

Summary of 2014 National Encampment

This is a summary of the decisions made by the Sisters Sitting in Session at the recently concluded 2014 National Encampment in Marietta, GA. It is NOT the official Proceedings, but merely a summary provided as a tool until they are completed. The list is not in any order of importance.

1. The President's Scholarship was awarded to Nicole Cummings of Lowell, MI
2. A committee was formed to deal with the Youth Protection issues, with their findings and recommendations to be presented at the 2015 National Encampment.
3. The national website will be overhauled and updated.
4. The National President will receive a \$750 increase for expenditures.
5. The expenditures of the National Treasurer and Secretary will be rolled into one lump sum. Expenses will be reimbursed upon presentation of receipts.
6. The National Historian will provide an article on our heritage for every newsletter.
7. Articles discussing Servant Leadership will be included in the newsletter and posted on the national website, to encourage positive growth and support.
8. Letters of thanks will be sent to Brother Kevin Martin, his employer, Sister Carole Morton and the Dept of CA and Pacific for their generous donations of time and materials to upgrade our national database and for the computers and printers for the National Treasurer and National Secretary.
9. 200 Certificates and cover letters for recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award will be available from the National Supply Officer. After they are gone, complete directions for downloading and printing by individual Auxiliaries. Printed packets will be available from the National Supply Officer for \$2.00 for those not wishing to print their own. It is requested that those Auxiliaries who choose to print their own Certificates and Letters follow EXACTLY what the Committee has requested for use in paper, so not to cheapen the quality or standard established. The committee will continue for another year.
10. All Sisters are requested to monitor the new forms and offer suggestions for improvements or corrections as they feel needed.
11. The National Site Committee will now have continuity of membership, and work more actively and closely with the corresponding Sons Site Committee. Membership shall consist of three Sisters, with the National President appointing each year one Sister to hold office for three years. This will allow for more input and participation by the Sisters in the decisions that need to be made regarding National Encampments.
12. The Membership Application form must be updated and revised immediately to reflect the changes voted upon at previous Encampments.
13. Non-U.S. citizenship requirement needs to be amended, but must be brought to the floor by a Department, acted upon by the Sisters Sitting in Session and then sent for Ratification to each Department in Good Standing.
14. The two Ratifications from the 2013 National Encampment failed.
15. Forms and Instructions for the formation of New Auxiliaries has been amended. All old forms and instructions are to be destroyed immediately.
16. The Policy and Procedures have numerous items that have not been acted upon, and that must be corrected immediately.
17. The Policy and Procedures Committee will have continuity of membership. The committee shall consist of five members, with the National President each year two Sisters to hold office for two years, and two Sisters for one year and the immediate Past National President shall be a member for one year.

18. Any/all "unwritten" policy or procedure must be submitted as soon as possible to the Committee to be considered for inclusion in the 2015 report, otherwise it is a "dead issue" and should not be brought up again.
19. There will be a form created for the National President's Scholarship to help in getting the word out about its availability. The recipient will still be the sole decision of the National President.
20. The Members at Large donated \$1,000.00 to the National Organization.
21. The official Job Descriptions are posted on the National Website.
22. The Budget was passed as adjusted by decisions/votes taken earlier at the Encampment.
23. The formal attire for all those on the floor at a National Encampment remains white dresses of any length or white slacks.
24. The National Supply Officer will post photographs of the various items that are available for purchase. This does not include paper items.
25. All old/outdated forms in the possession of the National Supply Officer, except for a copy needed for historical purposes, are to be destroyed immediately. The same is requested of all Departments and Auxiliaries. Old forms will not be accepted any longer, but returned to the sender with the request for use of proper documentation.
26. The National Auxiliary will purchase a bench in the Memorial Plaza as presented by Brother Terry Dyer, Dept of IL.