

The American Legion, Department of Washington  
Special Department Executive Committee Meeting  
Lacey, Washington – October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The American Legion Department of Washington Special Executive Committee meeting was called to order by the Department Commander Gary Roach on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Department Headquarters in Lacey, Washington. The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm and opened in due form and according to ritual.

Department Adjutant Leo Gruba conducted the Roll Call at the request of the Department Commander. The following members were present and constituted a quorum to conduct business.

Department Commander Gary Roach; Department Vice-Commander Area I Carrol Stripling; Department Vice-Commander Area II Kenneth Christian; Junior Past Department Commander Wayne Elston; National Executive Committeeman Ken Lee; Chaplain Chris Kunhert; Sgt-At-Arms Larry McCarthy; 1<sup>st</sup> District Commander Jordan Houghton; 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kent; 4<sup>th</sup> District Commander Frank Sterling; 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Kevin Russell; 6<sup>th</sup> District Commander Dale Spurlock; 8<sup>th</sup> District Commander Matthew Jackson; 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander Chris Brock; 11<sup>th</sup> District Commander Jackie Goo.

Non-voting members present: Department Adjutant Leo Gruba; Department Service Officer Theresa Williams; Finance Officer Bill Powell.

Excused Absence: Department Vice-Commander Area III Denny Pittman; Department Vice-Commander Area IV Bob Bradford; Alternate National Executive Committeeman Dale Davis; 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander Perry Mendenhall; 7<sup>th</sup> District Commander Dave Jacobs; 10<sup>th</sup> District Commander Richard Wallace.

Commander Roach recognized 10<sup>th</sup> District Vice Commander Bob Clark to be seated in the absence of the Commander for the duration of the meeting.

(Attachment A)

New Business:

1. Conduct an inquiry into the argument involving our Department Adjutant, Membership Clerk and Junior Past Commander at the National Convention in a public venue.

5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Kevin Russell motioned to move into Executive Session. 8<sup>th</sup> District Commander Matt Jackson second. Discussion. Motion failed.

Discussion regarding item one was had.

8<sup>th</sup> District Commander Matt Jackson moved to close item one as resolved and no longer be discussed by this body. 1<sup>st</sup> District Commander Jordan Houghton second. Discussion. Motion carried.

2. Conduct an inquiry into the email sent by Commander Roach to NEC Ken Lee and the response by NEC Ken Lee regarding National Convention.

Discussion regarding item two was had.

National Executive Committeeman Ken Lee moved to close this issue and moved past it. 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Kevin Russell seconded. Discussion. 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander Chris Brock moved to amend anytime in the future a Department Executive Committee member is restricted from contacting Department that the remaining Department Executive Committee shall be notified. 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Kevin Russell second. Discussion. Dale Spurlock called for the question. Motion carried as amended

1<sup>st</sup> District Commander Jordan Houghton motioned if any member in good standing within the Department of Washington is restricted from contacting or entering Department Headquarters the Department Headquarters shall be notified of that members restriction. Department Vice Commander Area II Ken Christian second. Motion carried.

3. Conduct an inquiry into the Commander's Line Item with regards to any Past Commander receiving a remaining balance pay out at the end of their term.

9<sup>th</sup> District Commander Chris Brock motioned to enter Executive Session. Department Vice Commander Area I Carrol Stripling second. Motion carried.

At 2:30pm, the Executive Committee entered Executive Session.

1<sup>st</sup> District Commander Jordan Houghton moved to come out of Executive Session. 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander Chris Brock second. Motion carried.

At 2:42pm, the Executive Committee exited Executive Session.

1<sup>st</sup> District Commander Jordan Houghton moved to close item three and move forward to not be discussed by this body again. 11<sup>th</sup> District Commander Jackie Goo second. Discussion. Motion carried.

4. Conduct an inquiry into bonus payments to Department employee's to determine if proper procedure was followed and notifications were made to members of the Department Executive Committee. This inquiry likely encompasses multiple years.

8<sup>th</sup> District Commander Matt Jackson motioned to enter Executive Session. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

At 2:45pm, the Executive Committee entered Executive Session.

9<sup>th</sup> District Commander Chris Brock moved to come out of Executive Session. 10<sup>th</sup> District Vice Commander Bob Clark second. Motion carried.

At 2:54pm, the Executive Committee exited Executive Session.

8<sup>th</sup> District Commander Matt Jackson moved to close item four and to not be discussed by this body. 6<sup>th</sup> District Commander Dale Spurlock second. Discussion. 6<sup>th</sup> District Commander Dale Spurlock called for the question.

5. Conduct an inquiry into the number of Adjutant and DSO contracts that have been signed by the current and past commanders without providing said contracts to the Department Executive Committee. This inquiry is needed to show cause for possible actions which could date back many years.

8<sup>th</sup> District Commander Matt Jackson moved to close item five and to not be discussed by this body. 6<sup>th</sup> District Commander Dale Spurlock second. Discussion. 10<sup>th</sup> District Vice Commander Bob Clark called for the question. 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander Chris Brock requested a roll call vote. Motion carried.  
(Attachment B)

The Special Executive Committee meeting was adjourned according ritual and in due form at 3:12pm.

Leo Gruba  
Department Adjutant

Gary Roach  
Department Commander

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Correction Date:

Approval Date:

Attachments:

- (a) Roll Call
- (b) Roll Call Vote
- (c) Agenda