

DEPARTMENT EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
February 16, 2007

The meeting of the Department Education and Scholarship Committee was called to order by Michael Gallaway, Acting Chairman due to illness of Department Chairman Roger Wall at 8:30 a.m. in Ballroom G of the Holiday Inn South in Lansing, Michigan. The following people were present:

MEMBERS: Michael Gallaway, Acting Chairman  
Ray Capouch  
James Atkinson  
Bernard Langlois  
Richard Robitaille

GUESTS: 2 Present

MINUTES: It was moved by Ray Capouch and supported by James Atkinson that the minutes from Fall Conference on September 22, 2006, of the Department Education and Scholarship Committee be approved. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Deadline date to register for the 2008 Oratorical contest will be January 4, 2008. Zone Oratorical contests will be completed by February 4, 2008, and the Department Oratorical contest to be held on February 23, 2008 at Department Headquarters in Lansing, Michigan.

Deadline date to send scholarships to an applicant's District Committeeman will be January 20, 2008, and the deadline date for District Committeemen to send scholarships to Department Headquarters will be February 8, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Mr. Atkinson and supported by Mr. Langlois to publicize the Teacher of the Year Award to all Posts and in any other publications the same as all the other American Legion programs such as Boys State, etc. Motion carried.

Mr. Langlois made a motion and supported by Mr. Capouch to change the Oratorical contest to The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program "A Constitutional Speech Contest" to reflect National's request. Motion carried. This is pursuant to the National Committee recommendation at the November 17, 2006, National Oratorical meeting.

Discussion on the Oratorical contest whether to hold during Winter Meeting or hold the contest on a separate date. Discussion on the subject raised concerns on the amount of rooms needed, people entering and leaving and cost of holding the event.

The recommendation is that we continue to have the Department Oratorical Contest at Department Headquarters as presently being done and not at Winter Meeting due to

interruptions. Also, this will show the contestants and their families a close-up look of the Department of Michigan Headquarters Office.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Mr. Robitaille and supported by Mr. Langlois that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

MICHAEL GALLAWAY  
Department Education and Scholarship  
Acting Chairman