

Proposal – Article 5, Committees and Their Duties, Section 2 (a)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Section 2. Structure and Appointments - The Standing Committees and Commission shall be grouped as follows: (a) Patriotic Education - Americanism, American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Administrative, American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Education, Junior Activities, Legislative and National Security;</p>	<p>Section 2. Structure and Appointments - The Standing Committees and Commission shall be grouped as follows: (a) Patriotic Education – Americanism, American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State Administrative, American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Education, Junior Activities, Legislative and National Security;</p>	<p>Section 2. Structure and Appointments - The Standing Committees and Commission shall be grouped as follows: (a) Patriotic Education - Americanism, American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State, Junior Activities, Legislative and National Security;</p>

Proposed by: Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Rationale: These two Committee are now merged into one Committee.

Proposal – Article 5, Committees and Their Duties, Section 1

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Section 1. The Department President shall name such committee Chairmen as the Department President shall deem advisable, subject to the ratification of the Department Executive Board. There shall be the following Department Standing Committees: Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children and Youth, Community Service, Constitution and Bylaws, Education, Finance, Gold Star, American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State Administrative Committee, American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State Education Committee, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative, Membership, National Security, Past Presidents Parley, Poppy, Public Relations and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.</p>	<p>Section 1. The Department President shall name such committee Chairmen as the Department President shall deem advisable, subject to the ratification of the Department Executive Board. There shall be the following Department Standing Committees: Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children and Youth, Community Service, Constitution and Bylaws, Education, Finance, Gold Star, American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State Administrative Committee, American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State Education Committee, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative, Membership, National Security, Past Presidents Parley, Poppy, Public Relations and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.</p>	<p>Section 1. The Department President shall name such committee Chairmen as the Department President shall deem advisable, subject to the ratification of the Department Executive Board. There shall be the following Department Standing Committees: Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children and Youth, Community Service, Constitution and Bylaws, Education, Finance, Gold Star, American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative, Membership, National Security, Past Presidents Parley, Poppy, Public Relations and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.</p>

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Proposal Article V- Committees and Their Duties, Section 3, Article (g)

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<p>(g) The Education Committee shall ascertain and furnish the Units information relating to special benefits available to veterans and their children. This committee shall be composed of five (5) members, including the Department President and Department First Vice President. One member shall be ratified to fill a three (3) year term by the Board of Directors at the first regular Board Meeting of the year, the other two (2) members, previously appointed, to serve in the next lower tenure brackets. The Chairman shall be named by the Department President. The Department Secretary shall be ex-officio Secretary, the Department Treasurer shall be ex-officio Treasurer, and the Department Bookkeeper shall be ex-officio Bookkeeper, and full and complete records shall be kept by them, said funds to be kept separate from all other monies.</p>	<p>(g)The Education Committee shall ascertain and furnish the Units information relating to special benefits available to veterans and their children. This committee shall be composed of five (5) members, including the Department President and Department First Vice President. One member shall be ratified to fill a three (3) year term by the Board of Directors at the first regular Board Meeting of the year, the other two (2) members, previously appointed, to serve in the next lower tenure brackets. The Chairman shall be named by the Department President. The Department Secretary shall be ex-officio Secretary, the Department Treasurer shall be ex-officio Treasurer, and the Department Bookkeeper shall be ex-officio Bookkeeper, and full and complete records shall be kept by them, said funds to be kept separate from all other monies.</p>	<p>(g) The Education Committee shall ascertain and furnish the Units information relating to special benefits available to veterans and their children. This committee shall be composed of five (5) members, including the Department President and Department First Vice President. One member shall be ratified to fill a three (3) year term at the first regular Board Meeting of the year, the other two (2) members, previously appointed, to serve in the next lower tenure brackets.</p>

Proposed by: Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Rationale: This would make this Committee conform to our Committee structure.

Proposal – Article V, Committees and Their Duties; Section 3, Duties of Committees; Articles (i) and (j)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>(f) The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Administrative Committee shall serve as members of the American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State Committee as detailed in Article VI, Section 1 (a) and shall be responsible for the administrative portion of the Department’s yearly government and citizenship instructive seminar. This Committee shall be composed of five members with the Chairman serving as American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Director.</p> <p>(g) The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Education Committee shall serve as members of the American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State Committee as detailed in Article VI, Section 1 (a) and shall be responsible for the educational portion of the Department’s yearly government and citizenship instructive seminar. This Committee shall be composed of five members with the Chairman serving as the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Dean of Education.</p>	<p>(f) The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Administrative Committee shall serve as members of the American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State Committee as detailed in Article VI, Section 1 (a) and shall be responsible for the administrative portion of the Department’s yearly government and citizenship instructive seminar. This Committee shall be composed of five members with the Chairman serving as American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Director.</p> <p>(g) The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Education Committee shall serve as members of the American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State Committee as detailed in Article VI, Section 1 (a) and shall be responsible for the educational portion of the Department’s yearly government and citizenship instructive seminar. This Committee shall be composed of five members with the Chairman serving as the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Dean of Education.</p>	

Proposed by: Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Rationale: American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State Committee is covered in Article VI

Proposal – Article V, Committees and Their Duties; Section 3, Duties of Committees; Article (o)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>(o) The Poppy Committee shall promote the distribution of veteran-made poppies throughout the Department. The committee shall be composed of five (5) members, one (1) representing each Division, together with the Chair, who shall be appointed by the Department President.</p>	<p>(o) The Poppy Committee shall promote the distribution of veteran-made poppies throughout the Department. The committee shall be composed of five (5) members, one (1) representing each Division, together with the Chair, who shall be appointed by the Department President.</p>	<p>(o) The Poppy Committee shall promote the distribution of veteran-made poppies throughout the Department.</p>

Proposed by: Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Rationale: This brings this Committee description in line with all others.

Proposal

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(b) Registration expense for delegates-at-large to the National Convention shall be paid from Department funds.	(b) Registration expense for delegates-at-large to the National Convention shall be paid from Department funds.	

Proposed by: Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Department no longer affords any delegates expense for registration. All delegates pay their own registration expense.

Proposal – Article VI, Convention and Meetings

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Section 3. Voting Body - The delegates to the Department Convention shall be as follows: Each Unit shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate; and for every fifty members or major fraction thereof, one other delegate and alternate shall be allowed, provided the current dues as fixed by the Bylaws have been received by the Department Treasurer thirty days prior to the date of the annual Convention. Units organized within this thirty-day period shall be entitled to representation in the Convention. Other voting members shall be the Department Officers, the National Executive Committee person, the Past Department Presidents, the Division Presidents, the Division Presidents-elect, the District Presidents, the District Presidents-elect, the Presidents and Presidents elect of County Organizations, the two Department Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms, the Chairmen of Standing and Convention Committees, the Service to Veterans/Hospital Director, the Holiday Gifts Chairman, the Department Hospital Representatives and Department Representatives at the State of Illinois Veterans Home.</p>	<p>Section 3. Voting Body - The delegates to the Department Convention shall be as follows: Each Unit shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate; and for every fifty members or major fraction thereof, one other delegate and alternate shall be allowed, provided the current dues as fixed by the Bylaws have been received by the Department Treasurer thirty days prior to the date of the annual Convention. Units organized within this thirty-day period shall be entitled to representation in the Convention. Other voting members shall be the Department Officers, the National Executive Committee person, the Past Department Presidents, the Division Presidents, the Division Presidents-elect, the District Presidents, the District Presidents-elect, the Presidents and Presidents elect of County Organizations, the two Department Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms, the Chairmen of Standing and Convention Committees, the Service to Veterans/Hospital Director, the Holiday Gifts Chairman, the Department Hospital V.A. Representatives and Department Representatives at the State of Illinois Veterans Homes.</p>	<p>Section 3. Voting Body - The delegates to the Department Convention shall be as follows: Each Unit shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate; and for every fifty members or major fraction thereof, one other delegate and alternate shall be allowed, provided the current dues as fixed by the Bylaws have been received by the Department Treasurer thirty days prior to the date of the annual Convention. Units organized within this thirty-day period shall be entitled to representation in the Convention. Other voting members shall be the Department Officers, the National Executive Committee person, the Past Department Presidents, the Division Presidents, the Division Presidents-elect, the District Presidents, the District Presidents-elect, the Presidents and Presidents elect of County Organizations, the two Department Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms, the Chairmen of Standing and Convention Committees, the Service to Veterans/Hospital Director, the Holiday Gifts Chairman, the Department V.A. Representatives and Department Representatives at State of Illinois Veterans Homes.</p>

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Proposed by: Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Rationale: VA Representatives now serve many outpatient clinics in addition to hospitals and we now have Department Representatives at several Illinois Veteran Homes.