

**American Legion Auxiliary
 Department of Colorado
 Post-Convention Department Executive Board Committee Meeting Minutes
 July 3, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.
 Crown Plaza, Denver, CO**

Closing of Convention	President Theresa Brandt officially closed the convention from yesterday
Call to order	<p>President Bettina Kossow called the meeting of the post-convention executive Committee to order at 9:45 am</p> <p>Chaplain <i>Judy Sadler</i> offered the prayer.</p> <p>President elect Janelle Mendelson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America</p> <p>Vice President Casey Rigerman led us in reciting the Preamble to the Constitution</p>
Roll Call	<p><i>Secretary Terry Lena</i> took the roll call. Beginning with the officers, those present:</p> <p>NEC – Laurie Kuntz President Bettina Kossow President Elect Janelle Mendelson Vice President Casey Rigerman Secretary Terry Lena Chaplain Judy Sadler Historian Nancy Diefenderfer Sergeant-at-Arms Crystal Babcock Immediate Past President Theresa Brandt</p> <p>NEC by Districts</p> <p>District 1 – They do not have a DEC only a President District 2 – They do not have a DEC only a President District 3 – Regina Prentice District 4 – Shelly McLatchie for Karen Boehler District 5 – Cat Apadaca for Janelle Mendelson District 6 – Deb Davis District 7 – Jackie Bowen District 8 – Pat Steranka District 9 – Pat Cooper District 10 – Absent District 11 – Absent District 12 – None listed</p>

	<p>District 13 – Jennifer Avery District 14 – No updated list</p> <p>Past Department Presidents present: Pat Steranka Susie Bozella Evelyn Espinola Ann Ritacco Laurie Kuntz Tracy Trujillo Theresa Brandt</p>
<p>Minutes approval Committee</p>	<p>President <i>Bettina Kossow</i> stated If there is no objection, Theresa Brandt, Pat Weaver, and Susie Bozella are appointed to the minute’s approval committee.</p> <p>There being no objections, the appointments to minutes approval committee have been approved.</p>
<p>Nomination and Appointment for two DEC’s to serve on the Department Executive Committee</p>	<p><i>President</i> – the next order of business is the appointment of two DEC’s to serve as the at-large members of the Executive Committee. The floor was open for nominations.</p> <p>Tracy Trujillo nominated Pat Steranka</p> <p>Laurie Kuntz nominated Deb Davis</p> <p>There being no further nominations, the chair declared the nominations closed. All were in favor; the chair declared Pat Steranka and Deb Davis appointed to the at large members of Executive Committee</p>
<p>Ratification of Committee Chairman Appointees.</p>	<p><i>President Bettina Kossow</i> stated that the next order of business was the ratification of committee chairman appointments. Copies of these appointments were distributed at the beginning of this meeting. She would like to add Edrie O’Brien and Chris Harvey to Audit Committee. Education second year member was still free. Deb Davis volunteered for that position. Membership approved the standing rules every 3 years incoming Vice President will appoint a member but Bettina would like to give Casey Rigerman time to come up with a nomination to</p>

	<p>be part of the Membership team consisting of Chair Nancy Diefenderfer and Shelly McLatchie.</p> <p>Chair makes a motion to ratify these appointments, Jackie Bowen seconded, all were in favor and the committee has been ratified.</p>
<p>Appointment of Department Secretary / Treasurer – Terry Rose Lena</p>	<p><i>President</i> – The Department Executive Committee has asked Terry Lena to remain as your Department Secretary / Treasurer.</p>
<p>Presentation of 2022-2023 Budget Finance Chair Pat Steranka</p>	<p><i>President</i> – The next order of business is the approval of the proposed budget for 2022-2023. Chairman Pat Steranka will present the proposed budget. Copies of this proposed budget were distributed before the meeting.</p>
<p>Adoption of Budget</p>	<p>Pat stated she had nothing to do with making this budget. We had discussed portions of it with all the DEC's</p> <p>Judy Sadler moved to add a line item 6450-1 to Standing Rules and put back the \$1500 for National Leadership training. Jackie Bowen seconded. There was no discussion. All were in favor, the motion carried.</p> <p>There is a new line for the Constant Contact email newsletter.</p> <p>The secretary has requested a reduction in pay of \$3,000. This is equivalent of 1 month of time. She explained nothing will change but time is more important than money and it allows her to be away from the office without questions.</p> <p>Questions regarding poppies 75% where the line item is. Janelle stated that the 75% of poppies going to national will be until 2024 and then revert back to original 25%. The secretary stated there is a separate account code for this.</p> <p>It was suggested that any unit folders not picked up to notify them that they must pay postage or wait until the district meeting.</p> <p>Discussion on poppy form and postage. The form now includes postage.</p>

	<p>Janelle questioned why the Girls State numbers do not have past year expenses. Ann stated the Girls State Committee went over these numbers and approved this budget. She also stated that we are still paying for the program and will have firm numbers soon. Pat Steranka stated that we approved the Finance budget as amended and we will approve the CGS budget later.</p> <p>Tracy questioned why scholarships are in the budget? It was noted that \$6,850 scholarships should be moved to a restricted account and should not be in general budget. Laurie Kuntz moved to remove scholarship Jackie Bowen seconded.</p> <p>Laurie made a motion to approve the general budget as amended. Pat seconded it. The budget has been approved.</p> <p>Judy moved to accept Girls State budget as presented, Pat Cooper seconded it. Janelle questioned how we can approve without the actual numbers. Tracy Trujillo clarified by saying what was spent as compared to what was approved Pat Weaver went over some of the line items such as tee shirts donated and penny wars pays for ice cream social, we had less girls. Laurie questioned about different venue. Ann Ritacco said they are already planning to visit different facilities to see if there was a good deal. The invoice received for UNC was less than anticipated and we received Daniels grant. Auction brought in \$1,566. We sold \$140 from canteen items, sold over \$200 in tee shirts just this weekend. We will not be raising delegate fees.</p> <p>Judy restated the motion to accept the Girls State budget as presented. All in favor say aye, ayes have it. The Girls State Budget has been approved.</p>
Oratorical Awards	<p>Tracy Trujillo announced awards on behalf of Terri Clinton to individuals who donated \$100 or more for the Oratorical. Unit 103, Unit 161, Unit</p>

	22, Unit 23, and Unit 178. PDC Terri Clinton donated in memory of Brandt Erickson has a plaque to present to his wife Diane. Deb Davis took the plaque to give to Diane.
Announcements	<p><i>President</i> – Department President’s theme is Colorado Family Serving Together Department Membership Chair’s theme is Racing to the Top Department President’s Project is Fisher House Denver</p> <p>President Bettina Kossow explained that her pins are for sale for a \$5 donation or 3 for \$10. The National ALA President Kathy Daudistel will visit Colorado July 17 -19. The 19th is dinner at Post 1.</p> <p>Also, the National Pre-convention meetings will be held prior to the convention via zoom. DEC Training 101 will be available via zoom July 9th at 1pm, watch email for invite.</p>
Closing Prayer	Chaplain <i>Judy Sadler</i> gave the closing prayer.
Adjournment <i>President Bettina Kossow</i>	President <i>Bettina Kossow</i> declared the meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.

Terry Rose Lena

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Department Secretary Treasurer

Date

Minutes’ Approval Committee

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