

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION
MEETING OF
MARCH 16, 2024, at 2:30 P.M.
VIRTUAL-ZOOM

1. Call to Order 2:30 P.M.
Department Chairman White opened the meeting of the Department Legislative Commission at 2:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call: Christie White, Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

Members present:

Dean Boyers, 1st District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
Tim Shaw, 2nd District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
Michael White, Department Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
Ronald Chapman, 4th District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
David Root, 5th District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
Christopher Miller, 6th District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
7th District Chairman- VACANT
Don Capps, 8th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Joyce Hannum, 9th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Robert Withrow, 10th District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
April Ogilbee, 11th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Suzette Heller, 12th District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
Bert Boyd Sr, 13th District Chairman- PRESENT- IN PERSON
Jacob Marx, 14th District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator
John Life, District 14 2nd Vice Commander

3. Approval of previous minutes

Ronald Chapman, 4th District Chairman motions, seconded by Chris Miller, 6th District Chairman to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

MOTION PASSED

Deadline date for the Legislator of the year should be

4. Unfinished Business
 - a. Finalizing and approving Legislator of the year criteria

Bert Boyd, 13th District Chairman motioned, seconded by Ron Chapman, 4th District Chairman to accept the Legislator of the Year criteria.

MOTION PASSED

David Root, 5th District Chairman motions, seconded by Jacob Marx, 14th District Chairman to have the deadline dates for the Legislator of the year mirror the other Of the year awards. Post nominations must be forwarded to your District Chairman by August 1st. Each District nomination will be forwarded to Department no later than September 15th.

MOTION PASSED

5. New Business-

- a. White paper: Afghan Adjustment Act (AAA) was discussed. The Commission suggested sending it to the National Security Commission to get their opinion on it, as well as reach out to the Washington DC office. Any questions that the Commission has, they will forward it to Christie White, Department Coordinator.
- b. David Root, 5th District Chairman, discussed HB 123 to 'Designate Honor and Remember flag to honor fallen service members'. He would like the American Legion to support it.

Chris Miller, 6th District Chairman motions, seconded by Robert Withrow, 10th District Chairman to support the bill as written.

MOTION PASSED

David Root, 5th District Chairman, notified the Commission that they can show their support by sending in written testimony or to attend the hearing in person. There have been 26 states that have already approved this flag with similar legislation.

6. Good of the Legion- David Root, 5th District Chairman wanted to thank the Legislative Chairman Michael White for writing testimony on behalf of the Commission for another bill.

Christie White, Department Coordinator asked the Commission to stay patient. The Department will be looking to hire a Legislative Coordinator. If there needs to be testimony written or in person, they commission needs to attend in person, or the Chairman needs to write the testimony.

7. Adjourned- Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.