



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan

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SUBJECT: 2020 AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT AND UNIT ELECTION GUIDANCE

From: Georgia Downs, Department President

Sharon Schulte, Department Constitution and Bylaws Chairman

To: District Presidents and Secretaries

Unit Presidents and Secretaries

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with updated information and guidance moving forward for your 2020 election of officer's process. Each District and Unit within the State of Michigan must decide what process to follow, keeping in mind the Executive Orders in place from Governor Whitmer. The Department took action to help the District/Units with a couple of choices.

The goal is to make this as clear as possible, but if you have any questions, please contact, Department Constitution and Bylaws Chairman, Sharon Schulte by phone at 586-778-7485 or by email at sharonschulte_sharon_7@msn.com.

First, we will start with some background information.

April 8, 2020

The Department American Legion was notified that the National Executive Committee passed a resolution cancelling the 2020 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky and the current National Officers would remain in place until the 2021 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. The resolution strongly urged the Departments and other Legion family organizations, including the Auxiliary, do the same.

Also on April 8, 2020 the Department Auxiliary received a communication from the National Auxiliary cancelling the National Auxiliary Convention, keeping the current National Officers in place until the closing of the 2021 National Convention in Phoenix. (Copy Attached)

April 10, 2020

The Department of Michigan Legion Executive Committee met on a conference call and approved a resolution to cancel the Department Convention in Kalamazoo and leaving the current Department Officers in place until the close of the 2021 Department Convention in Sault Ste. Marie, also strongly urging all Legion family organizations, including the Auxiliary to follow suit. They also approved a set of Emergency Constitution and Bylaws Provisions to facilitate the process.

April 22,2020

On Wednesday, April 22, 2020, the Auxiliary Department Executive Committee met on a conference call for the purpose of cancelling the Auxiliary Department Convention and maintaining the current officers and committee chairmen until the close of the 2021 Department Convention in Sault Ste. Marie. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Emergency Constitution and Bylaws Provisions

Under Michigan law, corporations and non-profits may have asset of emergency provisions in place in the event of State of Emergency Declarations. Because this type of emergency has never happened before, the Department followed the law and the example of the Legion to draft and approve emergency provisions.

These provisions give guidance to Districts and Units on how to hold elections under these conditions. Most Constitutions and Bylaws only have provisions for nominations and elections at a physical location; the emergency provisions allow alternate means of nominations and elections to take place. (Copy attached)

What do you and the District/Unit need to do?

Because of our non-profit status, your District and Unit must decide how to elect officers for the 2020-2021 year. You have two choices for action. It is up to the individual District/Unit.

1. Pass a resolution among the District/Unit Executive Committee members stated in your Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules, keeping the current slate of officers in place until the 2021 elections. We have included a sample that you can present to your Executive Committee and if it is approved, sign it, and keep with your meeting minutes. **OR**
2. Hold the election in accordance with the emergency provisions, either by conference call, email vote, mail vote, or a combination of the three, ensuring that members only cast one vote.

Note: The key to having voting other than in-person is to ensure every member who is qualified to vote is notified, and that it is properly tracked in some form that each member votes only once, and that the member is in good standing.

Keep accurate minutes of the proceedings you follow and how members voted. Documentation is critical if a member contests the slate of officers and the process; with proper documentation, you will be able to present the evidence of how the committee proceeded.

Send 2020-2021 Officer List to Department

After you have determined your officers, please send the list to Department even if the officers did not change. (Form Attached)

Additional Information

Department Awards will be presented at Fall Conference. No Convention doesn't mean we won't acknowledge all the effort and hard work of our members.

Department Scholarships will be awarded as usual

Department Chairmen are asked to submit their Annual Reports no later than June 15, 2020 to be included in a Book of Reports (probably digital)

Poppy Posters will be judged as usual and winners submitted to National for this year.

Poppy Scrapbooks and Handcrafts will be judged at Fall Conference

National is rolling most reports into a 2-year report for 2021. The details for each program can be found on the National Website

Thank you for your patience as we have worked through this process. The last few weeks have been difficult for all of us, but we hope to be back together soon. Please continue to work our mission in whatever ways are possible. Stay positive and stay safe.



American Legion Auxiliary

*A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans,
Military, and their Families*

April 8, 2020

TO: National Executive Committee Members, National Officers, National Chairmen, Past National Presidents

CC: Department Presidents; Department Secretaries

From: Kelly Circle, Executive Director

Re: Resolution notification

Dear ALA Members & Colleagues,

It is with mixed emotions, I share this information with you. Please see the attached Resolution of The American Legion in which the 2020 National Convention has been cancelled. As a result, the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention is also cancelled. After careful review of our Constitution & Bylaws and consulting with National Parliamentarian, Chris Dickey, the 2019-2020 National Officers, Chairmen, and Committee members will continue to serve in their roles until the 2021 National Convention or upon resignation. I've attached a copy of the relevant sections of our Constitution & Bylaws supporting this action.

This is certainly an unprecedented occurrence but not wholly unexpected given the circumstances of the pandemic. The health and safety of our membership is our top priority. Due to the uncertainty of the duration of the disease known as Coronavirus (COVID-19), and the numerous government regulations being enforced to contain it, our National President, Nicole Clapp, and National Vice President, Kathy Daudistel, respect and support the decision of The American Legion.

We realize this affects everyone in different ways. Yet another disruption to our lives and the things we look forward to, and count on, can cause stress on our mental and emotional well-being. Take this time to feel and process the emotions. Reach out to a friend or loved one and talk about your feelings, your fears, your hopes. Take the time you need to do that and know we are all in this together. Finally, let's make the most of this opportunity to set our course for the next century of service. Our current leaders are the best we could ask for to lead us through these turbulent times and the upcoming leadership is the best match to take us down our new path. We have strength, we have conviction, we have hope. We can do it and we will still celebrate our 100th Anniversary together at the 2021 National Convention in Phoenix.

Article VI

Section 1. The American Legion Auxiliary National Convention shall be held annually at the same time and place as the convention of The American Legion for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports, and transacting such other business as shall properly come before it.

Article IV

Section 2. The National Convention shall elect the following term limited national officers: National President, National Vice President, National Division Vice Presidents, National Chaplain, and National Historian. Each National Division Vice President shall serve without seniority. Such officers shall serve for one (1) term or until their successors are elected; a term shall start upon adjournment of the convention at which they are elected and end at the adjournment of the following National Convention.

Article IV

Section 3. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the National Vice President shall become President and shall assume the duties and authority of the office. Vacancies occurring between National Conventions in these offices other than National President shall be filled by election by the National Executive Committee, and any member of the American Legion Auxiliary, in good standing, shall be eligible for election to such vacancy, provided, however, that no Past National President, or Past National Vice President shall be elected to fill any vacancy in these respective offices.

The American Legion National Executive Committee

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Title: Cancellation of 2020 American Legion Convention in Louisville, Kentucky and Awarding of 2026 National Convention

Origin: Subcommittee on Resolutions

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2 of the National Constitution of The American Legion calls for a National Convention to conduct business at a location and time as determined by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2 of the National Constitution of The American Legion allows for the National Executive Committee of The American Legion to change such location and time for sufficient reasons to it appearing; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America and the world in general are currently experiencing a pandemic associated with the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) therefore causing communities, cities, states and the federal government to enact unprecedented emergency actions in order to contain and combat the impact and risks of spreading the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Upon the recommendations of the United States President, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) the emergency actions taken include, but are not limited to, restriction of mass gathering sizes, restrictions on unnecessary travel, closure of restaurants and other public gathering spaces, implementation of "social distancing" guidelines and an overall emphasis on personal hygiene and virus/germ abatement actions; and

WHEREAS, Numerous departments of The American Legion are contemplating the cancellation or postponement of their own Department Conventions, the primary purpose of which is to conduct the business of the department and elect officers and elect/appoint delegates to the national convention; and

WHEREAS, The governor of the State of Kentucky declared in Executive Order #2020-257 on March 25, 2020 that the State of Kentucky is in a public health emergency as a result of the COVID-19 requiring numerous actions to follow including that all people maintain safe social distancing, stay at home whenever possible and that hotels are used only for lodging as needed; and

WHEREAS, A gathering of the members of The American Legion at the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky would be in conflict with the imposed restrictions set by local and federal authorities and therefore place our members at an unnecessary health, safety and medical risk; and

WHEREAS, The Advisory Committee to the National Commander has thoroughly discussed the situation, weighed all options, and determined that the course of action herein recommended is the correct and prudent course for The American Legion at this time; and

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

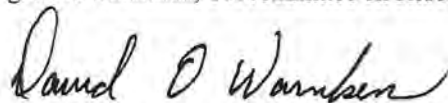
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Rejected ☐

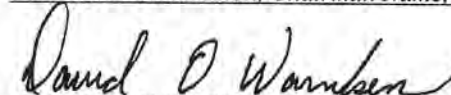
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Other Action ☐

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions



Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature


DAVID O. WARNKEN, Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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WHEREAS, The Chairman of the National Convention Commission and the Chairman of the National Finance Commission recommend approval of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, The community of Louisville, Kentucky, understands and agrees with this course of action; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, by electronic mail vote pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of the National Executive Committee, That due to the uncertainty of the duration of the disease known as Coronavirus (COVID-19), the numerous government regulations being enforced to contain it and concern for the safety of all members of the American Legion Family, the American Legion National Executive Committee (NEC) agrees that present circumstances constitute sufficient reasons to cancel the 2020 American Legion National Convention; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That due to these serious and sufficient reasons, the following American Legion events in Louisville, Kentucky, are cancelled: (1) the Pre-Convention National Executive Committee meeting scheduled for August 31, 2020; (2) The American Legion's 2020 National Convention scheduled for August 28–September 3, 2020; (3) the Post-Convention National Executive Committee meeting scheduled for September 3, 2020; and (4) all regular-scheduled national commission and committee meetings that would have been held in Louisville; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all nationally elected and appointed officers continue serving in their current positions until the close of the next National Convention scheduled in Phoenix, Arizona, from August 27 through September 2, 2021; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all national commission and/or committee chairpersons and the current commission and committee members continue serving in their current positions until they resign or are either reassigned or reappointed at the 2021 Fall Meetings scheduled in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 12–15, 2021; and, be it further

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

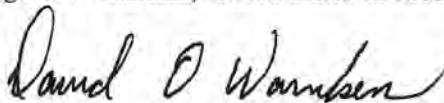
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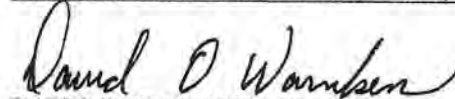
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Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions



Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature


DAVID O. WARNKEN, Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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Origin: Subcommittee on Resolutions

RESOLVED, That the National Executive Committee recommends that departments retain their current member of the NEC if they so desire until the post-Convention meeting of the NEC at the Phoenix, Arizona, National Convention on September 2, 2021; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That any resolutions needing to come before the American Legion National Executive Committee, including the re-adoption of our legislative agenda, with the exception of those legislative initiatives that the national Legislative Commission deems to have been fulfilled or are no longer relevant, may be brought forth to the National Executive Committee and subsequently considered and voted on by video meetings, electronic mail or any other allowed means prior to the 2020 Fall Meetings in Indianapolis, Indiana; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the per capita dues for the American Legion National Organization remain at \$18.50 for 2021; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That due to numerous health and safety reasons and needs of our members, the American Legion National Executive Committee strongly urges that the national Sons of The American Legion, the national American Legion Auxiliary and all American Legion departments follow a similar course of action, to-wit: (1) cancel their 2020 conventions and elections; and (2) maintain the status quo of their officers until next year; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That due to the community of Louisville, Kentucky, accommodating the American Legion 2020 National Convention's cancellation decision in such a prompt manner without penalty or other financial cost to The American Legion, the American Legion National Executive Committee is hereby awarding the 2026 National Convention to the community of Louisville, Kentucky, via the American Legion Department of Kentucky Convention Corporation.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

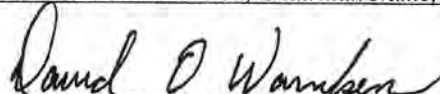
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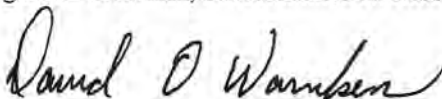
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DAVID O. WARNKEN, Chairman

Subcommittee on Resolutions

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions



American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Michigan

Emergency Constitution and Bylaw Provisions

These emergency Constitution and Bylaw provisions shall become effective upon declaration of a state of emergency by any federal, state or local authority, pursuant to MCL 450.2261 of the non-profit corporation act, MCL 450.2101, *et seq.*, and shall remain in effect for 60 days after the state of emergency is lifted, unless otherwise provided in the emergency bylaws.

These provisions supersede the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan only to the extent stated herein, and all other provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan shall remain in full force and effect.

CONSTITUTION

Article VI Department Convention

Section 1

a. The Legislative Body of this organization shall be a Department Convention, called pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Department Auxiliary except as modified by these emergency Constitution and Bylaws. In the event of a state of emergency declared by federal, state or local officials, the Department Executive Committee shall have the right to authorize Convention by alternate means, including but not exclusive to, video conference, voice conference call, or any other electronic means. The opening date of the convention shall remain the same date as previously established, however, the requirement for the physical location of the convention is superseded by the provisions for electronic convention.

b. In the event that the state of emergency is lifted prior to Convention, the Department Executive Committee shall determine whether an electronic meeting is still authorized. The Department Executive Committee is subject to immediate call upon lifting of the state of emergency, and the determination whether to authorize an electronic meeting shall be by majority vote.

c. If there exists a state of emergency, notification of the Department Convention shall be communicated by posting on the Department website and by U.S mail or email to each Unit and each Delegate at Large.

d. A majority vote shall be required upon all matters, unless otherwise specifically provided. Votes shall be recorded by District on all matters wherein a roll call shall be taken. Each District shall cast its vote in the manner to be provided by the rules of the convention, but no Delegate shall be prevented by any rule from casting their vote as they so desire. Alternates may

participate in the electronic Convention, however, standard voting rules apply. The Annual convention shall authorize the appointment of such committees as it deems proper.

Section 6 A quorum shall exist at Department Convention when there are present nine (9) or more Districts wholly or partially represented. Notwithstanding quorum requirements, delegates to the Convention may participate in the conference if they have submitted their forms as required.

BYLAWS

There are no Articles in the Department of Michigan Bylaws that require changes under a state of emergency.

STANDING RULES

District Organization and Bylaws- At the annual District Convention prior to Department Convention, the District shall elect a District President. She shall represent her District and serve as a member of the Department Executive Committee. One or more Vice Presidents shall be elected at this meeting. The Vice President(s), in order of precedence, shall serve as the District President's alternate in her absence. Department Headquarters must be notified of the names of those elected not more than forty-five (45) nor less than fifteen (15) days prior to the Department Convention.

In the event of an emergency, when said elections cannot be held in person, the District may elect to hold elections in one of the following manners:

a. The District may hold a meeting by means of remote communication, by either video conference or by voice conference call, to take a voice vote, if all of the following are met-

1. The District implements reasonable measures to verify that each person that is considered present and permitted to vote at the meeting by means of remote communication is a Unit member in the District and is in good standing and gives their member ID number found on their membership card and unit number.
2. The District implements reasonable measures to provide each District member a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting and to vote on matters submitted to the District members, including an opportunity to read or hear the proceedings of the meeting concurrently with the proceedings.
3. Nominations may be made during the electronic meeting.
4. If any member votes or takes other action at the meeting by means of remote communications a record of the vote or other action is maintained by the District.
5. Physical, in person quorums are waived. The quorum of the District remains the same as the current District bylaws. A sufficient number of Units signed into the remote communication will constitute a quorum.
6. The candidate with the majority vote will be considered elected.

b. The District may hold a vote by email if all of the following are met-

1. The District Secretary shall call for nominations prior to the election by electronic means, 20 days prior to the election.
2. Email nominations must be submitted to the District Secretary 14 days prior to election. No new nominations may be added after this date.
3. The proposed ballot containing all nominated candidates must be emailed to all Units 12 days prior to the election.
4. Any objections pertaining to omitted candidates must be made prior to 10 days before the election, and the finalized ballot must be emailed to the Units in the District 10 days prior to the election.
5. Members must include their member identification number and Unit number in the body of the email for the vote to be valid.
6. All votes must be submitted on the date of the election.
7. District Secretaries must verify that each vote is made by a member in good standing from a Unit in the District, and that each member or Unit has only voted one (1) time depending on the Districts' traditions.
8. Physical in-person quorums are waived. The quorum of the District remains the same as in the current district bylaws. A sufficient number of Units that send in email ballots will constitute a quorum.
9. The candidate with the majority vote will be considered elected.

c. The District may hold a mail vote if all the following are met-

1. The District Secretary shall call for nominations for election of District officers by means of U.S. mail 30 days prior to the election.
2. Nominations must be mailed to the District Secretary 21 days prior to election. No new nominations may be added after this date.
3. The proposed ballot must be mailed to the Units in good standing 14 days prior to the election.
4. Challenges to the ballot must be received by the District Secretary 7 days prior to the election, and the final ballot must be mailed to all Units in good standing 7 days prior to the election.
5. Member must provide their member identification number and Unit number on the ballot for their vote to be valid.
6. Ballots must be postmarked prior to or on the date of the election to be valid unless the Unit demonstrates that the ballot was not received prior to the election. Acceptance of any such ballot shall be at the discretion of the District.
7. District Secretaries must verify each vote is made by a member in good standing, and that each member or Unit has voted only one time depending on the Districts' tradition.

8. Physical in-person quorums are waived. The quorum of the District remains the same as in the current District bylaws. A sufficient number of Units that mail in ballots will constitute a quorum.
9. The candidate with the majority vote will be considered elected.

County Councils, for their emergency voting procedures shall follow the policies for districts.

UNIFORM UNIT CONSTITUTION

Article IV Unit Officers

There shall be a President, Vice President(s), Chaplain, Historian and Sergeant-at-Arms who shall be elected not less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of Department Convention and who shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected.

In the event of an emergency, when elections cannot be held in person, the Unit may elect to hold elections in one of the following manners:

a. The Unit may hold a meeting by means of remote communication, by either video conference or by voice conference call, to take a voice vote, if all of the following are met-

1. The Unit implements reasonable measures to verify that each person that is considered present and permitted to vote at the meeting by means of remote communication is a Unit member in good standing and gives their member ID number found on their membership card.
2. The Unit implements reasonable measures to provide each Unit member a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting and to vote on matters submitted to the Unit members, including the opportunity to read or hear the proceedings of the meeting concurrently with the proceedings.
3. Nominations may be made during the electronic meeting.
4. If any member votes or takes other action at the meeting by means of remote communication, a record of the vote or other action is maintained by the Unit.
5. Physical in-person quorums are waived. The quorum of the Unit remains the same as in the current Unit bylaws. A sufficient number of members signed into the remote communication will constitute a quorum.
6. The candidate with the majority vote will be considered elected.

b. The Unit may hold a vote by email if all of the following are met-

1. The Unit Secretary shall call for nominations prior to the election by electronic means, 20 days prior to the election.

2. Email nominations must be submitted to the Unit Secretary 14 days prior to election. No new nominations may be added after this date.
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5. Members must include their member identification number in the body of the email for the vote to be valid.
6. All votes must be submitted on the date of the election.
7. Unit Secretaries must verify that each vote is made by a member in good standing and that each member has only voted one (1 time).
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5. Member must provide their member identification number on the ballot for their vote to be valid.
6. Ballots must be postmarked prior to or on the date of the election to be valid unless the Unit member demonstrates that the ballot was not received prior to the election. Acceptance of any such ballot shall be at the discretion of the Unit.
7. Unit Secretaries must verify each vote is made by a member in good standing, and that each member has voted only one (1) time.
8. Physical in-person quorums are waived. The quorum of the Unit remains the same as in the current Unit bylaws. A sufficient number of members that mail in ballots will constitute a quorum.
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UNIFORM UNIT BYLAWS

Article VI Meetings

Section 1 There should be a minimum of nine (9) business meetings each year. In the event of a state of emergency, meetings may be held by remote communication, by either video conference or by voice conference call. Keep the agenda to necessary items only. You are encouraged to maintain communication by mail, email and social media in order to accomplish our mission.

Title: Cancellation of the 2020 American Legion Auxiliary Nominations and Elections

WHEREAS: The National Executive Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary voted to cancel the 2020 National Auxiliary Convention in Louisville, Kentucky and strongly urges all Departments to follow a similar course of action, to-wit: (1) cancel their 2020 conventions and elections; and (2) maintain the status quo of their officers until next year; and

WHEREAS: The United States of America and the world in general are currently experiencing a pandemic associated with the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID 19) therefore causing communities, cities, states and the federal government to enact unprecedented emergency actions in order to contain and combat the impact and risks of spreading the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: Upon the recommendation of the President of the United States, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) the emergency actions taken include, but are not limited to, restrictions of mass gathering sizes, restrictions of unnecessary travel, closure of restaurants and other public gathering places, implementation of "social distancing" guidelines and an overall emphasis on personal hygiene and virus/germ abatement actions; and

WHEREAS: Numerous Departments of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary are contemplating the cancellation or postponement of their own Department Conventions, the primary purpose of which is to conduct business of the Department, elect officers and elect/appoint delegates to National Convention; and

WHEREAS: Governor Whitmer has declared a state of emergency pursuant to Executive Order 2020-33 and

WHEREAS: under Executive Order 2020-33, the state of emergency is to continue until the effects of the emergency conditions no longer exist; and

WHEREAS: A gathering of the of the members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit/District _____ to nominate officers and conduct proper elections would be in conflict with the imposed restrictions set by the local, state and federal authorities and therefore place our members at unnecessary health, safety and medical risk; and

WHEREAS: A nomination process and election process via other means could be cost-prohibitive; and

WHEREAS: The District/Unit Executive Committee has thoroughly discussed the situation, weighed all options, and determined the course of action herein recommended is the correct and prudent course for American Legion Auxiliary District/Unit _____, at this time; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: By the Executive Committee of American Legion Auxiliary District/Unit _____ that all elected and appointed officers continue serving in their current positions until the 2021 nominations and election process; and, be it further

Resolved: That all committee chairpersons and current committee members continue serving in current positions until they resign or are either reassigned or reappointed at the first Executive Committee meeting after the 2021 election.

President

Secretary

Date Approved: _____



2020 – 2021 UNIT OFFICERS LIST (Please write clearly)

NOTE: Please fill in all areas. If you do not have someone currently elected/appointed, please provide name of who is currently serving in that capacity. **PLEASE RETURN EVEN IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR!!!**

Please mail to Department no later than June 1, 2020 212 N. Verlinden Ave., Ste. B, Lansing, MI 48915

UNIT NAME: _____ DISTRICT # _____ UNIT # _____

UNIT E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD: _____

(Example: 2nd Wednesday of every month except July)

UNIT PRESIDENT Name: _____ Member ID # _____

Address: _____ City: _____, ZIP: _____

Unit mailings are sent to the Unit President. If you would like someone else to receive them instead, please designate it in the "Unit Mailing" Section:

UNIT MAILING: Name: _____ Member ID # _____

Address: _____ City: _____, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

UNIT SECRETARY Name: _____ Member ID # _____

Address: _____ City: _____, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

UNIT TREASURER Name: _____ Member ID # _____

Address: _____ City: _____, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR Name: _____ Member ID# _____

Address: _____ City: _____, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ (required for on-line payments)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION UNIT CHAIRMAN: (AEF, Con/By-Laws, Historian, Leadership, Membership, PPP, Public Relations)

Name _____ Member ID# _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

FAMILY SUPPORT UNIT CHAIRMAN: (Americanism, Chaplain, Community Service, Education, Music)

Name _____ Member ID# _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

VETERAN/MILITARY SUPPORT & ADVOCACY UNIT CHAIRMAN: (VA&R, Legislative, Poppy, National Security)

Name _____ Member ID# _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT UNIT CHAIRMAN: (Children & Youth, Girls State, Junior Activities)

Name _____ Member ID# _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____



The American Legion Auxiliary is a family of sisters and now brothers that stick together even though we are going through challenging times with most of us honoring “staying at home order” and if possible, working from home. Despite the challenging environment with the Pandemic, we continue to grow our membership. Michigan is second in Central Division with 25,283 members reaching goal of 91.46% as of 4/1/2020 based on National reporting. Congratulations, members!!

All of you may not know that your membership chairperson, Anita Mennel, challenged Kansas in obtaining goal first. The prize being whoever wins the challenge will get to dress the losing Department President in a fashionable manner of their very own choice. Keep working hard Michiganders, so we can dress Kansas in a fashion of our choice!

I am so proud to be part of such a caring and giving organization. We stress taking care of our Veterans and their families; reliving Lincoln’s promise every day.

Thank you for all that you do and keep our soldiers and their families in your prayers. Stay home if you can and stay safe! Keep our Legion Family in your daily prayers. God Bless!

Georgia Downs

President

ALA Department of Michigan

Dear Auxiliary Members,

Many questions have been coming into department about Poppy Days for this year. Our official Poppy Day will never change as it is set by national. This is traditionally designated as the Friday before Memorial Day each year. Your local Poppy Day, (when you offer poppies for donations), may be held on the national date, however, these dates may vary from unit to unit as necessary.

Please remember that there are no refunds/returns on your Poppy purchases. These poppies are made by our veterans and they work hard for their Poppy wages. We understand units may not be able to have “normal” Poppy Day routines this year due to the public safety issues surrounding the COVID – 19 virus. The safety of everyone is the highest priority right now, so we need to think outside of the box more than ever this year. Units, Posts, Squadrons and Chapters are encouraged to be creative this year. Every penny makes a difference in the lives of our veterans. If you decide to use the internet for your Poppy Day activities, please be careful as there may be fees associated with some online methods such as Go Fund Me campaigns where a portion of the money raised

is kept by the host organization. **Any activity, fundraiser or event that keeps a portion of the donations generated by Poppy Day is strictly prohibited.**

Some other ideas would include unit mailings or email blasts to our Legion family asking them to send their Poppy donations directly to your unit secretary/treasurer and calling our Legion family to ask for individual poppy donations. These methods also give you an opportunity to check-in on your members and their well-being.

Another option is to have your membership hold onto all those returnable bottles and then donate the funds when they're able to return them to the stores for the deposit. Make it a "Pop for Poppy" drive and include your Juniors and young SAL members.

Our members have and always will be there for our veterans whenever they need us for the next 100 years.

In service To God and Country,

Connie Kovacs

Poppy Chairman

Check out the Virtual National Poppy Day Facebook Watch Party Friday, May 22 at 12:00-1:00pm.

May flowers!

Greetings! What a crazy time we are experiencing! COVID-19 will be a memory one day, and one we might want to put out of our mind, but I doubt that will easily happen. Membership doesn't stop for anything, and COVID-19 has only made more challenges. How is your unit handling this? At first, everything was just 'on hold', but we can't stay on hold any longer. So again, I ask, how are you coping?

I trust you all participated in the *one week of caring and sharing* AND reported your success! (Although I am still waiting for those stories) Wasn't that great timing???

Michigan has been working hard in the membership program, but let's not stop now, we are *SO CLOSE* to 100%! When was the last time we reached that? Big thank you to all those units who have already reached goal, and for those who are close, there is still time. Reach out thru your local newspaper, call members that have yet to renew OR those that need to be reinstated.

I believe there is nothing that a person can be challenged with, that can't be accomplished **IF** the put their best effort into it. Are *you* putting your best effort forward? There is still time.

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Anita Mennel
2019-20 Membership Chair.