

**Summary of Actions of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Encampment  
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Framingham, Massachusetts — August 10-11, 2018**

**From the National President's Report (Ramona Greenwalt):**

1. Retire the bell in its case and place in the control of the National Historian. **Motion Failed**
2. One page to be dedicated to PNP Frances Murray. **Motion Passed**
3. The per capita tax for National be \$25 per year which is \$2.0833333 per month. **Motion Failed**
4. The expense of printing and mailing the Auxiliary Voice be paid by those who are requesting a hard copy via a subscription the price of which is subject to change according to costs. This year, the cost will be \$8.00 or they can attend their Auxiliary meeting where the Secretary will read the communication. **Motion Failed**. Discussion held about smaller printing (3 instead of 4) will not cost less. It is uploaded on the website. Four times a year will have more timely information. Some people can't afford it. It was suggested that Rachele send a letter to find out who wants to change to email from hard copy.
5. A special committee be formed to examine the finances of the National Auxiliary and explore ways to increase our earnings using the stock market. **Motion Passed**
6. Increase the amount of the gift given in memory of the GAR to \$500. **Motion Passed**
7. Increase the amount of the President's Scholarship to \$1,000. **Motion Passed**
8. Requisitions requiring the National Secretary's signature and the National President's signature be reinstated with the Secretary receiving a copy of the bill as well as the National Treasurer. **Motion Passed**
9. The online application provides space for documentation of the applicant's lineage. **Motion Failed**
10. Local Auxiliaries reinstate the use of the investigating committees for prospective members with the committee reporting their findings to the membership prior to any vote being taken. **Motion Failed**

**From the National Vice-President's Report (Denise Oman):**

1. Assign a mentor to first time attendees if none are available from their Department for instruction and explaining our traditions during the meeting. They would make introductions and include them in activities. **Motion Passed**
2. All Junior Members and new Senior Members be recognized at the National Encampment during the meeting and introduced to officers. **Motion Failed**
3. A budget of no more than \$25 be available for the President to purchase small remembrances for juniors and new members. **Motion Failed**
4. A committee be formed to discuss developing a procedure/office for mediation of differences between Members prior to filing a disciplinary hearing unless behaviors are a severe action against the membership or our CR&R. **Motion Passed**

**From the National Secretary's Report (Rachele Campbell):**

1. The National Secretary, who is the second signatory on the accounts, be allowed to make deposits at a local branch of the financial institution used by the national organization (currently Bank of America). **Motion Passed**
2. The position of National Membership-At-Large (NMAL) Coordinator be eliminated and that the duties and responsibilities of the office be assigned to the National Secretary. **Motion Passed**
3. An increase of ten dollars (\$10) be made to the current charter application fee of \$20. The current fee does not cover the cost to produce a Charter. **Motion Passed**

4. The National Organization either pay for an increase in the size of the online storage on Drop Box, or invest in an external hard drive to archive files currently on Drop Box. The space provided free by Drop Box is currently full. **Motion Passed**

**From the National Press Correspondent's Report (Rosemary Martin):**

1. Adoption of the proposed Press Guide [included in delegate packet]. **Motion Passed**
2. Investigate recorded media release. **Motion Passed**

**From the National Webmaster's Report (Wanda Langdon):**

1. Move the National website to a Word Press platform which means a redesign of the site. This is a platform that is easier to use. At this point in time, there are very few people in our organization who can manage a site designed in Joomla as our current one is. **Motion Passed**

**From the National Newsletter Editor's Report (Rachelle Campbell)**

1. A discussion was held regarding the Auxiliary Voice. There are 433 members that receive their copy electronically. It costs \$2,840 to mail the rest of the newsletters. All should be encouraged to opt for electronic delivery. **No motion was made.**

**From the National Committee on Ritual's Report (Ann Sosnowski), the committee made the following housekeeping corrections the current Ritual:**

1. Page 5, #8: Change "Over which the Chairperson of said committee shall when such action of taken" to "Over which the Chairperson of said committee shall when such action is taken".
2. Page 27: Change "in behalf of this Auxiliary" to "on behalf of this Auxiliary".
3. Page 31: Change "who has been duly elected to become member of this Auxiliary" to "who has been duly elected to become a member of this Auxiliary".
4. Page 42: Change "without ceremony, of if much time has elapsed" to "without ceremony, or if much time has elapsed".
5. Page 43: Under Chaplain, change "Keep her ever mindful of the solemn obligation she has just taken this Altar" to "Keep her ever mindful of the solemn obligation she has just taken at this Altar".
6. Page 47: In description, change "They will then continue to Past President is station" to "They will then continue to Past President's station".
7. Page 54: In description, change "Guide will advance at Altar" to "Guide will advance to Altar".
8. Page 59: Remove reference to the National Washington D.C. Representative, which the 2016 National Encampment voted to eliminate.

**From the National Special Committee for Female Veterans (Susan Fallon):**

1. Due to the current issues faced by female veterans, it is recommended that we keep the website information that she has provided on our national website. **Motion Passed**
2. It is recommended that the National President appoint a veteran liaison that can stay current with veterans' affairs. This would have to be a change to our Constitution Rules and Regulations since it would be a new appointed position. **Motion Passed**

**From the National Special Committee on Social Media Policies and Guidelines (Wanda Langdon):**

1. Adoption of the Social Media Policies and Guidelines [included in delegate packet]. **Motion Passed**

**From the Department of the Chesapeake:**

1. Removal of the current text in the ASUVCW National Constitution Rules and Regulations (CR&Rs) of Chapter 1 Subordinate Auxiliaries, Article 1 Formation and Disbandment, Section 2. **Motion Passed**
2. Formation of a Committee to evaluate alignment with the SUVCW National Constitution and Regulations (C&Rs), forms, documents, identification and corresponding awards. **Motion Passed**

**From the Department of Connecticut:**

1. The Department of Connecticut recommends that the six New England States (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont) merge together into one Department to be called the Department of New England. **Motion Failed**

**From the Department of Maine:**

1. Proposed Amendment to the Constitution, Article IX: "Such proposed amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and entitled to vote at a stated meeting of the National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, and shall be effective when favorably acted upon and ratified by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Departments and Auxiliaries at Large and proclaimed in General Orders, whereupon they shall be and become a part of this Constitution." **Motion Passed**

**From the Department of New Hampshire:**

1. Proposed Amendment to Constitution, Article IX, Recommendation 1 – "Whereas fines and fees have not always been effective in securing on time the mandated fees and paperwork needed by the National Organization, and, whereas fines and fees have not always been effective in securing on time the mandated fees and paperwork of the Departments; Therefore, be it resolved that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be changed to read that the National President shall have the power to suspend the Charters of Departments and the Department President of the Auxiliaries until such time as they have become compliant, and That the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be changed to read that the Department Presidents shall have the power to suspend the Charters of Auxiliaries until such time as they become compliant. The Committee concurs with the addition of language "in arrears of 90 days or more, effective immediately." **Motion Failed**

**From the Department of Ohio:**

1. Whereas, the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has, at least for the last fifty-five years, had an unwritten rule that National Officers could hold one elected office and one appointed office at the same time, and Whereas, we have recently had an elected National Officer running for a second National elected office; Therefore, the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be changed to restrict National Elected Officers to holding no more than one elected National Office and one appointed National Office. **Motion Passed**

**From the Department of Wisconsin:**

1. A U.S. Military Liaison be appointed by the National President. This Liaison should be a veteran either retired or active duty or knowledgeable in veterans affairs. She will oversee the verification and distribution of the veteran pin/badge. This position is also dedicated to assisting any veteran returning home from active duty military service, a retired veteran or an active duty veteran. She will have knowledge of the operations of the Veterans Affairs website or have access to a Veterans Affairs Office. **Motion Failed**
2. All veterans who wish to receive a veteran's pin/badge shall submit proof of military service whether she is an active duty veteran or a retired veteran. This proof shall be either a DD214 form

or any official discharge form showing honorable service at time of discharge from the military. An active duty service veteran shall submit a copy of her Orders to Duty or a copy of her Military ID card. The procedure for distribution of the veteran's pin/badge shall be: In order for a veteran to receive a veteran's pin/badge, she will send proof of honorable military service to the Liaison. The Liaison would send notification to the National Secretary after approval of said document. The Liaison will notify the individual's home Auxiliary President of approval. The pin/badge will then be available to the veteran, if desired. **Motion Passed**