

RESOLUTION
The American Legion Department of Ohio
Department Executive Committee
December 2, 2023

RESOLUTION No.: 24-01

ORIGIN: Finance Commission

SUBJECT: Department of Ohio Dues Increase

Whereas, the Department of Ohio has not had a dues increase since 2004; and

Whereas the Department of Ohio membership has decreased by 69,138 members since 2004 resulting in lost revenue of \$622,242; and

Whereas, inflation and costs have risen over 63% since 2004; and

Whereas the Department of Ohio operating expenses are approximately \$1.8M per year which includes Baseball, A&G trip, Oratorical, and membership awards programs which are not self funded; and

Whereas current yearly revenue for the Department is approximately \$1,300,000 broken down as follows:

- Membership dues including DMS/PUFL \$670,000
- SAL \$66,000
- State of Ohio for Service Officers \$450,000
- Legionnaire Insurance Trust \$74,000
- USAA \$31,000
- Emblem Sales \$9,000; and

Whereas, the Department of Ohio has investments of \$6,557,235 as of October 1, 2023 broken down as follows:

- Restricted funds (\$3,814,946)
 - Buckeye Boys State Money Market \$56,463
 - Buckeye Boys State Fund \$427,274
 - Scholarships \$1,109,208
 - Special Olympics \$146,670
 - Gifts for Yanks \$520,133
 - Ohio Life Members \$1,611,659
- Unrestricted Funds (\$2,742,289)
 - General investments \$412,564
 - Building Fund \$639,072
 - Reserve Fund \$1,690,653; and

Whereas, the Department of Ohio cost reduction projects underway are

Employees

Reduced number of employees by 2 (membership coordinator and DSO at Columbus)

This is to certify that this resolution was adopted by our Department but with National action substituted for local resolving clause.

Adjutant

Department

Other authorized source:

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Turned a full time position in Wade Park to part time
Yearly shopping for best health insurance benefits
Reduced costs on elective benefits (eye, dental, disability)

Travel

Implemented travel budgets of \$2000 for each committee
Removed meal reimbursement
Implemented virtual meetings via Microsoft Teams
Stopped having DEC at mid-winter
Refining the policy for employee travel

Office Expenses

Implemented ACH for post credits to reduce postage and paper costs
Implemented the electronic version of the OLN; moved all 888's and Gulf War veterans and younger to electronic version
Changed to one delivery of mail per day vs. two
Locking up thermostats to save on utilities
Planning an assessment of the building for energy efficiency
Shopping for lowest pricing when purchasing products

Whereas, \$600K was taken out of Unrestricted Funds in 2022-2023 to cover operating expenses. At this rate, the Unrestricted funds will last 4.5 years; now therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, by the American Legion Department of Ohio in Convention assembled in Independence, Ohio, on July 12-14, 2024, to increase dues from \$9.00 to \$14.00 to provide an additional approximate revenue of \$375,000 effective January 1, 2025; and, be it further

RESOLVED, by the Department of Ohio that the Department Commander shall direct the Department Finance Commission to look for additional revenue streams, cut costs and self-fund Baseball, A&G trip, and Oratorical programs in collaboration with Commission Chairs and the Department Adjutant.

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