

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2024 Resolutions Meeting

Friday, May 31, 2024

10:00 AM

MINUTES

Bob Batty called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM with a salute to the Colors, Invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken with the following in attendance:

Bob Batty, Chair
Ted DeMicchi, Vice Chair
Denise Rohan, PNC, Ex-Officio
Roy Helms, Member
Wayne Jensen, Member
Al Richard, Member
David Gough, Member
Bob Shappell, DEC Liaison
Karl Stuvengen, Department Commander, Ex-Officio
Julie Muhle, Department Adjutant, Consultant

Excused:

Nicholas Lang, Department Judge Advocate

The Policy Committee reviewed twelve (12) resolutions to go before the 2024 Department Convention and made the following recommendations.

Resolutions 1.2024- Notify Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard Military Responders and Survivors of the Terrorist Attacks on 9/11/2001 at the Crash Sites in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington DC of their eligibility for the World Trade Center Health Program, the World Trade Center Victim Compensation Fund and help guide them through the application process.

Motion by Roy Helms, second by Denise Rohan that resolution 1.2024 is in proper form as amended. Motion Carried.

The first whereas clause added the word 'to' after responders and changed 'survivors to' to 'survivors of'.

Motion by Roy Helms, second by Wayne Jensen that resolution 1.2024 is germane to The American Legion. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Gough, second by Ted DeMicchi to recommend approval of resolution 1.2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ted DeMicchi, second by Al Richards to forward resolution 1.2024 to the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Convention Committee. Motion Carried.

Resolution 2.2024- Extend Access to Veterans Affairs benefits and healthcare for Military Responders and Survivors of the Terrorist Attacks on 9/11/2001 at the Crash Sites in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington DC.

Motion by Roy Helms, second by Ted DeMicchi that resolution 2.2024 is in proper form as amended. Motion Carried.

The second whereas clause added the word ‘to’ after responders and changed ‘survivors to’ to ‘survivors of’.

Motion by Wayne Jensen, second by Al Richards that resolution 2.2024 is germane to The American Legion. Motion Carried.

Motion by Bob Batty, second by Denise Rohan to recommend approval of resolution 2.2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ted DeMicchi, second by Wayne Jensen to forward resolution 2.2024 to the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Convention Committee. Motion Carried.

Resolution 3.2024- Special recognition of Auburndale School District for programming and curriculum that promotes the Four Pillars

Motion by David Gough, second by Bob Batty that resolution 3.2024 is in proper form. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wayne Jensen, second by David Gough that resolution 3.2024 is germane to The American Legion. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wayne Jensen, second by Ted DeMicchi to recommend approval of resolution 3.2024.

Denise stated that the last resolve clause needs to be removed, as it would not go to National.

Motion by Denise Rohan, second by Ted DeMicchi to remove the last resolve clause due to it being a Department Award. Motion Carried.

Motion Carried as amended.

Motion by Denise Rohan, second by Al Richards to forward resolution 3.2024 to the Resolutions Convention Committee. Motion Carried.

Resolution 4.2024- Amending Title 4 of the United States Code to provide for the display of United States Flags on the graves of veterans of the United States Armed Services

Motion by Roy Helms, second by Denise Rohan that resolution 4.2024 is in proper form. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wayne Jensen, second by Al Richards that resolution 4.2024 is germane to The American Legion. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ted DeMicchi, second by Al Richards to recommend approval of resolution 4.2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Al Richards, second by Ted DeMicchi to forward resolution 4.2024 to the Legislative Convention Committee. Motion Carried.

Resolution 5.2024- Opposition to The Reduction, Taxation or Elimination of Veterans' Benefits

Motion by Roy Helms, second by Denise Rohan that resolution 5.2024 is in proper form.

Bob Shappell questioned the word attacked in the whereas clause, due to national's rules regarding wording in resolutions. Denise Rohan stated that there was a National Resolution passed last year stating the same thing.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Denise Rohan, second by Ted DeMicchi that resolution 5.2024 is germane to The American Legion. Motion Carried.

Motion by Al Richards, second by Wayne Jensen to recommend rejection of resolution 5.2024, as resolution 20, passed at the 2023 National Convention, covers the same thing. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ted DeMicchi, second by Bob Batty to forward resolution 5.2024 to the Resolutions Convention Committee. Motion Carried.

Resolution 6.2024- Membership Committee Structure Change

Motion by Roy Helms, second by David Gough that resolution 6.2024 is in proper form. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ted DeMicchi, second by Al Richards that resolution 6.2024 is germane to The American Legion. Motion Carried.

Ted DeMicchi asked for clarification regarding 'must be represented at the membership meeting'. Denise suggested changing the wording to 'should'. Roy suggested the wording 'all Districts are encouraged to be'.

Motion by Wayne Jensen, second by David Gough to recommend Rejection of resolution 6.2024. Motion Carried.

Resolution was rejected due to the 2nd to the last resolve clause. Wayne Jensen stated that he is in favor of the current structure of the committee and that is why he made the motion.

Motion by David Gough, second by Roy Helms to reconsider the motion. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ted DeMicchi, second by David Gough to recommend Rejection of resolution 6.2024. Motion Carried.

Rejection due to current writing with recommendation to re-write the resolution with removal of the second resolve clause.

Motion by Ted DeMicchi, second Al Richards to forward resolution 6.2024 to the Constitutional Amendments Convention Committee. Motion Carried.

Resolution 7.2024- Wisconsin Recognition of Employer of the Year

Motion by Ted DeMicchi, second by Roy Helms that resolution 7.2024 is in proper form. Motion Carried.

Motion by Roy Helms, second by Bob Batty that resolution 7.2024 is germane to The American Legion. Motion Carried.

Denise explained the difference between the National Award and what this award could do. Anderson Window for example, cannot verify their percentage of veterans, which is a requirement for the National Award.

Motion by Ted DeMicchi, second by Wayne Jensen to recommend approval, with changes, of resolution 7.2024.

In final whereas clause change ‘Many of these employers will not be competitive in The American Legion National program because they have a percentage number of veteran employees that is not competitive in the National American Legion selection’ to ‘Many of these employers will not be competitive in The American Legion National program because they are unable to verify the percentage number of veteran employees that is competitive in the National American Legion selection’

In the first resolve clause change ‘Applications for the award shall be available in the Posts annual packets.’ to ‘Applications for the award shall be available on the Department Website, wilegion.org.’ and change ‘Chairman of the Veterans Employment Committee in’ to ‘Veterans Employment Chair on’.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Al Richards, second by Ted DeMicchi to forward resolution 7.2024 to the Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation Convention Committee. Motion Carried.

Resolution 8.2024- Chairman of Cremated Remains

Motion by David Gough, second by Denise Rohan that resolution 8.2024 is in proper form. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ted DeMicchi, second by Roy Helms that resolution 8.2024 is germane to The American Legion. Motion Carried.

Motion by Roy Helms, second by Al Richards to recommend consolidation of resolution 8.2024 with 9.2024. Motion Carried.

Resolution 9.2024- Unclaimed Veterans Cremated Remains Task Force Chair

Motion by Denise Rohan, second by Roy Helms that resolution 9.2024 is in proper form. Motion Carried.

Motion by Bob Batty, second by Al Richards that resolution 9.2024 is germane to The American Legion. Motion Carried.

Motion by Roy Helms, second by Ted DeMicchi to recommend approval of resolution 9.2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Al Richards, second by Denise Rohan to forward resolution 9.2024 to the Constitutional Amendments Convention Committee. Motion Carried.

Resolution 10.2024- Camp American Legion Committee

Motion by Roy Helms, second by Bob Batty that resolution 10.2024 is not in proper form. Motion Carried.

Not in proper form because the resolving clause does not state the current constitution and bylaws and how the full amended paragraph would read.

Motion by Roy Helms, second by Ted DeMicchi that resolution 10.2024 is germane to The American Legion. Motion Carried.

Motion by Al Richards, second by Ted DeMicchi to recommend rejection of resolution 10.2024. Motion Carried.

Rejection due to not being in proper form. Roy stated that it states in one place that they are 'being placed' on the committee, but in another says they are to be consultants.

Motion by Ted DeMicchi, second by Denise Rohan to forward resolution 10.2024 to the Constitutional Amendments Convention Committee. Motion Carried.

Resolution 11.2024- Host City

Motion by Ted DeMicchi, second by Al Richards that resolution 11.2024 is in proper form. Motion Carried.

Motion by Denise Rohan, second by David Gough that resolution 11.2024 is germane to The American Legion. Motion Carried.

Motion by Al Richards, second by Wayne Jensen to recommend approval of resolution 11.2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ted DeMicchi, second by Denise Rohan to forward resolution 11.2024 to the Resolutions Convention Committee. Motion Carried.

Resolution 12.2024- Host Hotel/Convention Center

Motion by Ted DeMicchi, second by David Gough that resolution 12.2024 is in proper form. Motion Carried.

Motion by Denise Rohan, second by Al Richards that resolution 12.2024 is germane to The American Legion. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ted DeMicchi, second by Wayne Jensen to recommend approval of resolution 12.2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Bob Batty, second by Al Richards to forward resolution 12.2024 to the Resolutions Convention Committee. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wayne Jensen, second by Ted DeMicchi to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting recessed to the call of the Commander at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted;

Bob Batty, Chair