

MINUTES
AMERICANISM COMMISSION
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 7, 2023, at 12:00 P.M.
Department Headquarters- VIRTUAL

1. Call to Order 12:00 P.M.
Chairman Rowe opened the meeting of the Department Americanism Commission at 12:00 P.M.
2. Salute to the Colors
The Colors were saluted.
3. Invocation by Melissa Fowle, 3rd District Chairwoman.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman Rowe led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Roll Call: Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

Members present:

Harold Landis, 1st District Chairman- PRESENT- IN PERSON
Thomas Tierney, 2nd District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Melissa Fowle, 3rd District Chairwoman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
Henry Knight Jr, 4th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Cheryl MacDonald, 5th District Chairwoman- NOT PRESENT
John Loudermilk, 6th District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
7th District Chairman- VACANT
Don Capps, 8th District Chairman- PRESENT- IN PERSON
William Dittebrand, 9th District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
Richard Houp, 10th District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
Thom Stan, 11th District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
Tom Rowe, Americanism Commission Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
Kevin Conlan, 13th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
John Life, 14th District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

6. Reading of Previous Minutes

Thom Stan, 11th District Chairman moved, seconded by William Dittebrand, 9th District Chairman to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

MOTION PASSED

7. Educator of the Year
 - a. Mike Hageman- D6
 - b. Eric Higgs- D9
 - c. Stuart Grunder- D10

Thom Stan, the 11th District Chairman motioned, seconded by John Life, 14th District Chairman, to disqualify Stuart Gunder from the 10th district since he did not have all the letters that he needed.

MOTION PASSED

Discussion was also had that the 9th District Chairman did not sign the paperwork.

Thom Stan, 11th District Chairman motioned, seconded by Richard Houpp, 10th District Chairman that the rules can be interpreted differently, so all applicants should be considered.

MOTION PASSED

Discussion was had about changing the rules and verbiage of the Educator of the Year packet for next year.

Harold Landis, 1st District Chairman- Mike Hageman D6
Melissa Fowle, 3rd District Chairwoman- Stuart Grunder D10
John Loudermilk, 6th District Chairman- Mike Hageman D6
Don Capps, 8th District Chairman- Eric Higgs D9
William Dittebrand, 9th District Chairman- Eric Higgs D9
Richard Houpp, 10th District Chairman- Stuart Grunder D10
Thom Stan, 11th District Chairman- Mike Hageman D6
Tom Rowe, Americanism Commission Chairman- Stuart Grunder D10
John Life, 14th District Chairman- Stuart Grunder D10

D6-3
D9- 2
D10- 4

Thom Stan, 11th District Chairman motioned, seconded by Melissa Fowle, 3rd District Chairwoman seconds to accept Stuart Grunder form the 10th District as the 2023-2024 Educator of the Year.

MOTION PASSED

8. Unfinished Business- None
9. New Business- Discussion was had about editing the Educator of the Year packet. The commission agreed to edit that at the spring meeting in person.
10. Good of the Legion- selections for the A&G test judging. Since it is an even year, the even districts are selected.

Judges- District 6, District 14, District 12, District 8. Alternates- District 2, District 10, District 4.

Melissa Fowle, 3rd District Chairwoman motions, seconded by John Life, 14th District Chairman to approve District 6, District 14, District 12, District 8 and A&G Judges at Mid-Winter and District 2, District 10, District 4 as alternate judges.

MOTION PASSED

The Red, White and Blue award was discussed, and the Commission was emailed all the forms.

11. Benediction. Benediction was given by Melissa Fowle, 3rd District Chairwoman

12. Adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 12:41 P.M.