



The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Department Convention, Appleton, WI 8TH District Caucus, July 14, 2017

1. 8TH District Commander Jim Young called the meeting to order at 0730. The colors being in place, a hand salute was rendered. The Chaplain gave an opening prayer. The POW/MIA ceremony was followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution.
2. Commander Young declared the Caucus convened and introduced the guests present.
3. The Adjutant took the roll and it was determined that a quorum was present.
4. Various candidates for Department offices visited the Caucus during the meeting and spoke about their qualifications for office.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Commander Young reminded all Post and County Commanders to submit updated 2017-18 Officer and Committee reports to the District and Department.
 - b. He added that Legionnaire Ballot Clerks David Jensen, William Kuehl and Jean Balz should meet in Salon C at 1230 hours; Assistant Sergeant at Arms Ron Miller should attend a meeting in Salon AB at 0800 hours; and the following Legionnaires should attend their assigned District Committee meetings this afternoon:

Bob Bohr
Ron Fregien
Will Pope
Kathy Gorst
Darla Porter
Jim Reigel

Americanism
Children and Youth
Finance
Legislative
Membership
National Security

Rich Marien	Resolutions
Ron Rindt	VA&R
Constitution & Amendments	John Snapawitz

- c. 8th District Judge Advocate Kathy Gorst gave a detailed explanation of the various resolutions before the 2016 Department Convention. The 8th District voted as follows:

1a.2017 Department Sergeant-at-Arms, Terms of Office	Approved
2.2017 Medical Cannabis Resolution	Approved
3.2017 Medal of Merit, Ricky Lee	Disapproved
4.2017 Endorsement of Roger P. Mathison	Approved
5a.2017 Endorsement of Daniel J. Seehafer	Approved
6.2017 Discipline of Members	Approved
7.2017 Sale or Mortgage of Post Property	Disapproved

Judge Advocate Gorst prepared a proposed amendment to the above resolution addressing reservations expressed by 8th District Caucus members that contributed to its disapproval. The proposed amendment to Resolution 7.2017 was read to the Caucus. A motion was made and seconded to approve. The motion passed.

8.2017 Constitution and Bylaws updates	Disapproved
9.2017 Host Post 38	Approved
10.2017 Host City of Appleton	Approved
11.2017 Host Hotel	Approved

A motion was made and seconded to instruct the 8th District representatives to Department Committees to cast their respective votes in agreement with the above decisions by the 8th District Caucus. The motion passed.

- d. Commander Young said that to date Jim Reigel and Kathy Gorst have signed up to serve as 8th District Delegates at the 2017 National American Legion Convention.

6. New Business:

- a. Commander Young reminded all Post representatives to pick up and sign for their 2017-18 Department Administrative Packets.
- b. Commander Young asked for a motion to approve the purchase of a \$50.00 prize basket for an upcoming golf outing fund raiser for Dennise Rohan. The motion was made and seconded. The motion passed.

- c. He encouraged all Legionnaires to volunteer for a District or Department program or committee position. Legionnaires interested in an American Legion program or committee should sign up to learn more about its activities.
- 7. Being no further business to come before the Caucus, the POW/MIA flag was removed from the empty chair. The Chaplain gave a closing prayer. Commander Young led the Legionnaires in a salute to the colors and declared the Caucus adjourned.