

ONE HUNDREDTH DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
SPOKANE VALLEY, WA
JULY 20-21, 2018

Department Resolution No. 009: Amendment to Dept of Washington Bylaws Article IX, Section 2, 2A

Origin: Medical Lake Post 196

Convention Committee:

- WHEREAS,** Article IX Section 2A of the Department of Washington bylaws defines the Department Executive Committees (DEC) voting members; and
- WHEREAS,** Article IX, Section 2A is currently written as follows:
- “A. Voting Members. The voting members of the Department Executive Committee shall be: the elected Department Officers, the Junior Past Commander, Each District Commander, the National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National executive committeeman.”; and
- WHEREAS,** Article IX, Section 2A, as written creates the potential for and perception of uneven representation on the DEC for the general membership of the American Legion, which is geographically divided into four areas and further divided into twelve districts; and
- WHEREAS,** Area and District Commanders are elected by delegates voting on behalf of posts within their respective areas and district; and
- WHEREAS,** The National Executive Committeemen (NEC), Alternate National Executive Committeemen (ANEC), and Department Chaplin, Historian and Sgt. at Arms, are elected by the entire body of delegates at Department Convention; and
- WHEREAS,** The Junior Past Commander, is not elected but rather seated on the DEC to provide insight and information using his or her experiences as the most recent past Department Commander to facilitate discussion and thought; and
- WHEREAS,** Allowing the NEC, ANEC, Junior Past Commander, Department Chaplin, Historian and Sgt. at Arms to be voting members of the DEC can cause a disproportionate number of votes for a given area or district; and
- WHEREAS,** Allowing the NEC, ANEC, Junior past Commander, Department Chaplin, Historian and Sgt at Arms to be voting members of the DEC can also negate area and district votes on the DEC; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** By The American Legion Department of Washington in Department Convention assembled in Spokane Valley, Washington, July 20-21, 2018, That American Legion Department of Washington amend with immediate affect Article IX, Section 2A. By amending this portion of the bylaws the DEC can prevent the potential and perception of unfair voting practices and ensure that each area and districts vote counts as cast. The NEC, ANEC, Jr. past Commander, Chaplin

and Historian should remain seated on the DEC, with voice only. The amendment to Article IX, Section 2A, shall read as follows:

2A. Voting Members. The voting members of the Department Executive Committee shall be the Department Commander, Area Vice-Commanders I-II-III-IV, and District Commanders 1-12.

COMMITTEE: _____

APPROVED _____ REJECTED _____

FOR DEPARTMENT ACTION _____

FOR NATIONAL ACTION _____

CONSOLIDATED WITH _____

OTHER ACTION _____

SIGNATURE _____

AMENDED: _____

CONVENTION:

DENIED _____

APPROVED _____

(CHAIRMAN)