

CONVENTION ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting of the Department Convention Economic Committee was called to order by Rich Kryza, Chairman in Lansing, Michigan on June 19, 2009. The following people were present:

DISTRICTS:

COMMITTEE: Rich Kryza, Jerry Merrell, Ron Runyan

GUESTS: Mark Walker, National Economics' spokesperson.

MINUTES

Minutes read.

New Business:

American Legion Job Fairs – Through out Michigan

Also, American Legion Department sponsored in Saginaw and Midland

Next American Legion sponsored fair September 1st at Horizon Center, Saginaw

Hire vets First Campaign – On Going throughout the country

New Training funding and Tax credits for veterans

Veteran's preference – New forms – See Attached – five-year cap dropped!

Retired now get veterans preference. We did it! Now we need to have accountability.

Employer Support f Guard and Reserves (ESGR) American Legion supports Reemployment rights of returning veterans.

Economic Awards presented Friday afternoon 3pm

Large Employer: FedEx Grounds, Medium Employer: Industrial Maintenance

Small Employer: Michigan Institute Aviation technology

Local Vet Rep of Year: Ron Belcher, Lapeer and Conrad Herring Disable

Outreach Worker of the Year:

Best Veteran Office: Michigan Works! Waterford

Homeless Award: Goodwill, grand Rapids, MI

Older Worker: Michigan Older Workers Commission, Bay City

Disabled Veteran Award: Chesaning Post 212

Legion sits on State of Michigan Veterans Counsel, which works on seamless system to ensure veterans that return to Michigan get al help needed.

Michigan "Bill of Rights wallet Cards"

Legislative Guides

Economic Chair speaks in support of Veterans Service Offices at rally on steps of State Capital.

Good of the Order:

Thanks to Mark.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was move by Truskowski and supported by Hlavica that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.