

DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP STANDING COMMITTEE
February 20, 2010

The meeting of the Department Membership Committee was called to order at 1:00 PM, February 20, 2010, by Chairman Tim Hernandez, in the Lexington Lansing Hotel (formerly Sheraton) at 925 S Creyts Rd, Lansing, MI

It was moved by U.P. Membership Director and supported by 4th Zone Commander Tom Brown to appoint Michael Buda as acting secretary, Vote taken, motion carried.

Roll call was taken and the following people were present:

MEMBERS: Tim Hernandez, Membership Chairman
Mike Bruntjens, U.P. Membership Director
Bernie Langlois, DMS Coordinator
Michael Buda, 1st Zone Commander
Charles Cox, 2nd Zone Commander
George Dolan, 3rd Zone Commander
Thomas Brown, 4th Zone Commander
Louis Oberle, 5th Zone Commander was excused

GUESTS: There were 22 guests present. Special guest, Department Commander Carnie Jackson, National Vice Commander Jim Morris of the great State of Ohio, National Executive Committeeman Darwin Krieger

MINUTES: The minutes of the Fall Conference were read, it was moved by Lynn Jolink of the 5TH District and supported by 3RD Zone Commander George Dolan to approve the minutes. Vote taken, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Hernandez read the minutes of the previous meeting. It was moved by Lynn Jolink and supported by 3RD Zone Commander George Dolan to accept the minutes of the Fall Conference 2009 meeting of the Membership Standing Committee as read, motion carried.

Chairman Hernandez reported that Michigan currently in 11th place at 87.703% He thanked everyone for a great job by one and all.

Hernandez also reported that the 2010 Membership Rally & Round Up will be conducted at the St. Helen Post416 on April 24, 2010 and hoped to see members there.

Chairman Hernandez stated that we were in good shape and was confident that we would meet our 90% target date. Hernandez noted that the 4th; 5th; 10th & 11th Districts had reached the 90% or better, also reminded all that membership and public relations go hand in hand

DMS: DMS Coordinator Bernie Langlois passed out DMS mail to the 18th, 1ST & 5TH Districts. Also, there were some transfers that the with cards do not include phone numbers, he suggested that Posts can call Department with the zip codes and get a green bar for members as well as eligible veterans to be contacted for increasing membership.

Special Guests: Department Commander Carnie Jackson paid a visit to our meeting and spoke on how he received a phone call from the National Commander stating that our state is at 87% and how well we do our work and thanked all for what we do, also, Commanders Jackson thanked all the Legionnaires for their determination in working to build our Department membership.

National Vice Commander Jim Morris

spoke on how Michigan is faced with 15% unemployment but membership is between 87 – 88% and how it will not take long in making it 100%. Jim's region has 7 states and he will be speaking at our D.E.C. meeting on new ideas for new members as well as the retention of our current members renewing their memberships.

There were many questions concerning the new No Smoking law and Policy that we will be following with many guests asking questions that pertain to the new law. In addition questions were asked about how the member data form lacks a check off box for Post to Post transfers. Also, concerns of the PUFL program and the new high cost sighting some younger member's rate being \$1600.00, Chairman Hernandez answered that the PUFL program is not a discounted membership and that National sets the rates they charge.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, a motion was made by Tom Brown, supported by Terry Montgomery to adjourn the meeting, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Tim Hernandez, Membership Chairman