

**Department Legislative Committee Meeting
September 22, 2006**

MEMBERS: Chairman, Michael Williams
Leonard White
John Shirkey

GUESTS: 7

Mr. White was elected vice chairman, and Mr. Shirkey was elected committee secretary.

Minutes:

It was moved by Shirkey and supported by White that the minutes of the June 15, 2006, meeting of the Department Legislative Committee be approved. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The committee reviewed the 2006 goals and agreed to retain the same for 2007. It was moved by White and supported by Shirkey to approve. Motion carried.

Bill 5853 and related subjects were discussed in meetings with the Speaker of the House and I am happy to announce through the efforts of the members of the Department of Michigan the Club Rule Bill recently passed the House of Representatives in a 102 to 4 vote.

New Business:

The committee discussed the renaming of the title of Legislative Committee Chairman to Legislative Affairs Chairman. The committee concurred with the change which will be sent to the Department Internal Affairs Committee for approval.

Both Michigan gubernatorial candidates, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and Dick DeVos accepted Department's invitation to provide their Veterans Position Statement for publication in the October issue of the Michigan Legionnaire in the spirit of The American Legion's "Get Out The Vote" program. The committee urges our membership to read their statements prior to Election Day as both candidates have provided important and meaningful statements.

National Executive Committeeman Kenneth Dittenber introduced Martin "Marty" Conatser, Leading National Commander candidate, to the committee.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Shirkey and supported by White that the meeting be adjourned at 11:15. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Michael L. Williams