

Minutes for Department Convention June 26-28, 2015 held in Reno, Nevada

Friday, June 26, 2015 – Meeting began 8:08am at the Reception Room at the Nevada Governor's Mansion in Carson City, Nevada and was attended by the 2015 Delegates of Nevada Girls State

2nd Vice President Courtenay Burns opened the meeting with a prayer given by appointed Chaplain, Irma Manor. After the prayer the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted and the Preamble was read.

Following the usual opening, Special Guests of the meeting were introduced: Assemblywoman Amber Joiner from Reno and Assemblywoman Irene Bustamante-Adams from Las Vegas. Next, Auxiliary members were introduced. And finally, the Delegates of Nevada Girls State were introduced. NEC Glynis Seeley gave a small speech to the people assembled.

2nd Vice President Courtenay Burns recessed the meeting at 8:33am. The Convention was set to reconvene Saturday, June 27th, at 8:30am at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno.

Submitted electronically by Daela Gibson, Department Secretary/Treasurer.

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Saturday, June 27, 2015 - Meeting reconvened 8:42am

1st Vice President Gan Vance chaired the meeting as President Bethany Miner is in Pennsylvania with her mother who is ill. 1st Vice Gan read a letter from Bethany apologizing for being absent.

Roll Call of Units was taken. Units present were: 1, 8, 14, 18, 19, 30, 37, 40, 56, 60.

A call was made for any proposed Constitution & Bylaws changes. There were none.

1st Vice Gan asked for volunteers from the floor for people to serve on convention committees as requested in the Constitution & Bylaws. The two committees, Credentials and Elections, were filled as follows:

Credentials: Chair – Barbara Hopkins, Unit 37, District 4; Nancy Michalski, Unit 40, District 2; and Amanda Larkin, Unit 8, District 2.

Elections: Carol Lambert, Unit 60, District 2; Pat Salmen, Unit 18, District 4; Cher Wilson, Unit 60, District 2; Barbara Hopkins, Unit 37, District 4

District 2 President, Amanda Larkin, read her report.

District 4 President, Betty Sherwood, read her report.

At 9am a 20 minute recess was taken for units to caucus for nominations of officers.

9:20am convention reconvened. A reading of the **credentials** for each unit was given.

1st Vice Gan asked the Body if it was okay to change how nominations for officers was done. She requested that the Department Secretary/Treasurer read the list of people who submitted Letters of Intent and/or the list of people Units had submitted to Department Headquarters on the Announced Candidates Form. There were no objections. The Department Secretary/Treasurer announced which members had submitted letters of intent and for which office. Nominations for officers were made. The officers nominated were:

President:

Bethany Miner Unit 8

Historian:

Agnes Williams Unit 60

1st Vice President:

Gan Vance Unit 8

Chaplain:

Jeri Karwacki Unit 8

2nd Vice President:

Courtenay Burns Unit 1

Sgt at Arms:

Kendra Sherwood Unit 56

Secretary/Treasurer:

Daela Gibson Unit 1

National Executive Committeewoman:

Glynis Seeley Unit 8

Due to the election process we have, at the close of nominations those offices that are unopposed are automatically elected to those positions. No elections will be held on Sunday, June 28th.

1st Vice Gan discussed the need for the Department of Nevada to select and submit to National our candidate for Western Division National Vice President. It was agreed that we should select a candidate and an alternate. Nominations were opened and the following people were nominated and accepted the nomination:

Western Division National Vice President: Nancy Michalski
Alternate Western Division National Vice President: Glynis Seeley

There were no objections so the candidates were accepted.

The following Announcements and Guests visited the Convention throughout the day:

An announcement was made by Robyn Nichols about Reno, Nevada hosting the 2017-2018 National Convention.

Department Commander Mitch Roach came and spoke to the Auxiliary.

National Sons of the American Legion Commander Mike Moss came and spoke to the Auxiliary.

Hal Sherwood came and spoke about Hear Today, Learn Tomorrow and honored Unit 18 with an award for their continued support.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 10:20am. We reconvened at 11:45am.

The following reports were given throughout the day's business:

Americanism – Judy Cobb sent and it was handed out to all the units.

AEF – Hazel Lockhart

Children & Youth – Carol Lambert

Community Service – Sheila Beery-Burggraff

Constitution & Bylaws – Pat Salmen

Leadership – Barbara Hopkins

Legislative – Jeri Karwacki

National Security – Glynis Seeley

Past President's Parlay – Glynis Seeley

Poppy – Kendra Sherwood

Glynis Seeley did a presentation on the American Legion Auxiliary's Strategic Plan.

Daela read the minutes for Friday, June 26th. Nancy Michalski from Unit 40 moved to accept the minutes. Carol Lambert from Unit 60 seconded. Motion passed.

Daela read the minutes for Saturday, June 27th. Pat Salmen from Unit 18 moved to accept the minutes. Kendra Sherwood from Unit 56 seconded. Motion passed.

Recessed for the evening at 14:45. Meeting will reconvene Sunday, June 28th at 8:30am.

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Sunday, June 28, 2015 - Meeting reconvened 8:39am

Reports given throughout the morning:

Nevada Girls State – Courtenay Burns

Finance – Gan Vance

*New Department fund raiser idea, lapel pins, raised around \$80.00.

Membership – Daela Gibson

Daela discussed the changes to membership, renewals, paying online, and ALAMIS

Courtenay Burns and Daela Gibson, along with the other women of Unit 1, were thanked for putting on a great convention.

National Delegates selected were:

Glynis Seeley

Daela Gibson

Bethany Miner

Courtenay Burns

Pat Salmen

Due to the lack of delegates available, an email ask will be sent on to the units asking if they have any members who are interested/available to go to National Convention. Daela asked for special permission to be able to select people for delegates. Jan Clasen, Unit 16, moved to allow Daela permission to approve delegates. Nancy Michalski, Unit 40, seconded. There was no objection so the motion passed.

Chairs were read:

Americanism – Judy Cobb, Unit 14

AEF – Hazel Lockhart, Unit 14

Children & Youth – Barbara Stewart, Unit 30

Community Service – Sheila Beery-Burggraff,
Unit 18

Education – Carol Lambert, Unit 60

Finance – Gan Vance, Unit 8

Girls State Chair – Courtenay Burns, Unit 1

Girls State Director – Daela Gibson, Unit 1

Junior Activities – Nancy Warner (upon
acceptance), Unit 14

Leadership – Nancy Michalski, Unit 40

Legislative – Jeri Karwacki, Unit 8

Liaison Child Welfare Foundation – Barbara
Stewart, Unit 30

Membership – Courtenay Burns, Unit 1

National Security – Glynis Seeley, Unit 8

PPP – Glynis Seeley, Unit 8

Public Relations – Jo Rotter, Unit 18

Poppy – Kendra Sherwood, Unit 56

VA&R – Amanda Larkin, Unit 8

VAVS North – Betty Sherwood, Unit 56

VAVS South – Nancy Michalski, Unit 40

VAVS Deputy – Amanda Larkin, Unit 8

Installation of Officers was conducted by NEC Glynis Seeley

Chaplain Jeri Karwacki gave the closing prayer.

The minutes for the day were read, Glynis Seeley moved to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded. There were no objections so the minutes were accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42am.

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