

**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN  
107th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
JULY 16 - 19, 2026 – APPLETON, WI**

**Resolution: 4.2026**

**Subject: Americanism Consultants**

**Submitted by: Internal Affairs Committee**

**Referred to the Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments**

**RESOLUTION**

**Whereas**, The Programs of The American Legion Department of Wisconsin depend on dedicated volunteers and accurate program reports to be successful; and

**Whereas**, The most qualified person to report on programs would logically be the chair/leader of those programs; and

**Whereas**, The leaders of the Sons of the American Legion (Commander), The American Legion Boy State (Director) and American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin (Director) are not required to be members of The American Legion; and

**Whereas**, on October 3, 2025, and October 8, 2025, the National Judge Advocate issued a “Legal Opinion Memorandum” which stated “The SAL, as a program, is equivalent to an ALR chapter, Boys' and Girls' State, or Oratorical. All of them are Legion programs, but do not entitle participants or members to equal rights and privileges with veterans eligible for The American Legion membership or to privileges commensurate with members of the American Legion Auxiliary”; and

**Whereas**, Article III Section 6(a)ii) of the Bylaws defines the composition of the Americanism Committee as the following Program Chairs, which are appointed by the Department Commander; Americanism and Government Scholarship Program, Boy Scouts, County Youth Government, Education and Scholarship, Oratorical, Sons of The American Legion, Shooting Sports and the Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy. In addition, a Legionnaire representative as determined by each of the following; Badger Boys State, Inc.; the Wisconsin American Legion Baseball Association; and American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin, each of whom shall have voice and vote; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin assembled in Appleton, Wisconsin, July 16-19, 2026, Article III Section 6(l)ii) and Article XIV Section 3 of the Department Bylaws which currently reads:**

**“The Department Commander shall annually appoint a Program Chair for the Sons of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin from the ranks of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin”**

**Shall be amended to read:**

**“The Department Commander shall annually appoint a Legionnaire as Program Chair for the Sons of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin from the ranks of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin”; and, be it finally**

**Resolved, that Article III Section 6(a)iv) be added to the Bylaws to read:**

**“The following shall be consultants to the Americanism Committee: The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin Commander, Boy State Director and American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin Director.”**

**For Convention Committee Use**

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly acted upon by the department Convention held in Appleton, WI, July 2026.

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Chair or Secretary signature

Of Convention Committee on

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Refer to standing committee on \_\_\_\_\_

Other action \_\_\_\_\_

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