94th Annual Convention
American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington
Spokane, Washington • July 16th – 18th, 2015

Thursday, July 16th, 2015

Presiding Convention Chairman Laura Bondurant called the processional of the 94th Annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington to begin. The Department colors were advance and posted.

The processional included Past Department Presidents, Department Officers, National Executive Committeewoman, and the Department President. Following the processional Laura handed the gavel over to President Lorna Deckert to begin her Convention.

The opening ceremony included the Invocation by Department Chaplain Lora Shanahan, Pledge of Allegiance lead by Americanism Chairman Susan Patterson, singing the first stanza of our National Anthem, POW/MIA Ceremony, and the Preamble to the American Legion Auxiliary.

President Lorna Deckert declared the 94th Annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Washington regular convened.

President Lorna appointed Janet Sperry, Catherine Olson, and Sharon Stewart to approve the minutes of the convention session.

Laura Bondurant welcomed everyone to Spokane for the 94th Annual Convention. Department President Lorna Deckert thanked 8th District and the Convention Committee for all their hard work.

Introductions were made as follows: Past Department Presidents, Past Western Division Vice President Janet Easley and Barbara Rutherford, Past National Chaplain Emma Peoples, Departmental Chapeau of the 8/40 Rose Ring, and Department President of Oregon Linda Leibenow.

Greetings were brought from Oregon Department President Linda Leibenow from the Department of Oregon and the Legion Commander Dave Hodgeboom.

Department Secretary Nicole Ross did roll call. All Executive Committee Members were present with the exception of 7th District President/Vice, 8th District President Mary Harsin/Vice President Kay Kenyon and 11th District President Janet Gunter/Vice President Midge Tallman.

President Lorna requested Karen Grimes the Sgt At Arms bring forward the Credentials Committee for their report. Chairman Eva Wallace reported:

Total Registered Delegates:	46	Total Registered Delegates At Large:	23
Total Registered Alternates:	5	Total Units Represented:	31
Total Voting Strength:	69		

Eva Wallace moved to accept the Credentials report. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

[Attachment A]
Terri Angell moved to suspend the reading and accept the minutes of the 2015 Pre Executive Committee Meeting as they have been read and approved by the Committee. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Department Officers gave their reports. Barb Cramer VA&R Chairman – Unit #155 First Report and Unit #14 Best Report. Laura Bondurant Children and Youth Chairman – (see attachment). Elaine Roach presented President Lorna with her History Book.
[Attachment B]

President Lorna requested Karen Grimes the Sgt At Arms bring forward the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee for their report. Chairman Susan Patterson introduced her committee of Sandy Yakkel, Nicole, and Rose Ring (Advisory). The Committee read over each page with the body. Terri Angell motioned to accept the revisions to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules as presented by the Committee. Barbara Cramer seconded. Motion carried.
[Attachment C]

President Lorna requested the Sgt At Arms bring forward the Rules and Order Committee for their report. Committee member Elizabeth Stockton read the Rules of Convention. Terri Angell moved to accept the Rules of Convention. Susan Patterson motion seconded. Motion carried.
[Attachment D]

Greetings were brought from the Legion National Executive Committeeman Bob Wallace.

President Lorna requested the Sgt At Arms Karen Grimes bring forward the Chairman of Pages and the Pages of the Day to the front for introduction.

Resolution Committee Chairman Janet Easley for the first reading of the Resolutions. Janet noted that the Committee has re-arranged the order of the Resolutions by subject. The first reading of Resolution #1 through #15 was done.

Resolution #16 – Chairman Janet Easley did the first reading and requested that Parliamentarian Rose Ring speak on this subject. Rose reported that is in our Federal Charter that the Auxiliary is women organization. Maker of the Resolution, 3rd District President Dorinda Caryle motioned to withdraw Resolution #16.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #17 –Kate Sharp moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Lorna Ledoschuk moved to table until after the District Caucus'. Motion seconded. Motion carried.
[Attachment E]

President Lorna took a moment for special privilege to present Membership Chairman Jane Montaney with a special gift and thank her for her dedication to the Auxiliary.

Parliamentarian Rose Ring presented President Lorna with a hand crocheted tea pot and table set.

President Lorna called for recess for the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation luncheon at 11:26am.

President Lorna reconvened the session at 2:11pm.
Resolutions Committee continued with the first reading of the Resolutions #19.

Resolution #20 – Kate Sharp moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Parliamentarian Rose Ring noted that we cannot vote on this resolution because it is marked as a Standing Rule but is actually a Bylaw. Motion withdrawn.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #21 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Parliamentarian Rose Ring noted that this resolution deals with both Standing Rules and a Bylaw. They must be submitted separately. Signor on the Resolution, Phyllis Christofferson withdrew Resolution #21.
[Attachment E]

Resolutions Committee continued with the first reading of the Resolutions #22, #23, #24, #25, and #26.

Resolution #28 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Joann Glasgow moved to amend to add "Any additional documents may be reviewed by the Finance Committee members in person, at Department Headquarters by appointment". Susan Patterson seconded the amendment. Amendment carried. Resolution #28 carried as amended.
[Attachment E]

Resolutions Committee continued with the first reading of the Resolutions #29, #18, and #27.

Resolution #30 – Janet Easley did the first reading and deferred to President Lorna for comment. President Lorna withdrew the Resolution due to information provided in the National Constitution and Bylaws that states that the Executive Committee is responsible for voting on Subsidiaries. President Lorna turned the gavel over to 1st Vice President Barbara Cramer. The Chair recognized Pam Halsan. Pam motioned to adopt this program. Terri Angell seconded. Discussion was had. Faye Marie Dewey called for the question. Susan Patterson seconded. Call for the question carried. Pam Halsan withdrew her motion.
[Attachment E]

1st Vice President Barbara Cramer turned the gavel back to President Lorna to finish out her Convention.

President Lorna called for break at 3:21pm to reconvene at 3:38pm.

Resolutions Committee continued with the first reading.

Resolution #31 – Kate Sharp moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Mary Davis moved to amend to add "Any remaining amount from the sale of a kit will be put in a restricted account for Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation." Terri Angell seconded the amendment. Amendment carried. Discussion continued on Resolution as amended. Eva Wallace moved to amend to add "includes shipping cost". Susan Patterson seconded. Amendment carried. Resolution #31 carried as amended.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #32 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Lorna Ledoschuk moved to amend to add "... eighteen cents (0.18) each, includes shipping charges". Terri Angell seconded the amendment. Amendment carried. Resolution #32 carried as amended.
[Attachment E]

President Lorna requested that Lorna Ledoschuk give the body an updated from the Publications Commission meeting earlier in the day. Lorna reported that the Commission went over all bids placed and chose to stay with Lynden Publishing as they have the lowest price by far.

Nomination of Department Officers: Laura Bondurant nominated Barbara Cramer for Department President. Lora Shanahan nominated Laura Bondurant for 1st Vice President. Karen Grimes nominated Sharon Stewart for 2nd Vice President. Faye Marie Dewey nominated Sandy Yakkel for Department Chaplain. Lisa Carr Van-Duisen nominated Lora Shanahan for Department Historian. President Lorna declared all unopposed candidates elected as Officers for the year 2015/2016. Newly elected Department Officers were introduced to the body.
[Attachment F]

District President's were asked to announce where their caucuses would be held.

President Lorna called for a recess at 4:45pm until Friday morning at Legion Joint Session.

Thursday Evening, July 16th, 2015
The Auxiliary States Dinner started with a social hour held from 6:00 to 7:00pm and the Grand March of Past Department President's began at 7:00pm. Nicole Ross was the Mistress of Ceremonies. Dinner was Luau themed. All had a fantastic time.

Friday, July 17th, 2015
Members of the Auxiliary were invited to attend a Joint Meeting for the opening of the American Legion Convention. All attended the Children and Youth Luncheon. President Lorna called the meeting to reconvene at 2:00pm.

Greetings were brought from Cathy Hennie the 20/4 Director.

Barbara Rutherford presented the 2015 Girls State Governor Keira Stogin who thanked the Auxiliary for providing her with the opportunity to attend the Girls State program.

President Lorna noted that she needed to replace Janet Sperry with Kathi Naff for the approval of the Convention minutes.

District President Sandy Yakkel presented President Lorna with a special gift from 5th District.

President Lorna requested Karen Grimes the Sgt At Arms bring forward the Credentials Committee for their report. Chairman Eva Wallace reported:

Total Registered Delegates:	62	Total Registered Delegates At Large:	23
Total Registered Alternates:	5	Total Units Represented:	34
Total Voting Strength:	85		

Eva Wallace moved to accept the Credentials report. Terri Angell seconded. Motion carried.
[Attachment A]

Resolution Committee read the second reading of the Resolutions.

Terry Fischer moved to limit debate on Resolutions to have only three speakers opposed and three speakers against. Alice Richard seconded. Discussion was had. 44 in favor and 23 opposed. Motion did not pass.

Resolution #1 – Kate Sharp moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Resolution #1 passed.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #2 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. 33 in favor and 34 opposed. Resolution #2 did not pass.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #3 – Kate Sharp moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Resolution #3 passed.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #4 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Resolution #4 did not pass.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #5a – Kate Sharp moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Resolution #5a passed.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #6a – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Resolution #6a passed.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #7 – Kate Sharp moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Jane Montaney moved to amend to add "... facilities (as stated in the Standing Rules) during her year..." Laura Bondurant seconded. Amendment carried. Resolution #7 passed as amended.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #8 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Jane Montaney moved to amend to remove "(Lakeland Village and Fircrest)" and add "... facilities as stated in the Standing Rules." Phyllis Christofferson seconded. Amendment carried. Resolution #8 passed as amended.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #9 – Kate Sharp moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Janet Sperry moved to amend to add "...Committee candidates and Past Department Presidents no later than..." Amendment seconded. Amendment carried. Resolution #9 passed as amended.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #10 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Shirley Graf moved to amend to add "Membership". Kathi Naff seconded. Amendment carried. Jane Montaney moved to amend to remove the word "revision" from Constitution and Bylaws Revision Chairman. Lorna Ledoschuk seconded. Discussion was had. Amendment did not pass. Resolution #10 passed as amended.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #11 – Kate Sharp moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Jane Montaney moved to amend that the specifics be removed and the resolve to read "All Unit Officers will be covered by a blanket position bond, through National Headquarters. The fee for this coverage will be paid by the Unit." Amendment seconded. Amendment did not pass. Resolution #11 passed.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #12 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Resolution #12 passed.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #13 – Kate Sharp moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Resolution #13 passed.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #14 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Resolution #14 passed.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #15 – Kate Sharp moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Resolution #15 passed.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #17 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Sharon Stewart moved to amend the resolve clause to read "Annual Area Workshops should be scheduled as early in the fall as possible. With Districts taking turns hosting if room permits. Workshops shall include but not be limited to Membership, Children and Youth, Veterans

Affairs and Rehabilitation and Department President, not to exceed three hours." Lorna Ledoschuk seconded. Discussion was held on the amendment. Eva Wallace moved to amend the amendment to remove the time limit. Amendment seconded. Amendment carried. Janet Sperry moved to amend the amendment to add the word "Department" before each program listed. Barbara Cramer seconded. Amendment did not pass. Discussion continued on amendment. Amendment carried. Resolution #17 passed as amended.
[Attachment E]

President Lorna called for the ratification of District Officers. Secretary Nicole read the elections. Susan Patterson moved for the ratification. Terri Angell seconded. Motion carried.

1st District President Alice Richard and Vice Carolyn Wiley – Frasier
2nd District President Janet Sperry and Vice Kathy Naff
3rd District President Dorinda Caryle and Vice Janet Emery
4th District President Catherine Olson and Vice vacant
5th District President Terri Angell and Vice Elizabeth Stockton
6th District President Terry Fisher and Vice Winnie Miles
7th District President and Vice are vacant
8th District President Ilona White and Vice Chelsea White
9th District President Rita Mayrant and Vice Shirley Graf
10th District President Susan Patterson and Vice vacant
11th District President Midge Tallman and Vice vacant
12th District President Hanny Elston and Vice Joanne Glasgow

Past President Parley Chairman Phyllis Christofferson announced that Michelle Thompson from Unit #43 was the recipient of the Unit Member of the Year for 2015.

President Lorna asked for announcements from Secretary Nicole. The meeting was called for a recess at 4:34pm until Saturday Morning at 9:30am.

Saturday, July 18th, 2015
President Lorna called for the Auxiliary Business Meeting to reconvene at 9:36am.

President Lorna requested Karen Grimes the Sgt At Arms bring forward the Credentials Committee for their report. Chairman Eva Wallace reported that there was no change from yesterday:

Total Registered Delegates:	62	Total Registered Delegates At Large:	23
Total Registered Alternates:	5	Total Units Represented:	34
Total Voting Strength:	85		

Resolution Committee continued with the second reading of the Resolutions.

Resolution #19 – Kate Sharp moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Resolution #19 passed.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #20 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Resolution #20 did not pass.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #22 – Kate Sharp moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Resolution #22 passed.
[Attachment E]

Susan Patterson motioned to amend Bylaw, Article II, Election of Officers, Section 1 (b), with the passing of Resolution #22, this corresponding section be amended to include (b) Alternate National Executive Committeewoman. Emma Peoples seconded. Motion carried.
[Attachment G]

Susan Patterson motioned to amend Bylaw, Article II, Election of Officers, Section 7, with the passing of Resolution #22, this corresponding section be removed in its entirety and all remaining sections be re-numbered according. Emma Peoples seconded. Motion carried.
[Attachment G]

Lorna Ledoschuk motioned for housekeeping to Resolution #22; "bi-annually" should be replaced by "biennial". Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution #23 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Resolution #23 did not pass.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #24 – Kate Sharp moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Resolution #24 passed.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #25 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Catherine Olson moved for the resolved clause to be amended to read "The Department President shall appoint a Finance Officer and an Assistant Finance Officer biennial. The Finance Officer and or the Assistant Finance Officer will review all expenditures and sign all checks as needed. The Finance Officer/Assistant shall be paid mileage up to $50.00 per month." Mary Davis seconded. Amendment carried. Discussion was had. Resolution #25 passed as amended.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #26 – Kate Sharp moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Jill Zupich moved to amend the resolved clause to add in alpha order: Americanism, Constitution and Bylaws (Unit), Membership, Poppy Manufacturing and Representatives, Poppy Program, Ways and Means, Evergreen Girls State Director, Children and Youth Lakeland Village Representative, Children and Youth Madigan Santa's Castle, Evergreen News Editor, Resolutions, National Security, USO Representative, Fisher House (Fort Lewis), Fisher House (Seattle), Fisher House (Vancouver), Warrior Transitional Battalion, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Representative for each of the Hospitals and Homes, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Gift Shop Representative for each of the Hospitals and Homes. Amendment seconded. Amendment carried. Faye Marie Dewey moved to amend

to remove “Finance Officer and Assistant Finance Officer”, as it was just resolved that they be appointed every two years. Terri Angell seconded the amendment. Amendment carried. Resolution #26 passed as amended.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #29 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Catherine Olson moved that the last sentence be amended to read “Therefore, four names are on file with the bank at all times and two signatures are required on all checks. Mary Davis seconded. Amendment carried. Eva Wallace moved to amend the Resolution to add the Finance Chairman as a signor on the bank account. Amendment seconded. Terri Angell moved to amend the amendment to also include the Treasurer as a signor. Amendment seconded. Amendment to the amendment carried. Original amendment carried as amended. Resolution #29 passed as amended.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #18 – Kate Sharp moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Verna Mines called for the question. 28/Opposed - 27/In favor. Motion did not pass. Faye Marie Dewey moved to withdraw this resolution. Lorna Ledoschuk seconded. Parliamentarian Rose noted that only the maker or a member from that District may withdraw the Resolution. Sharon Stewart moved to table this until the next Convention to do a feasibility study. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Resolution #18 tabled until Department Convention 2016.
[Attachment E]

Resolution #27 – Kate Sharp moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was had. Eva Wallace moved to amend to add a Past Department President may serve as an advisor to the Committee, without compensation. Amendment seconded. Discussion was had. Amendment carried. Resolution #27 passed as amended.
[Attachment E]

Secretary Nicole read the National Call to Convention and Department Bylaws outlining the process of selection. The election of Delegates and Alternates was held.

Terri Angell, National Executive Committeewoman – Delegate At Large
Lorna Deckert – Delegation Chairman
Barbara Cramer – Delegation Secretary
Mary Davis – Delegate
Eva Wallace – Delegate
Marie Thorp – Delegate
Lorna Ledoschuk – Delegate
Barbara Rutherford – Delegate
Jane Montaney – Delegate
Laura Bondurant – Delegate
Karen Grimes – Delegate
Emma Peoples – Delegate
Elaine Roach – Alternate
Janet Sperry – Alternate
Michelle Thompson – Alternate

Lorna Ledoschuk moved to elect these Delegates and Alternates to attend the National Convention. Motion seconded and carried.

Terri Angell moved to ratify Susan Patterson as 10th District President. Motion seconded. Executive Committee vote only. Motion carried.

Terri Angell moved that the Charter for Clarkston Unit #246 be accepted by the Executive Committee. Motion seconded and carried.

Lorna Ledoschuk moved to switch Emma Peoples from being a Delegate to an Alternate for the National Convention, to allow Elaine Roach to be a Delegate. Motion seconded and carried.

The Past Department Presidents have offered to a mentor for any Area Workshop. The Past Department Presidents presented Lorna with a special gift of $100.00 for her to use how she sees fit.

The body collected donations to send Michelle Thompson our Unit Member of the Year back to the Women of the Year luncheon during the National Convention.

Janet Easley moved that the Women for Women Foundation be discussed by and acted upon by all Convention Delegates rather than by the Executive Committee only. Motion seconded. Discussion was had. Janet Easley withdrew her motion.
[Attachment G]

Janet Easley moved that the Women for Women Foundation proposal be brought to the 2016 Convention. With a ruling from National on who is authorized to approve subsidiary proposals. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Terri Angell, Phyllis Christofferson, and Marie Thorp from the Courtesy Resolutions Committee read their report. Terri moved to accept the Courtesy Resolution for this Convention. Motion seconded and carried.

The business session was recessed at 12:30pm to prepare for the Installation of the 2015/2016 Officers.

Saturday Afternoon, July 18th, 2015

Barbara Rutherford was in charge of the installation of new officers. Installing Chaplain was Jane Montaney and Sgt-At-Arms was Hanny Elston. The following officers were installed for the year 2015/2016. Barbara Cramer President; Laura Bondurant 1st Vice President; Sharon Stewart 2nd Vice President; Lora Shanahan Historian; and Sandy Yakkel Chaplain. Incoming President Barbara Cramer gave her acceptance speech and the gavel was handed back to President Lorna to close her convention. Department Chaplain Lora Shanahan led us in a prayer for peace. President Lorna declared the 94th Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Washington adjourned.

Attachments:

A – Credentials Reports
B – Annual Reports

C – Constitution and Bylaws Revision Report
D – Convention Rules
E – Resolutions
F – Endorsements of Department Officers
G – Motion off the Floor

All attachments are available upon request from Department Headquarters.