

**INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

The Meeting of the Internal Affairs Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen J. German at 1:30 p.m. at the ~~Board~~ Room in the Holiday Inn, Muskegon, Michigan.

*GOVERNORS*

**PRESENT:** Chairman Stephen J. German, Robert Mayrand, Howard Crumit and Ron McCall

**ABSENT:**

**GUESTS:** 18

Motion to elect Bob Mayrand Vice Chairman. Supported and approved.

Motion to elect Ron McCall Secretary. Supported and approved.

Previous minutes from the Winter Meeting were read and supported by 1<sup>st</sup> Crumit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mayrand. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Approved Changes to Legislative Rules of Procedure, Motion by Crumit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McCall, Passed

Approved changes to VA & R. Motion by Crumit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayrand. Passed.

Motion by Crumit, seconded by McCall to have Internal Affairs submit a Constitutional amendment combining the 1<sup>st</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Districts. Discussion ensued. The Internal Affairs Committee will be seeking input on this change between now and the Winter Meeting. *MOTION PASSED*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business, Motion to Adjourn by Crumit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayrand, Motion carried.

Chairman German adjourned the meeting at 1:58

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen J. German, Chairman



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**Additional Duties**

1 message

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Thu, Sep 21, 2017 at 10:56 PM

**PROPOSED ADDITIONAL DUTY OF CHAIRMAN  
VA&R COMMITTEE**

Motion made by Thomas Sheppard, 2nd by Tony Licari for additional duties to the RULES OF PROCEDURE, VA7R Committee, The American Legion Department of Michigan:

"The Chairman of his designated appointed representative of the VA&R Committee shall assist the Director of VA&R with the interview and selection of all office staff and field representatives."

**VOTE:**

DON HOWARD	YES	VIA	E-mail	19 SEP 17
TONY LICARI	YES	VIA	E-MAIL	19 SEP 17
THOMAS SHEPPARD	YES	VIA	E-MAIL	19 SEP 17
GARY BORDEAU	YES	VIA	EMAIL	19 SEP 17
ALFONSE VANHESE	YES	VIA	EMAIL	19 SEP 17

**Motion Pass**

*APPROVED*  
*[Signature]*

DON HOWARD  
Chairman  
VA&R Committee

*[Signature]*

## Legislative Committee Rules of Procedure

How it now reads: Subject to the Department Commander's discretion, with the approval of the Department Executive Committee, the Legislative Committee of the Department of Michigan will normally consist of three (3) regular members, with vote, and two alternate members, without vote, unless they serving in the absence of the regular member. The Department Commander and Department Adjutant shall be ex-officio members of the Legislative Committee.

Proposed Change the committee voted on and would like to take place as soon as possible. (Changes in Red)

Subject to the Department Commander's discretion, with the approval of the Department Executive Committee, the Legislative Committee of the Department of Michigan will normally consist of three (3) regular members, with vote, and two alternate members, without vote, unless they serving in the absence of the regular member. **One of the regular members will be appointed as the Chairman of the Legislative Committee by the Department Commander. The Department Public Relations Director shall be an ex-officio member of this committee, without a vote. The Department Public Relations Director will be the Legislative Liaison for all legislative matters unless otherwise agreed to in advance with the Chairman of the committee. The Department Public Relations Director shall also perform such other duties as assigned by the Commander and the Adjutant. At no time shall Legislative Committee meet at the same time as the Media & Communications Committee at Department Convention or Conference. The Department Commander with a vote and Department Adjutant without a vote shall be ex-officio members of the Legislative Committee.**

Approved  
SJS

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New change: Subject to the Department Commander's discretion, with the approval of the Department Executive Committee, the Legislative Committee of the Department of Michigan will normally consist of **five (5) members, one from each zone**, with vote, and two alternate members from **any zone**, without vote, unless they serving in the absence of the regular member. The Department Commander and Department Adjutant shall be ex-officio members of the Legislative Committee.

We request this change be approved now but go into effect in the 2018-2019 year of the Commander, for budget reasons. I would be willing to attend your Finance/ Personnel meeting at the fall conference at 9:00 am on Friday September 22, 2017 to give your committee the reason for this change. Respectfully Tim Poxson  
Legislative Committee Chair 2017-2018

Approved  
JEP