

**Department of North Dakota American Legion  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Airport International Inn, Williston, ND  
1422 hrs, 28 June 2009**

**Voting Members Present**

Carroll Quam – Chairman  
Jerry Samuelson – Department Commander  
Larry Vetter – Dept Commander-elect  
Dave Rice – Eastern Region DECman  
Robert Ludwig – Central Region DECman  
Dale Roth – Western Region DECman  
George Zeller – Finance Officer

**Non-Voting Members Present**

Curt Twete – NECman  
Wayne Satrom-Alternate NEC  
Mitch Olson – Department Adjutant (after loading at Williston Armory)  
Patricia Hodny – Department Judge Advocate  
Robert Krause – Eastern Region Vice Commander  
Kevin Semmens – Central Region Vice Commander  
Oran Keith – Western Region Vice Commander  
Albert Tuma - Department Membership Chairman

**Guests Present**

Harold Goldsmith, Jr. – Central Region Foundation Director  
Dave Hilleren – ND ACOVA

Chairman Carroll Quam called the meeting to order at 2:22 pm in the East West Room with a salute to the colors.

Conference debriefing and comments – look at amending the timing of the events to not be so rigid, kudos to how the judge advocate handled moving up the timing of the vote, look at the color of the badges to ensure uniformity (blue vs. white), look at moving the

timing of the DEC meeting the Thursday before convention to later such as 6:00, look at how we can speed up the timing of the banquet, look at the timing of when the Sunday session is started to allow reasonable time to check out or include LATE Checkout as a requirement before accepting a bid and ensuring that we will get priority rooms for the necessary board members, i.e., proper floor and closeness to the event, can the joint meeting be on Saturday evening (1 ½ hour) and then go straight to the final general assemble at 10:00 a.m. after the memorial service – look at the other organizations committee meetings overlap, we lose time to travel to an offsite location, make to ensure that the auxiliary and the other organizations such as the legion riders and the sons equal billing to post their flags and banners because they are a part of the legion family in their designated areas, if the sons are represented with their flag the legion riders should be represented with their flag as they are an organization of the legion.

#### Commander Samuelson's Appointments

- Membership Chair – Albert Tuma, Post #97, Larimore
- Foundation Chair, Earl Peterson is replaced by Harvey Peterson, Earl was nominated for Western regional director; the nominations are open to give time for additional nominees from the western region, it will be advertised in the legion newspaper and the Commander will notify the DEC and HQ when he has finalized that appointment which should be able to be done and confirmed by his home. (Comments from Curt on what the procedure to advertise term-up seats are to ensure the delegation is informed and interested parties – for elected positions or appointed positions – can make their interest known to the proper person – should be clear at the district meeting before the conference and the commander elect should take that under his charge – DEC is ultimately responsible for the foundation and other offices in that they confirm the appointments.)
- Chaplain – Linda Whaley, Post #2, Fargo
- Children and Youth – Donald Weible, Post #163, Wilton
- Boys State – Alan Ruzicka, Post #157, Lankin
- Athletic – Kenneth Vatne, Post #120, Wild Rose
- Oratorical – Ronald Broderson, Post # 29, Watford City
- Legislative Committee – Seb Roll, Post # 71, Mott with alternate of Harvey Peterson (comment from Curt referencing keeping Seb on in case he is unable to fulfill because of the duties that he has to complete as a member of the coordinating council )
- VA&R – Patricia Duffy is replacing Dean Johnson (Harvey)
- Judge Advocate – Trish Hodny
- Standing Committees – all the same people
- If not listed it remains the same members as the year prior.

On a MOTION by Robert Krause and SECONDED by Larry Vetter, the appointments were unanimously approved.

Curt Twete indicated that he is willing to give DEC a briefing on the coordinating committee.

On a MOTION by Robert Krause and SECONDED by Dale Roth, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.