

MINUTES
ORATORICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 21ST, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.
DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS- LIBRARY

1. Call to Order at 10:00 A.M.
Chairman Looker opened the meeting of the Department Oratorical Committee at 10:00 A.M.
2. Salute to the Colors
The Colors were saluted.
3. Invocation
Malcolm Glasgow 12th District Chairman gave the opening invocation.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman Looker 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- NOT PRESENT
Thomas Tierney, 2nd District Chairman- PRESENT
William Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
John Looker, Oratorical Chairman- PRESENT
5th District Chairman- VACANT
John Loudermilk, 6th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
7th District Chairman- VACANT
Donald Capps, 8th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Gary Minadeo, 9th District Chairman- PRESENT
Ed Long, 10th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
April Ogilbee, 11th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Malcolm Glasgow, 12th District Chairman- PRESENT
Stan Popek, 13th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Jacob Marx, 14th District Chairman- PRESENT

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

Gary Minadeo, 9th District Chairman moved since there is no quorum, to move as a committee of the whole. Jacob Marx, 14th District Chairman seconds.

MOTION PASSED

6. Reading of Previous Minutes

Jacob Marx, 14th District Chairman moved, seconded by Gary Minadeo, 9th District

Chairman to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

MOTION PASSED

7. Approval of Committee Rules

Gary Minadeo, 9th District Chairman moved, seconded by Jacob Marx, 14th District Chairman to approve the minutes of the Committee Rules.

MOTION PASSED

8. 2023 Contest Review- Committee discussed the 2023 contest. There were no major issues. Gary Minadeo, 9th District Chairman mentioned that there was an issue with judges and them not attending. Jacob Marx, 14th District Chairman asked who all can be a judge. Anyone can be a judge, but if they are a legionnaire, then they can't wear their Legion cap to show bias. Christie White, Department Coordinator, will send out a list to get volunteers early. She will also send a follow up email to judges the week before the contest.

9. Contest Dates

a. District

- D1-
- D2- Feb 17th
- D3-
- D4- Feb 25th
- D5-
- D6-
- D7-
- D8-
- D9- March 3rd
- D10-
- D11-
- D12- March 3rd
- D13-
- D14- Feb 25th

b. Department – March 17th, 2024. Department winners need to be sent to National by April 1st, 2024. District winners need to be sent into the Department by March 11th.

Gary Minadeo, 9th District Chairman motions, seconded by Jacob Marx, 14th District Chairman to approve March 17th as the Department Oratorical Contest Date.

MOTION PASSED

c. National – May 17th- 19th, 2024- Hillsdale Michigan. Anyone who wants to volunteer can fill out a volunteer form on legion.org. John Looker, Department Chairman suggests to the Department winner to look at Nationals website and listen to the speeches from last year.

Classical Conversations is a website where you can enter your zip code and it will provide you with points of contact in your area for speech and debate.

10. Edit Department Contest Packet Dates. District winners need to be sent to the Department by March 11th. The Department Contest will be March 17th.

11. Unfinished Business

12. New Business- March Meeting Date.

Gary Minadeo, 9th District Chairman, motions, seconded by Jacob Marx, 14th District Chairman to hold the Oratorical meeting immediately following the Department Contest on March 17th.

MOTION PASSED

The prize money will be \$2000 for 1st place. \$1000 for 2nd place, and \$1500 divided to the remainder of the contestants.

Discussion was had about participation in the Oratorical program. Gary Minadeo, 9th District Chairman presented a Resolution for the Oratorical prize money.

WHEREAS, the Oratorical Committee has been advertising 1st place awards of \$2500, 2nd place of \$1500 and the remainder of \$2500 awarded to the remainder of the participants as they were approved for last years contest and requested for this years contest.

WHEREAS, the Finance Commission reduces these numbers without the committee input to 1st place awards of \$2000, 2nd place of \$1000, and the remainder as \$1500 awarded to the remainder of the participants.

WHEREAS, this reduction, which was only revealed to the Oratorical Committee in the meeting October 21st, 2023, and

WHEREAS, this move of the Finance Commission show a lack of respect for the Oratorical Committee and no further interest in keeping the Oratorical Contest; now therefor, let it be

RESOLVED that the Oratorical Committee in session on October 21, 2023, hereby notifies the Department Commander that this committee will notify National that Department of Ohio will no longer participate in the Oratorical Contest effective immediately.

Gary Minadeo, 9th District Chairman, motions, seconded by Jacob Marx, 14th District Chairman to accept the motion.

MOTION PASSED

13. Good of the Legion- Sexual Abuse and Molestation Training was discussed. The Department Oratorical Brochure was discussed. The committee suggested making the brochure generic. To take the assigned topics and the dates out. Add that the assigned topics and dates can be found at ohiolegion.com and legion.org.

14. Benediction- Malcom Glasgow, 12th District Chairman gave the benediction.

15. Adjourned- Gary Minadeo, 9th District Chairman, motioned, seconded by Jacob Marx, 14th District Chairman to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:19 A.M.