

Actions of the 131st Annual National Encampment Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Lansing, Michigan • August 11-12, 2017

National Treasurer:

- Recommendation #1: Allocation of excess income from the sales of the National Supply Officer. Withdrawn by the National Treasurer. No action required.
- Recommendation #2: Patriotic Fund — There exists \$***** in the Permanent Fund that was previously held as a CD specifically earmarked for patriotic purposes. An analysis of 2005 thru 2016 patriotic spending reveals that the General Operating Fund contains an additional unspent figure of \$*****. Would like to recommend that these monies be transferred from the General Operating fund and in effect increase the allocated Patriotic monies in the Permanent Fund to \$*****. This will then naturally, reduce the general operating funds to become \$*****. The Encampment Committee on Officers Reports concurred. Recommendation passed.
- Recommendation #3: That the National Organization take advantage of the current CD rates to invest a minimum of \$***** for a three-year term, which would yield approximately \$**** x 4 = \$****. The Encampment Committee on Officers Reports did not concur. Recommendation failed.
- Recommendation #4: Consideration is taken to reduce the term limit of the National Treasurer from a five year to three years as done by the Sons National Organization. All language to the CR&R will be altered and presented for voting in the next conversation. The current term expiring in 2020 will now expire in 2018. The Encampment Committee on Officers Reports concurred, with the amendment that the 3-year term would start after the current Treasurer's term is over in 2020. Recommendation passed as amended. The CR&R committee is to rewrite this section in the CR&Rs to reflect this change and to implement into the CR&R.

National Secretary:

- Recommendation #1: That all reports to the National Encampment from National Officers, Committees and Special Committees be submitted to the National Secretary no later than two (2) weeks prior to the National Encampment, with the exception of the National Treasurer, National Patriotic Instructor and National Chief of Staff. This will give the National Secretary time to compile delegate packets and extract recommendations, The Encampment Committee on Officers Reports concurred. Recommendation passed.
- Recommendation #2: That a pre-registration fee for future National Encampments be set and that after a certain number of days prior to each National Encampment the registration fee be increased, including for at-the-door registration, to encourage preregistration. Having a more accurate figure for registration prior to the National Encampment greatly benefits both the Host Committee and the National Secretary. The Encampment Committee on Officers Reports concurred. Recommendation passed.
- Recommendation #3: That an Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings be appointed by the incoming National President to assist the National Secretary with the production of the annual proceedings of the National Encampment, including those National Encampment proceedings that remain unfinished. The job is very time consuming and the National Secretary already has many responsibilities. The Encampment Committee on

Officers Reports concurred. Recommendation passed.

National Chaplain:

- Recommendation #1: That the incoming National Chaplain contact each Department and Auxiliary at Large Chaplains and let them know what reports they will need to file and even provide them with copies of the reports and dates they are due. The Encampment Committee on Officers Reports concurred. Recommendation passed.

National Webmaster:

- Recommendation #1: That the incoming National President appoint sisters to the Committee on Technology and Communications that are proficient in social media. The Encampment Committee on Officers Reports concurred. Recommendation passed.
- Recommendation #2: It is time for our organization to develop guidelines for social media posting and etiquette, and that the committee develop these guidelines for presentation and approval at the 2018 National Encampment. The Encampment Committee on Officers Reports concurred. Recommendation passed.

National CR&R Committee:

- Recommendation #1: That the term of office for the National President and National Vice President be changed to two (2) years. Withdrawn by the Committee. No action required.
- Recommendation #2: That a sister running for the office of National President must have been a member for 10 years. The Encampment Committee on Committee Reports concurred, with the amendment that the sister must have been a member at least 5 years, rather than 10 years. Recommendation passed as amended.
- Recommendation #3: That we return to the practice of having a designated sister to assist the National President when she attends ceremonies in Washington, D.C. and ceremonies in Springfield, Illinois. Said sister does not need to have the title of a National Officer. The Encampment Committee on Committee Reports concurred. Recommendation passed. This will be an appointed position to be designated by the incoming National President each year.
- Recommendation #4: That new members not be placed in leadership positions until they have had time to serve in other chairs and thus gaining experience. The Encampment Committee on Committee Reports did not concur, as they felt it was already addressed within the CR&R. Recommendation failed.
- Recommendation #5: That no one may be designated as a member of the Auxiliary unless they are female. The Encampment Committee on Committee Reports did not concur, as they felt it was already addressed within the CR&R. Recommendation failed.

National Forms and Documents Committee:

- Recommendation #1: That the new membership applications be approved and placed on the National website as soon as the National Encampment is completed. The Encampment Committee on Committee Reports concurred. Recommendation passed.
- Recommendation #2: That all old versions of the membership applications be destroyed and that only the most up-to-date version be used. The current version can always be found on the website. The Encampment Committee on Committee Reports concurred. Recommendation passed.

National Committee on IRS and Tax Issues:

- Recommendation #1: That this committee be disbanded as the National Treasurer already conducts the work of this committee. And if the National Encampment agrees then the job descriptions for this committee can be folded into the National Treasurer's job

descriptions. The Encampment Committee on Committee Reports concurred. Recommendation passed.

National Special Committee on Junior Members Development and Policy:

- Recommendation #1: That there be a polling of our Junior Members as to what they would like to see for themselves within the Organization, such as an idea book for the Junior Members for meetings, etc. The Encampment Committee on Committee Reports concurred. Recommendation passed.
- Recommendation #2: That there be space allocated to highlight our Junior members in the “Auxiliary Voice” and that Auxiliaries be encouraged to submit articles to the Newsletter Editor to help highlight these special young ladies. The Encampment Committee on Committee Reports concurred. Recommendation passed.
- Recommendation #3: That the Order update its CR&Rs to better address our Junior Members and allow for their protection, along with that of the National Organization, including a requirement that “any member of the Auxiliary under the age of 18 years of age, must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times.” This should include any and all Auxiliary events or functions. The Encampment Committee on Committee Reports concurred. Recommendation passed.

Recommendations from Departments:

California and Pacific

- Recommendation #1: Proposal to extend the age of Junior Members from twelve (12) years to eighteen (18) years to conform to the commonly established age of legal majority, and to remove the requirement of United States citizenship for membership. The Encampment Committee on Recommendations did not concur. Recommendation failed.
- Recommendation #2: Proposal to establish requirements for Departments and Auxiliaries to file paperwork on time, and to establish consequences for not doing the same. The Encampment Committee on Recommendations did not concur. Recommendation failed.
- Recommendation #1: There should be only 3 recommendations per officer or department presented to the National Encampment. The Encampment Committee on Recommendations did not concur. Recommendation failed.
- Recommendation #2: When the members are attending functions representing the Auxiliary they should wear Red, White and Blue so we can all be seen as uniform in our presentations. The Encampment Committee on Recommendations did not concur. Recommendation failed.
- Recommendation #3: All past proceedings of the National Encampment should be completed and placed on the National Website, the CR&R and Bylaws could then be completed and current. The Encampment Committee on Recommendations concurred. Recommendation passed.

Michigan

- Recommendation #1: That specific language be incorporated into the CR&R to clarify what constitutes a Past President. The Encampment Committee on Recommendations concurred, but felt that no action was required since it is already addressed within the CR&R. Recommendation passed.
- Recommendation #2: Department Presidents are not permitted to serve more than two (2) years at one time. If the Department is small, the National Organization may grant special dispensation. The department is asking for clarification on what is a small department and also that any special dispensation be given in writing and not verbally. The Encampment

Committee on Recommendations concurred. Recommendation passed.

Ohio

- Recommendation #1: That there is a change to the CR&Rs to move our election of officers from October and Installation to be in November to better reflect what the Sons have in their blue books as many Auxiliaries are meeting with their Sons Camps. The new change would be that elections would take place from October 1 to December 31st and Installation would be from November 1st to January 31st. The Encampment Committee on Recommendations concurred. Recommendation passed. The National Encampment referred the revision of this section in the CR&Rs back to the CR&R committee to be completed by the next National Encampment.
- Recommendation #2: That the above changes to the dates for the elections and installations of officers be reflected on the installation forms. The Encampment Committee on Recommendations concurred. Recommendation passed.

Wisconsin

- Recommendation #1: Any female, not less, then twelve (12) years of age, that is a dependent of a deceased or honorably discharged Soldier, Sailor, or Marine who served in the Union Army, Navy, or Revenue Cutter Service during the Civil War of 1861-1865. A wife, widow, mother or legally adopted daughters of a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with lineage in good standing and is not a United States Citizen, shall become an Associate member with the understanding she cannot hold the office of National Vice President or National President. The Country that the female is a citizen of must be an ally Country of the United States of America. The Encampment Committee on Recommendations did not concur. Recommendation failed.
- Recommendation #2: I would recommend that the National Auxiliary completed the paperwork to become a registered volunteer organization with the National Veterans Administration. The Encampment Committee on Recommendations agreed in spirit, but felt that the recommendation was not submitted through the proper channels and suggested it be resubmitted at the next National Encampment. Recommendation failed.

Recommendations from Past National Presidents:

Cynthia Brown, PNP:

- Recommendation #1: That the participation on committees at the National level be limited to one committee each for National Officers. It is unfair to ask National officers to participate in multiple committees besides their own duties. Many able members could be asked to take part, thus learning the practices and preparing to move up. The Encampment Committee on Recommendations concurred. Recommendation passed.
- Recommendation #2: That the current practice of staggered terms be eliminated, thus allowing the National President to choose her own members of each committee. The Encampment Committee on Recommendations did not concur. The Encampment voted against the recommendation of the Encampment Committee on Recommendations and therefore the original recommendation passed.
- Recommendation #3: That action be taken for the immediate retrieval of the past five (5) years of recordings for the National Encampment. The Encampment Committee on Recommendations felt that no action was required as this has already been handled by the National Secretary. Recommendation failed.

Anne Sosnowski, PNP:

- Recommendation #1: That the National President sends an executive order stating the

results of the Disciplinary Hearing [Council] on the website so all sisters will be in compliance with the outcome of the Hearing. The Encampment Committee on Recommendations concurred. The Encampment voted against the recommendation of the Encampment Committee on Recommendations and therefore the original recommendation failed.

- Recommendation #2: If a sister is asked to be on the hearing committee [Disciplinary Hearing Council] and it is a hardship for her to travel there, that an electronic communication should be implemented so this sister will still be able to perform this position (e.g. email, Skype, etc.) The Encampment Committee on Recommendations concurred. Recommendation passed.

Disciplinary Hearing Council Report:

- Recommendation #1: That the following changes to the CR&R be considered: Article IV Section 4 to read: Before the commencement of formal charges between Sisters, the Sister wishing to file charges shall submit, in writing, the charge and specifications for mediation to the appropriate President. Section 5: Violation of offence number three (3) of Section 1 negates any option of mediation. Section 6: The mediator shall be a Sister of the Order and be appointed by the appropriate President. She should have mediation training or training in conflict resolution or training in reconciliation. Section 7: The mediator shall arrange the time and place for the mediation session. Both Sisters shall be in attendance. Resolution of the issues shall end the matter. There shall be no record written or otherwise kept. If there is no resolution, the formal process shall begin starting at the new Section 8. Article IV Section 13 subsection C to read: The actual cost of the hearing shall be paid by the accused if found guilty or the petitioner if the accused is found not guilty. The Encampment Committee on Recommendations concurred and recommended the suggested changes be referred to the National CR&R Committee for review. Recommendation passed and the suggested changes were referred to the National CR&R Committee. During discussion of the Disciplinary Hearing Council Report's recommendation the general consensus was that it would be unfair to ask Sisters to shoulder the expense of being on a Disciplinary Hearing Council. The following actions by the National Encampment took place:
 - Motion #1: It was moved and seconded that the mileage for attending a Disciplinary Hearing Council be paid by the National Organization Motion passed, with the provision that the Sister would receive mileage to attend the hearing and would need to provide receipts to the National Treasurer along with a reimbursement form for such mileage.
 - Motion #2: It was moved and seconded that food and lodging for a Sister serving on a Disciplinary Hearing Council be covered by the National Organization. Motion passed, with the provision that the maximum reimbursement for food and lodging would be \$100 and that the Sister would need to provide receipts to the National Treasurer along with a reimbursement form for such expenses.