

DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP STANDING COMMITTEE

June 18, 2009

The meeting of the Department Membership Committee was called to order at 12:00 PM, June 18, 2009, by Chairman Tim Hernandez, in Ballroom I of the Causeway Bay Hotel in Lansing, Michigan. The following people were present:

MEMBERS: Tim Hernandez, Membership Chairman
Bill Hafeman, U.P. Membership Director
Don Hatfield, 1st Zone Commander
Richard Dubay, 3rd Zone Commander
Tom Derenzy, 4th Zone Commander

GUESTS: There were 12 guests present.

It moved by Richard Dubay and supported by Jim Wallace to name Bill Hafeman as acting Secretary for this meeting. Vote taken, motion carried.

It was moved by Don Hatfield and supported by Richard Dubay to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2009 meeting of the Membership committee as read. Vote taken, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Hernandez reported that the latest membership report from National has Michigan in 13th place, up from 16th place in the previous report. Michigan is in second place in the Central Region. It was also reported that membership is down 253,000 nationwide as of the June 9, 2009 report. We have until July 29, 2009 to work on membership to achieve our 100% goal on the national level.

DMS: Chairman Hernandez reported that the final tally of DMS membership mailings was down considerably from last year. In 2008 the total mailing was 11,600. This year the 2009 DMS total mailings was only 3,306. Chairman Hernandez encouraged everyone to continue to seek out new Post 225 members and get them transferred into their local Posts.

Chairman Hernandez expressed his gratitude and thanks and that of the Membership Committee to everyone who worked on membership this year. He asked that everyone continue to promote the American Legion, its programs and benefits and through a concerted effort in community service and public relations our efforts may pay off in increased membership.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Hernandez, Membership Chairman