

Finance Chairman's Message

The Finance Committee has completed the October audit as required. No significant findings to report.

The Finance Committee is working on a document to specify procedures for audits, credit cards, etc. We welcome any suggestions from the general membership. Questions are also appreciated.

Each unit should know or check the status of their non-profit number. If you have no record, Secretary Regina can help you.

Many units have not filed or maintained their non-profit status, since for many years they had been under the impression that unless the account had \$25,000 or more it was not necessary. The fact is that to qualify for grants from the American Legion Auxiliary Federation, a unit must have an active non-profit number. If not, the unit will not qualify for assistance, no matter how great an idea they present.

Additionally, each member should read and consider any necessary changes to their unit's Constitution and/or bylaws.

This was a topic of discussion at the State convention. As it stands now, the Finance committee is forced to prepare a budget based on approved dollar figures in the Standing Rules. If it is determined that Girls State registration will have to be higher, neither the finance committee nor the Department Executive Committee has authority to make that change. This could conceivably cause the termination of programs we have operated for decades.

One more push - since National has decided with convention body that dues will be increasing, we should each help our unit members to determine whether or not a Paid up for Life membership is a good option for them.

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