escape. I don't want to screw this up, huh?

1 Okay. There we go. \$3,065 to the good.

2 So now we're going to go to Children & Youth.
3 Children & Youth income, \$6,000. Poppy fund distribution,
4 76.93. Interest income which we don't show until we get
5 it. Excuse me. Children & Youth TFA cases, \$500. Total
6 Welfare Children & Youth income, \$6,076.93.

7 Here's a Children & Youth expenses. Admin fees.
8 Admin expense, I'm sorry, 984.59. TFA cases, \$1500.
9 Chairman allowance, \$150. Total Children & Youth expense,
10 2,634.59, giving us a 5,269.18 to the good in Child
11 Welfare and Children & Youth expense.

12 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Linda, this is
13 Kathy Newlen from District 21. When we went back to up
14 line 227, you have the line where it says \$500, but if you
15 add 6,076.93 and 500, it's 6,576.93. Am I wrong?

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: No. That
17 didn't calculate right. How did that happen? So let me
18 get rid of this. 6576.93. Yeah, is that what was there
19 before? I'm sorry. Somehow I guess it got popped in
20 there and didn't get calculated correctly.

21 And now just to find out where I am now.
22 Scholarships. We did that. Education. Okay. Here we
23 go. We did the admin fees. Did that, did that. Okay.
24 So here we are on Education now. So Education. Donations
25 and income, \$6,000. Poppy Fund Distribution, 76.93.

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1 Income - restricted, we don't know. Poppy Seals, \$1,300.
2 The Connie Settles Memorial Scholarship, \$5,000. We still
3 have some years left on that. So for our total welfare
4 fund education income, 12,376.93.

5 Welfare expenses. Admin fees, 1,177.75.
6 Scholarships general, \$13,500. And that's where we added
7 the new scholarship. So that's where it was, it is,
8 Susan, the Connie Settles Memorial, \$5,000.

9 Poppy Seals, \$300. Chairman's allowance, \$150.
10 Total fund education expense, 20,127.75. So we are short
11 on that one \$7,750.82. So let's donate to the -- excuse
12 me. To the Education Fund. Okay. So we're going to --
13 any questions on that one?

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I do have a
15 question, actually.

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I spoke with Susan
18 Baker a month or so ago in regards to that the Connie
19 Settles Memorial Scholarship because the people behind the
20 scholarship did not allow her to give the full 5,000 this
21 year. They gave her a smaller amount. So what does that
22 do to the budget in terms of five-year -- the 5,000 a year
23 for eight years? Does that extend that out further?

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Well, it can.
25 I mean if they -- did they give us -- I have not ever seen

1 the paperwork on the Connie Settles Memorial Scholarship
2 so I don't know what it is. Did we receive a lump sum of
3 \$40,000?

4 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes. Ruby
5 Kapsalis, District 28. Yes, we received the \$40,000 from
6 -- what's her name? I can't think of her name. But yes,
7 we did receive a lump sum.

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: So what my
9 question is how come the person who is -- whoever said we
10 couldn't give that much money, why are we -- you know, we
11 were told --

12 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: The rules -- the
13 rules are the Connie -- it has its own rules and I'm sure
14 it was the -- I can't think of her name. Oh, God.

15 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Linda? Susan Baker,
16 District 28. The conservator or the administrator for the
17 Connie Settles Memorial Scholarship reviewed the
18 applications and said that she didn't feel it was in the
19 purview of the committee to give the full \$5,000 this
20 year. She recommended \$2,000 scholarship plus \$350 for
21 books. So that would be your actual in the 2021 column.

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay.

23 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: So that will help balance
24 you out a little bit there.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Well, that was

1 the actual that we got from the books, so I can't change
2 the actual. The actuals are the actuals.

3 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: All right. Well, it was
4 less than that that we offered, yeah.

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. And I
6 still kind of question because if we're advertising or,
7 you know --

8 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Well, it says up to
9 \$5,000.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. So if
11 it's up to \$5,000, then it has to remain at \$5,000.

12 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Okay.

13 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Whether we give
14 less or whether we give more.

15 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: All right.

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Well, we can't
17 give more than \$5,000.

18 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: But to answer
19 Liz's question, the money stays in that fund until we give
20 it all out, until we give the \$40,000 away.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay.

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah. So now
23 we're going to go to PPP, Past Presidents Parley, for you
24 newbies. Past Presidents Parley income, \$6,000. The
25 Poppy Fund Distribution, 76.93. Of course interest is not

1 shown. So the income for PPP 6,076.93.

2 Expenses. Admin fee, \$1,099.43. Nurse
3 Scholarship, \$4,000. Chairman allowance, \$100. The PPP
4 luncheon and awards, \$500. Giving us a total PPP expense
5 5,699.43, for an over budget of 377.50.

6 Now we're going to go down to the -- let me -- is
7 there any questions on PPP, Past Presidents Parley?

8 (No response.)

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: We're good.
10 Okay. Now we have a summary of the income. So we have
11 Poppy Fund Income, \$36,150. Welfare VA&R income,
12 32,676.93. Children & Youth, 6,576.93. Education,
13 12,376.93. Whoops. Excuse me. And Past Presidents
14 Parley, 6,076.93. For a total income of Welfare accounts,
15 93,357.71.

16 A summary of your expenses. For the Poppy
17 production is 44,375. VA&R, 29,611.29. Children & Youth,
18 2,634.59. Education, 20,127.75. Past Presidents Parley,
19 5,699.43, for a total welfare expense 102,448.06. Gives a
20 deficit of \$8,590.35. Any questions?

21 (No response.)

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: And then on
23 the bottom here for your information is just a summary of
24 what are in reserves of these accounts. And your VA&R has
25 202,905.29. Your Children & Youth -- is that right?

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1 Yeah, Children & Youth is 57,972.94. Your education is
2 74,536.64. Past Presidents Parley, 78,677.56, and your
3 Poppy Fund is 111,703.36, for a total amount of welfare
4 reserves of 525,795.78.

5 Are there any questions? Any more questions?
6 (No response.)

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Then, Madame
8 President, by direction of the committee I move -- or by
9 the amendment, I move the amended budget for '21-2022.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Second.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: I've got to
12 unshare.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Betty?

14 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE RAMOS: Yes. There was that
15 one category that was on the last page that we had a
16 question of a section, and I forgot what category it was
17 and it didn't seem to add up. And I know Linda was trying
18 to fix it and the sum did not get corrected, and so it
19 seems to me that there is like 3,555 and that was -- still
20 needs to be added to the total of this whole budget.

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: No. This is
22 Children & Youth income is what we're talking about.
23 Children & Youth income. That was 65. Youth & Children
24 income. Children & Youth. Yes, it did get fixed. Right
25 here.

1 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE RAMOS: Okay. Good.

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Because these
3 are automatically, you know.

4 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE RAMOS: Yes, I know the
5 Excel spreadsheet, but I thought somehow it didn't get
6 fixed correctly.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. Thanks.

8 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE RAMOS: Thank you for
9 letting me ask.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Marianne Ward.
12 Betty, go ahead and lower your hand, please.

13 DISTRICT 7 DELEGATE WARD: I certainly will. I
14 have a comment. On the adjustment we made to the amount
15 for the executive committee meeting, we need to adjust the
16 total by \$1,000.

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. Hang on
18 a minute.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Can you
20 identify yourself, please?

21 DISTRICT 7 DELEGATE WARD: This is Marianne Ward,
22 Division 7, Unit 587.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You said
24 District 7?

25 DISTRICT 7 DELEGATE WARD: District 7, Unit 587.

1 Right there. Yes. Thank you.

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Let me make
3 sure to see that that number was --

4 DISTRICT 7 DELEGATE WARD: That is correct. I've
5 added it. Thank you.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. There we
7 go. Which is going to change down here as well. So it
8 did change. No. Where am I? And 300 -- did we change
9 that one? Let me just make sure we added that one
10 correctly. Okay. Now let's see if it's the same. All
11 the formulas have stayed the same.

12 DISTRICT 7 DELEGATE WARD: Okay. Then thank you,
13 Madame President.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Cyd, you have a
15 question?

16 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR KINTZER: I do. Cyd Kintzer,
17 District 25, Unit 262. I'm just looking for some clarity
18 on the line item 703 for the Connie Settles Memorial
19 Scholarship. I just have a question as far as they're
20 saying that they didn't give the total \$5,000, but if we
21 got a lump sum and that was divided and the comments say
22 that it's ending in year 2025, why did the conservator
23 have to be -- make that decision? Isn't it already done
24 through us if we have that lump sum and that money?
25 Because they're not doling out the money because we

1 already have it; correct?

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: That was kind
3 of my question why we go to the conservator. I have not
4 seen the paperwork for the trust to know who decides who
5 gets it, so I can't --

6 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madame President,
7 Ruby Kapsalis, District 28. District 18 -- it's in the
8 code. The rules of the Connie Settles Scholarship is in
9 the code. And I don't have a copy of the code in front of
10 me so I can't tell you, but it has specific rules on
11 judging of the scholarship. And so the conservator does
12 get involved in some of the scholarship. Susan probably
13 can tell you more than I can because I haven't worked it,
14 but there are rules that you have to follow.

15 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Madame President or
16 Linda, whomever, Susan Baker, District 28. There are
17 specific rules for the Connie Settles Scholarship and it
18 says when they're -- the -- let's see here. Just a
19 minute. I can't see them. I'm so blind from looking at
20 that tiny screen. The rules state that the conservator
21 will have -- will review the applications with the
22 committee and make a recommendation to the committee for
23 the amount to be distributed for that year.

24 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: And that's in the
25 code?

1 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Correct.

2 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: That is a rule in
3 the code and that's why it's done that way.

4 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Thank you.

5 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: They gave us the
6 money, but we still have to follow their rules.

7 EDUCATION CHAIR BAKER: Right.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Does that answer
9 your question, Cyd?

10 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR KINTZER: For the most part.
11 Thank you.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Can you lower
13 your hand, please? Thank you.

14 All right, ladies. It has been moved and
15 seconded to accept this budget as amended.

16 Liz, can you put the --

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I put up a random
18 one and it's going to be a -- it's going to be to accept
19 the budget as amended. We're out of polls. This is to
20 accept the budget as amended.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Can you mute?
22 Someone mute, please.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Anita, did you have
24 a question?

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I just wanted

1 to state that I did have the Education Code on Connie
2 Settles. The actual information regarding the criteria
3 for the scholarship is on our Department website. That's
4 what the code states. So it's not so much that it's in
5 the code. It states where you can refer to find out the
6 rules --

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: -- for the
9 scholarship on the department website.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: And I
11 understood the rules -- you know, sometimes you have the
12 trust documents which are a lot different than what our
13 rules are, so I was wondering.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah, it
15 doesn't say it in the code.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Motion passed.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Ladies, you have
18 approved the budget for 2021-2022. Thank you, thank you,
19 thank you.

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: And I thank
21 you, Madame President. This concludes -- excuse me. We
22 still have questions out there?

23 DISTRICT 24 DELEGATE COWELL: Sorry. It was
24 probably me making a noise. I'm Patricia K-D Cowell. I
25 was asking for some money for Memorial Day at the National

1 Cemetery for the Bell Tower and the computer system, plus
2 5,000 for LA Veterans Hospital pajama fund. The veterans
3 going there don't have pajamas. A friend of ours went and
4 he's still wearing his street clothes three days later.
5 It's a big hospital.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: And your
7 question?

8 DISTRICT 24 DELEGATE COWELL: Can we fund any of
9 these projects? Can we put some money in for any of these
10 projects, for the LA National Cemetery, for the Bell Tower
11 and the computer system and for the Veterans Hospital
12 Pajama Fund? It's a really good cause.

13 MUSIC CHAIR ARTIS: Madame President, may I
14 address Patricia? This is Deloris Artis, District 24.

15 Patricia, that is something you need to bring to
16 the unit, not to the department. That you need to bring
17 to the unit.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: That's what I
19 was going to say. Your unit or your district, and then,
20 you know, if the VA&R chairman would like to do a bulletin
21 and, you know, do some kind of fundraiser, then that's
22 where --

23 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah, hospital
24 reps.

25 MUSIC CHAIR ARTIS: Madame President, she's new

1 to our way of -- with the -- being with the unit, budget,
2 and stuff so --

3 DISTRICT 24 DELEGATE COWELL: Thank you for
4 explaining my ignorance.

5 MUSIC CHAIR ARTIS: You need to bring it to the
6 unit.

7 DISTRICT 24 DELEGATE COWELL: Thank you.

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Are there any
9 other questions about finance?

10 (No response.)

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: I hope I have
12 been able to, you know, grab this thing at the last minute
13 and take care of it. But thank you very much, ladies.

14 And, Madame President, this does conclude my
15 report because it's almost 5:00 o'clock somewhere.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I know and I'm
17 trying to find it. We have a couple more things to get
18 done today, ladies. I do not want to come back tomorrow,
19 so please hang in there with us. We're just about done.

20 I do have one small report that I have been asked
21 to be sure gets done today and that is the Personal Page.
22 If I could call upon them to do their thing. Then we will
23 go to Resolutions and then the minutes of our previous DEC
24 and we will be done.

25 So bear with us. Ten, maybe 15 minutes, ladies,

1 please. It took a lot longer with the balloting than any
2 of us had anticipated. So please. I'll shut up and go
3 ahead.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: It sounds like a
5 Nascar.

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PERSONAL PAGES CONVENTION REPORT

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9 PERSONAL PAGE MARTINEZ: Okay. Thank you, Madame
10 President.

11 PERSONAL PAGE WHIGHAM: Turn your volume down.

12 PERSONAL PAGE MARTINEZ: Thank you, Madame
13 Department President Kathie. You asked us to be your
14 Personal Pages and like most Auxiliary members we couldn't
15 say no. It has been our pleasure to travel with you on
16 your district visitations and assist you at the Clovis and
17 Mid-Year meetings before COVID. Then we were there for
18 you when you were on Zoom meetings.

19 Thank you for this opportunity as we have served
20 as your Personal Pages for the year 2019 all the way
21 through 2021. Now may I please take a personal point of
22 privilege? I don't have any extra hands. We wanted to
23 extend a very heartfelt thank you. And you've done a
24 wonderful, wonderful job for the last two years making
25 sure everything was done, learning new technology with IT

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1 existence. And we just wanted to show you how much we
2 appreciate everything you've done for the last two years.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It's made in
4 China.

5 PERSONAL PAGE MARTINEZ: So you know it's good.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Madame
7 President, it's Linda Workman. I don't know what kind
8 of --

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Oh, my lord.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: I don't know
11 what kind of better gift you can get than that beautiful
12 baby that she's jumping around with. I'll tell you.
13 That's a good parting gift.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: The essence of
15 fun. Hold on.

16 PERSONAL PAGE MARTINEZ: There's a picture on the
17 box.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Ladies, in the
19 interest of time, I'm going to ask them to unpack this for
20 me. It is a beautiful eagle statue, I don't know if you
21 can see it, sitting on top of the Liberty Bell which is
22 very reminiscent of my Department pin. It says, "Let
23 Freedom Ring." Thank you very much.

24 PERSONAL PAGE WHIGHAM: There's a couple very
25 small things.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. It's a
2 plant with an eagle. I will put it right here.

3 Ladies, thank you very much. I appreciate that.
4 And I'm trying to get things done.

5 Cyd, are you ready to go?

6 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR KINTZER: Yes, I am, Madame
7 President.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Can you ladies
9 see this?

10 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR KINTZER: Oh, wow.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Hold on. Ladies,
12 I forgot I had to do this.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: We can hear you.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: This is the
15 eagle. Thank you, ladies.

16 Okay. All right. Cyd, you're good.

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18 **RESOLUTIONS**

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20 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR KINTZER: Okay. So Cyd
21 Kintzer, Department Resolutions Chairman. The committee
22 report. The convention committee on Resolutions met on
23 June 24, 2021 via Zoom at 12:05. There is no statistical
24 report of this chairman. Barbara Toth, District 25, was
25 appointed secretary. Ruth Cain, District 16, offered

1 prayer. Paula Coronza, District 25, was appointed
2 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of seven delegates answered
3 roll call and there were three visitors.

4 The committee agreed upon the following report.
5 The Resolutions Department Code was read and there were no
6 changes. What is an official resolution and what is a
7 courtesy resolution were discussed. Sample copies of said
8 Resolutions forms were presented and deadline dates for
9 submitting Resolutions were also discussed and can be
10 found on the Department of California website. One
11 official resolution was received. So Resolution number 1
12 one submitted by --

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Ladies, please
14 mute.

15 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR KINTZER: Sorry. Submitted by
16 District 18 for the Odette Cuccaro Award. By
17 recommendation of the Resolution committee, this was
18 rejected and sent back to Public Relations on
19 recommendation to be a Public Relations Department Code
20 addition. And so for the record, we were able to pass
21 along this information to the Public Relations committee,
22 convention committee where the new addition to the
23 Department Code of Public Relations was presented and
24 accepted by their committee. And this Public Relations
25 code addition was also presented on the convention floor

1 during their platform report where the motion was carried
2 to accept this code addition for the Odette Cuccaro Award.
3 And just also for the record the Resolutions committee was
4 in favor of this award.

5 There were no supplemental reports submitted.
6 Cyd Kintzer thanked everyone in attendance and the meeting
7 was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

8 Madame President, this concludes my Resolution
9 committee report. May I now present the courtesy
10 resolutions and may they be accepted by consent?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

12 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR KINTZER: Assisting me today in
13 reading the resolutions are Judy Samples and Debbie
14 Fletcher from District 25.

15 Judy, would you like to start? Are you
16 available?

17 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT SAMPLES: I guess it would
18 help if I unmuted. Okay. American Legion Auxiliary
19 Department of California Department Executive Committee
20 January 10th through the 12th, 2020. Whereas, Denise
21 Conrad, National Americanism Chairman and Post Department
22 President of Ohio, graciously brought forth greetings at
23 this Department of California convention meeting.
24 Therefore be it resolved, that we express our thanks and
25 appreciation for her friendliness and dedication to the

1 American Legion Auxiliary; and be it further resolved that
2 a copy of this resolution be given to Denise Conrad.

3 American Legion Auxiliary Department of
4 California Convention, June 24th-26, 2021. Whereas, the
5 American Legion Auxiliary Department of California Past
6 Department Presidents attended this department convention
7 meeting; and whereas, their leadership and support
8 throughout the years has not gone unrecognized in making
9 themselves readily available to share their knowledge and
10 demonstrate their commitment to our organization.

11 Therefore be it resolved, that we express our sincere
12 appreciation for their continued service and commitment to
13 the American Legion Auxiliary by giving them a round of
14 applause.

15 (Applause.)

16 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT SAMPLES: American Legion
17 Auxiliary Department of California Convention, June
18 24th-26th, 2021. Whereas, Shakira Abdul-Rauf serving as
19 Honorary Junior Department President brought forth
20 greetings with her gracious demeanor; therefore be it
21 resolved, we express our sincere appreciation to her
22 continued dedication and support of the American Legion
23 Auxiliary, especially the junior members. And be it
24 further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be
25 presented to Shakira and Unit 255.

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Debbie's turn.

AEF CHAIR FLETCHER: Okay. Can I go next?

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Go ahead, Debbie.

AEF CHAIR FLETCHER: Okay. June 24th-26th, 2021.

Sorry.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We're getting a lot of feedback. Is Judy's computer off?

AEF CHAIR FLETCHER: Yeah. Hold on.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Turn way down.

AEF CHAIR FLETCHER: Is that better?

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

AEF CHAIR FLETCHER: Okay. Should I start all over or just continue on where I left off?

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Keep going.

AEF CHAIR FLETCHER: Okay. So whereas, Paws for Purple Hearts included precious Liberty, gave a presentation to this Department Convention, therefore be it resolved, that we express our deep appreciation and sincere thanks for keeping us updated on Liberty and soon to be a graduate as a service dog; and be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Paws for Purple Hearts.

I don't know about you, but I would like to take Liberty home.

Okay. American Legion Auxiliary Department of

1 California Convention June 24th through the 26th, 2021.
2 Whereas, Department Convention Committee Chairman Anita
3 Biggs, Co-Chairman Sharon Moore, and their outstanding
4 committee members have graciously stayed on throughout
5 this pandemic time; and whereas, they were readily
6 available to assist and add direction if needed for this
7 first time Zoom convention; therefore be it resolved, we
8 express our sincere appreciation for their continued
9 support and hospitality during this DC meeting. And be it
10 further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the Anita Biggs and Sharon Moore.

12 Yeah, thank you. Last one I have. Okay.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Mute, please.

14 Somebody is not muted.

15 Okay. Debbie.

16 AEF CHAIR FLETCHER: Okay. American Legion
17 Auxiliary Department of California Convention. Whereas,
18 the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California has
19 a distinguished honor to be represented by several of our
20 members serving at National organization level; and
21 whereas, we ask that each of these members give a hand
22 raise when called; and therefore be it resolved, that we
23 express our true appreciation and pride to the following
24 for the distinct honor they bring to the Department of
25 California. Nancy Brown-Park, Past National President,

1 ALA Foundation Liaison, National Finance Committee Five
2 Year Member, and Strategic Planning Committee. Is she
3 even here? No, probably not.

4 Linda Workman, I know you're here, National
5 Executive Committee Person. Joan Cannon for Alternate
6 Executive Committee Person. Melanie Taylor, National
7 Security Chairman. Anita Biggs, Western Division
8 Americanism Chairman. Robin Falkenberg, Western Division
9 Leadership Chairman. LuAnn Capazzi, Western Division
10 Junior Activities Chairman. Linda Fercho, Western
11 Division Community Service Chairman. Dr. Teresa Nunez,
12 serving on National Committee of Diversity and Inclusion.
13 And be it further resolved, we thank them for their
14 service and dedication by giving them a round of applause.

15 Yay. Good job, ladies. Awesome. You're all
16 awesome sauce. Okay. That's it.

17 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR KINTZER: Okay. Sorry.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Up to you Cyd.

19 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR KINTZER: Whereas, Ed Grimsley,
20 American Legion Department of California Commander has
21 graciously taken time to bring greetings; and whereas, his
22 cooperation in working together with our Department
23 President and Auxiliary members continues to further
24 enhance our American Legion Family and the programs of our
25 organization; therefore be it resolved, that we express to

1 Commander Grimsley our deep appreciation and kindness and
2 commitment to the American Legion Auxiliary. And be it
3 further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent
4 to the Department Commander Grimsley and the American
5 Legion Department Office.

6 Whereas, Philip Tiny Stuart, Sons of the American
7 Legion Detachment Commander, has given generously of his
8 time to bring forth greetings; and whereas, his support of
9 the American Legion Auxiliary and informative remarks were
10 greatly appreciated; therefore it be resolved, we express
11 our sincere appreciation for his continued dedication to
12 the American Legion Auxiliary. And be it further
13 resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to
14 Philip Tiny Stuart.

15 Whereas, Michael Fox, Sons of the American Legion
16 Past Department of California Detachment Commander and
17 leading candidate for the Sons of the American Legion
18 National Commander brought forth greetings during his
19 obviously busy schedule; and whereas, he continues to
20 recognize and support the American Legion Auxiliary and
21 our programs with genuine appreciation; therefore it be
22 resolved, we express our sincere appreciation and
23 gratitude for his greetings and support of the American
24 Legion Auxiliary. And be it further resolved that a copy
25 of this resolution be forwarded to Michael Fox.

1 Whereas, Rey Ruiz, American Legion Riders
2 Department of California President graciously took time
3 from his busy schedule to join us and bring greetings to
4 this Department Convention. Now therefore be it resolved,
5 we express our appreciation for his kindness and many
6 courtesies extended; and be it further resolved that a
7 copy of this resolution be presented to Rey Ruiz.

8 We're almost done. I have two -- I have two
9 left. Okay. With permission of Madame President, I have
10 a resolution to read as follows: Whereas, Elizabeth
11 Doidge, Department of California Secretary, deserves
12 special recognition for this first ever Department of
13 California Zoom meeting; and whereas, her expertise with
14 Zoom most definitely contributed to the success of this
15 again first time ever Zoom department convention;
16 therefore be it resolved that we express our deep
17 appreciation and sincere thanks for keeping all members
18 and guests present via Zoom on track for our 2021 ALA
19 Department Convention. And be it further resolved that a
20 copy of this resolution be sent to Liz Doidge.

21 And thank you for everything, Liz.

22 Congratulations. Great job.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you guys very
24 much.

25 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR KINTZER: Okay. And last, but

1 certainly not least, Madame Department President, may I
2 get your attention, please? Your full attention.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I am. Yes,
4 ma'am.

5 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR KINTZER: And no crying.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Easier said than
7 done.

8 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR KINTZER: We discourage a lot
9 of whereases, but in this case I make exceptions, so...
10 Whereas, Kathie Martinez, American Legion Auxiliary
11 Department of California President has not only given one,
12 but two unprecedented years of her time and commitment to
13 our organization during this pandemic craziness. And
14 whereas, Madame President did not envision a Zoom
15 convention to end her two-year term, rather, choosing this
16 path for the safety and wellbeing of our members. And
17 whereas, she has shown beyond capable leadership while
18 managing to maintain her sense of humor as she presents
19 our organization -- represents our organization, rather,
20 nationwide and throughout the great State of California.
21 Whereas, Madame President's theme of Celebrating 100 Years
22 of our History and Heritage has expanded an additional
23 year and continuing to celebrate this huge milestone.
24 And, whereas, Eagle One will go down in history as ALA
25 Department of California President for serving two terms

1 including the first ever Zoom convention will forever be
2 appreciated in her unrelenting dedication.

3 Now therefore it be resolved, that while there
4 are truly no words -- while there are truly no words to
5 show our love and appreciation, we, the members and guests
6 assembled at the first ever Zoom Department of California,
7 do express our deep love and appreciation to President
8 Kathie Martinez for her dedication and service to the
9 American Legion Auxiliary. And further be it resolved,
10 that we further show our true appreciation by a Zoom
11 standing ovation; and be it further resolved that a copy
12 of this resolution be sent to Department President Kathie
13 Martinez and the American Legion Department Office.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. I could
16 hug you all. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

17 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Good job,
18 Kathie. Two years of dedicated time. Two years. I could
19 hardly do one. Are you kidding me? Two years. Thank
20 you, thank you, thank you.

21 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR KINTZER: Madame President?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes, Cyd.

23 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR KINTZER: I'm grateful, I
24 think, and I thank you for entrusting me with the
25 appointment of Department Resolutions Chairman.

1 Respectfully and much love. Now I'm going to go find a
2 real one of these.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yeah, we won't be
4 far behind you, I guarantee. Thank you, thank you, thank
5 you.

6 All right, ladies. We have one final order of
7 business to go. I found page 2. If Madame Secretary --

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Two years later?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yeah, really.
10 Two years, two days, yeah. Madame Secretary, will you
11 please read the minutes of the DEC held January 16, 2021
12 via Zoom and the preconvention executive meeting held June
13 24th, 2021 via Zoom.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

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16 **READING OF MINUTES**

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18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: The Department
19 Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting was held via Zoom on
20 January 16th, 2021. President Kathie Martinez called the
21 meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Roll call showed that there
22 was a quorum.

23 Treasurer Ruby Kapsalis moved that the credit
24 memos will have one expiration date of June 15th. All
25 units with unused or expired credit memos on June 15th

1 will be used -- will be issued a check for the total of
2 all unused credit memos the Department has on file.

3 Motion was seconded and carried.

4 Finance Committee Chairman Martha Romano moved
5 that we accept the auditor's report as read. Motion
6 seconded and carried.

7 Americanism Chairman Tamra Duron moved the
8 acceptance of these Americanism essay titles for the
9 2021-2022 school year. Motion seconded and carried.
10 2021-2022 essay titles. Class 1, grades four and five:
11 Why I Am Proud to Be an American. Class 2, grades six and
12 seven: My Duties as a Student in America. Class 3, grade
13 eight and nine: What is the Cost of Freedom? Class 4,
14 grades 10 through 12, What is Democracy? And class 5,
15 special needs, How Can I Make a Difference in My
16 Community?

17 Girls State Tammy Sollazzo move that we accept
18 the Girls State budget as read. Motion seconded and
19 carried.

20 The following motions were made by their
21 respective district presidents, seconded, and carried.
22 District 1, Unit 529 Hopland, removed from probation.
23 District 4, Unit 17 Chico, charter was revoked. District
24 8, Unit 510 was placed on until June of 2021. District
25 11, Unit 108 Amador was to remain on probation until June

1 of 2021. District 11, Unit 172, the charter was revoked.
2 District 13, Unit 318 was placed on probation until June
3 2021. District 13, Unit 791 was placed on probation until
4 June of 2021. District 14, Unit 511 State Center was
5 removed from probation.

6 District 18, Unit 247 remained on probation until
7 June of 2021. District 18, Unit 279 charter was revoked.
8 District 18, Unit 397 remain on probation until June of
9 2021. District 19 Unit 134 City of Paramount remain on
10 probation until June of 2021. District 19, Unit 411
11 Rivera was placed on probation until June of 2021.

12 District 21, Unit 428 San Gorgonio Pass was
13 removed from probation. District 23, Unit 639 Dorie
14 Miller was removed from probation. District 27, Unit 636
15 was -- the charter was revoked. District 29, Unit 679
16 Richard M. Nixon remains on probation until June of 2021.
17 District 30, Unit 802 Quenchan remains on probation until
18 June of 2021.

19 Endorsements of candidates for the 2021-22 year
20 were Department President Dee Ann Graham, Department Vice
21 President Gloria Williams, and Department Junior Member of
22 Finance will remain open until convention.

23 New business. Kay Orcutt, Senior Member of
24 Finance has stepped down, so nominations were opened for
25 Senior Member of Finance. Melanie Taylor nominated Linda

1 Workman for Senior Member of Finance. Motion seconded and
2 carried. Kathie Martinez administered the oath for Senior
3 Member of Finance.

4 Vice President Dee Ann Graham moved to reorder
5 the Department President pins to reflect the year
6 2021-2022. Motion seconded and carried.

7 Martha Romano moved that Roberta Ehlers be
8 retained as the convention court reporter for the 2021
9 Visalia Convention. Motion seconded and carried.

10 There being no further business to come before
11 the meeting, it was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. Elizabeth
12 Doidge, Secretary.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Is there a motion
14 to move acceptance?

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I move we
16 accept the minutes as read.

17 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Second.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
19 and seconded --

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Sorry. Anita
21 Biggs, District 23. I have to do what I say.

22 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE OLIPHANT: Sorry. Cindy,
23 District 14.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
25 and seconded to accept the minutes of the Mid-Year

1 Executive Committee held January 16, 2021 via Zoom. Is
2 there any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: All those in
5 favor, just say aye because we're out of polls.

6 DELEGATES: Aye.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. I think we
8 got it.

9 Ladies, everybody back on mute. Thank you.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Did you do opposed?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: All those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Motion carried.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Now I'll do June
17 24th. Department Executive Committee was held via Zoom on
18 June 24th, 2021. President Kathie Martinez called the
19 meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Roll call showed there was
20 a quorum present. The following motions were made by the
21 respective district presidents, seconded, and carried.

22 District 4, Unit 804 Linda was placed on
23 probation until June of 2021. District 5, Unit 21
24 Theodore Roosevelt was placed on probation until June
25 of -- oh, shoot. It needs to be January of 2022.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: If you are not
2 muted, please mute.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 5, Unit 21
4 Theodore Roosevelt was placed on probation until January
5 of 2022. District 5, Unit 101 placed on probation until
6 January of 2022. District 5, Unit 194 Tredway placed on
7 probation -- placed on probation until January of 2022.
8 District 5, Unit 199 St. Helena placed on probation until
9 January of 2022. District 5, Unit 550 Mare Island Navy
10 Yard placed on probation until January of 2022.

11 District 8, Unit 510 General Hunter Liggett
12 charter was revoked. District 9, Unit 202 Roy Frerichs
13 was placed on probation until January of 2022. District
14 11, Unit 108 Amador was to remain on probation until
15 January of 2022. District 11, Unit 798 Manuel A. Roxas is
16 surrendering charter. District 12, Unit 91 George J.
17 Hatfield is placed on probation until January of 2022.

18 District 13, Unit 318 is remaining on probation
19 until January 2022. District 13, Unit 791 Mayfair is
20 remaining on probation until January 2022. District 16,
21 Unit 49 is placed on probation until January of 2022.
22 District 18, Unit 247 Arcadia is charter revoked.
23 District 18, Unit 397 Monterey Park is remain on probation
24 until June of 2021. District 19, Unit 134 City of
25 Paramount is placed on probation until January of 2021.

1 District 19, Unit 352 Gilbert Lindsay is placed on until
2 January 2022. District 19, Unit 411 Rivera is remain on
3 probation until June of 20 -- January of 2022.

4 District 21, Unit 428 San Gorgonio Pass placed on
5 probation until January 2022. District 21, Unit 852
6 Temecula-Murrieta Valley is placed on probation until
7 January of 2022. District 25, Unit 426 is placed on
8 probation until January of 2022. District 29, Unit 72
9 Anaheim is placed on probation until January of 2022.
10 District 29, Unit 354 Buena Park is placed on probation
11 until January 2022. District 29, Unit 679 Richard M.
12 Nixon is to remain on probation until January of 2022.
13 And District 30, Unit 802 -- I put Wanda Hylton instead of
14 the unit name -- is to remain on probation until January
15 of 2022.

16 There being no further business, this meeting was
17 adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

18 DISTRICT 19 SECOND VICE CHAIR BULLARD: Becky
19 Bullard, District 19. 411 was taken off of probation by
20 Rita Lambert.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I believe she is
22 correct.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DODGE: 411?

24 DISTRICT 19 SECOND VICE CHAIR BULLARD: Yes.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DODGE: Okay.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: That was a
2 last-minute change from the records that I had, so --

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

5 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HARVEY: Cece Harvey,
6 District 13.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

8 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HARVEY: 791 Mayfair was
9 taken off probation.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay.

11 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HARVEY: That's all.

12 Willow Glenn still stay on probation.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay.

14 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HARVEY: Thank you.

15 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Carol Borgman,
16 District 29.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

18 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: 679 should not be
19 on probation.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay.

21 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Madame
22 President, and I don't want to be picky, but I think we
23 need to wait until the president asks if there's any
24 additions or corrections. But for everybody to just start
25 to talk is not going to help the -- yeah, I'm sorry,

1 Kathie, but --

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you. No,
3 thank you.

4 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Yeah.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: To the district
6 presidents, are there any changes or directions to these
7 minutes?

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Carol Borgman, we
9 were unable to get you on the DEC meeting and so I was --

10 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Yes. Carol
11 Borgman, District 29 --

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

13 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: -- President.
14 Yeah, because I was out in the waiting room and I couldn't
15 get in because of the technical problems. But --

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay.

17 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: -- is there any
18 way that -- because I really don't want them on probation.
19 They're doing great.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 679 is being
21 removed from probation. Okay.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Are there any
23 other corrections to these minutes?

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madame
25 President?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Anita Biggs,
3 District 23. Are you stating that you are removing,
4 you're going to remove District 29, Unit 679 from
5 probation? You're reading minutes and then in the DEC
6 they were placed on probation. They remained on
7 probation, rather.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Go ahead, Liz.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Carol was unable to
10 attend the meeting. She's been having technical
11 difficulties all convention. 679 was already on probation
12 so we decided to go ahead and leave them on probation
13 since we didn't have any guidance about them.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Right.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Now she's saying
16 that her intention was to remove them.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: But we'd have
18 to vote on that. And we're doing minutes, and so it would
19 stand as on probation unless we decided to vote to remove
20 them from probation.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Oh, I see.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We're just
23 doing minutes. That already happened.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. I'm sorry,
25 Carol. Okay.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Same with -- no,
2 Rita did remove 411.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those other
4 ones were right, Madame President. They were recorded
5 incorrectly. If they're recorded incorrectly -- because
6 Rivera, 411 Rivera was removed from probation.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah, I put it
8 wrong on my paper.

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You had it
10 wrong, but if it was read right, you can't change it like
11 that.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I've got 791 and
13 411, I transcribed from my notes incorrectly.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Right.

15 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madame Department
16 President, Ruby Kapsalis, District 28. Carol Borgman can
17 amend the minutes and take them off probation after the
18 minutes are read. She can -- she can amend it to state
19 that 679 will be removed from probation.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. So is
21 Carol going to amend these minutes?

22 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Yeah, so I'm
23 waiting for you to call me. Carol Borgman, District 29.
24 I would like to amend the minutes to take 679 off of
25 probation.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madame
2 President, point of order. Anita Biggs, District 23. You
3 can't amend it. That's happened. Ruby was stating, if
4 I'm correct, we have to carry out the minutes and then
5 Carol Borgman can vote, she can bring up a motion to take
6 them off probation. This is a convention so we can vote
7 on that.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. So we have
9 to approve the minutes first.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: As amended
11 because she made other mistakes. But you can't amend what
12 really happened --

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Gotcha.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: -- and change
15 it.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Gotcha. Okay.
17 So the minutes --

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I move that we
19 accept the minutes as corrected.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay.
21 Seconded.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It has been moved
23 and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. All
24 those in favor?

25 DELEGATES: Aye.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I'm muted. Okay.
2 Now, Anita, now we ask -- we approved them as corrected.
3 Now Carol can come in and ask for them to be amended;
4 correct?

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Correct.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Carol?

7 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Carol Borgman,
8 District 29.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

10 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: I would like to
11 have the minutes amended.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: No, no. "I
13 move that." You can move to remove that unit from
14 probation.

15 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: To take 679 off
16 probation. Can you hear me?

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Barely, but I
18 second.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. It has
20 been moved and seconded to remove Unit 679 from probation.
21 Is there any discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: All those in
24 favor.

25 DELEGATES: Aye.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: All right,
2 ladies. Motion has carried.

3 Okay. Ladies, we're there. Dee Ann? Dee Ann?
4 Where is Madame President Elect?

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I'm at Post 26
6 moving chairs.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: She's hiding.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Is there anything
9 that you need to let those that are going to be in
10 attendance at the installation tomorrow know?

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yes. The
12 doors will be opened at 10:00 o'clock. We will have a
13 continental breakfast and then we'll reconvene at 12:00;
14 correct?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Do you
16 want to let us know what your theme is?

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Oh, I don't
18 know. I don't know.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Do you want us to
20 wear something particular?

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: The theme is
22 surfing and we're California surfer girls. So come
23 comfortable. It's hot in Bakersfield. But we have the
24 air on going all night so you may need to enjoy a little
25 bit of coldness when you come in.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: All righty.

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Dee Ann, I
3 won't be there, but I have my shirt already.

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Oh, surfer
5 girl. I love that. That's cool.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. Ladies --

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I look forward
8 to hosting everybody and enjoy the day of festivities.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

10 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR SCHULTZ: Madame
11 President?

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

13 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR SCHULTZ: I'm sorry. This
14 is Glenda, District 7. On your agenda you had to elect a
15 Secretary and Treasurer. Did we do that?

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: That's after
17 installation.

18 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR SCHULTZ: Okay. I just
19 saw it on the agenda.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: That's after
21 installation.

22 Okay. I want to thank you all for attending our
23 101st Convention year. You have all made this experience
24 one that I will have a lifetime of memories to keep going
25 over and over again. We will now be in recess until the

1 installation of the 2021-2022 officers at noon tomorrow.
2 Our business is conducted, ladies. Thank you, thank you,
3 thank you.

4 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention
5 was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.)
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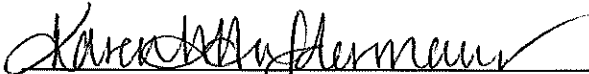
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5 I, Karen A. Aufdermaur, a Certified Shorthand
6 Reporter in the State of California, holding Certificate
7 Number 10919, do hereby certify that the American Legion
8 Auxiliary - Department of California 101st Annual
9 Convention was taken Saturday, June 26, 2021, at the time
10 and place set forth on the first page hereof.

11 That upon the taking of the meeting, the words of
12 the American Legion Auxiliary - Department of California
13 100th Annual Convention members were written down by me in
14 stenotypy and thereafter transcribed by computer under my
15 supervision; that the foregoing is a true and correct
16 transcript of the oratory given by the American Legion
17 Auxiliary - Department of California 101st Annual
18 Convention members.

19 I further certify that I am neither counsel for
20 nor in any way related to any party to said meeting, nor
21 in any way interested in the result or outcome thereof.

22 Dated this 15th day of July, 2021, at Modesto,
23 California.

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25 Karen A. Aufdermaur, CSR No. 10919