

Redrafted: 11.24.25 DEC Meeting via Zoom

This meeting started after the Finance Committee Meeting adjourned on the same date.

This meeting was called to order by President Susie at 852pm CST.

Attendance Roll call was answered by 19 members: NEC Mary Jo Stier, President Susie Learning, 1st VP Patrice Sorensen, 2nd VP Rose Kraft, Chaplain & PDP AnnaMae Warnier, Historian Sharon Broghammer, D1 President Kayla Kennedy, D2 President Debra MacDonald, D3 1st Vice President Marla Mosiman, D4 President Deanne Hoyle, D5 President Mary Jo Boner, D6 President Linda Holmes, D7 President Jill Lamer, D8 President Karen Richelieu, Treasurer Christine Patnoe, Poppy Chairman Jane Benzel, Secretary Amy Howard, PDP Regina Whipple, PDP Joyce Smith.

Amy read the minutes from the August 2nd, 2025 DEC meeting. The minutes have been approved by all with the stated corrections.

CBL Chairman Rose Kraft reviewed that the Amendment/Standing Rules have all been sent out to the Units in the Department Mailing. There was a concern regarding SR 17, Section 14, at the end, the words “be placed” were not included. The omission was discussed at the National CBL Committee meeting. Mary Jo Stier reached out to the National Parliamentarian for her opinion on the missing words. She stated, “that unless the 2 missing words are something that are major, that might influence people, there is no need to resend it, and she can't imagine anything is missing that would change the meaning of what was provided.”

Rose made a motion to approve the updated SR section 17, Rules 13.14.15, as given with the addition of the words “be placed”. Sharon Broghammer seconded the motion.

There were long discussions regarding hiring a labor lawyer to review the SR amendments. There hasn't been at this time, as there wasn't a motion made to do so. The hiring committee reached out to the Labor Department in Pierre for guidance. There had previously been little feedback from members regarding this. It was mentioned that there were several conversations at the recent National Convention and how they stressed the importance of keeping their secretaries. The message received and heard repeatedly is that the department needs to take care of them (secretaries) and up the benefits package to keep them. The secretary is the liaison between National and the state. There are a lot of protocols that our secretary is responsible for, making her our executive director. There is still a lot of manual work for the secretary as some units are using ALAMIS, but most units won't as they don't want to get a credit card just for membership entry.

Mary Jo moved that we reach out to our National Parliamentarian and pay her for 1 hour prior to us approving them. Her fee is unknown, but it would be a lot cheaper than a lawyer's.

The motion from Rose is still on the floor. Rose shared that she visited with units during district meetings, and comments were heard that the DEC needs to take care of it. If there were questions or concerns, they needed to talk to the President or the CBL chairman. She thought this should have been taken care of before this meeting.

Rose asked if we want to reach out to National Parliamentarian, and if we want to continue with her motion. It was decided to call for a vote. A verbal vote was completed. It was unclear, so a roll call vote was initiated. The motion was repeated for clarification. The motion is to approve all amendments as sent out for SR 17, section 13.14.15, with 14 adding "be placed" at the end. There were 4 yes votes and 10 no votes. This motion has failed to pass these amendments.

Mary Jo Stier made a motion to contact our National Parliamentarian, Chris Dickey, to hire her for one hour to review our current SR article 17, Section 13-14-15, to make sure they are correct. Kayla Kennedy seconded the motion. Further discussion, these amendments failed, so now they (the committee) would have to redraft the amendments. The idea is to have Chris look at what we currently have and how to move forward. All were in favor of the motion. No further discussion.

There is a request from Amy for her to update the Poppy Standing Rule as the amount to charge has been increased since believed to be October 2024 and mentioned again in March 2025, but the SR has never been updated or corrected. It was decided that this is a housekeeping task; no motion is needed. Amy will review previous documents and will update the Standing Rules accordingly.

Amy also requested to update/correct the SR regarding the Poppy Chairman having a credit card. The Chairman has always had a bank card, never a credit card. This is housekeeping; no motion needed. Amy will update.

Mary Jo Stier spoke on behalf of Katie, the Legionette Editor. There was a discussion at the D5 fall meeting. It was brought to our attention by Micheline that Amy entered the information for subscriptions and then sent it to Katie. It was suggested that the Secretary could/should just send the editions out to all subscribers as she held the database. This was talked about but never finalized. Amy and Mary Jo reviewed this further. Katie will continue to send out the Legionette editions as she receives an updated database monthly.

Further Legionette discussions:

- Everyone who gets the Legionette at the end of the year automatically gets the Legionette the following September and October.
- The question was raised if they pay after the 20th of the month, do we have to go back and send the edition for that month? No, the deadline is the 20th of the month. The day we receive the subscription at HQ is the day the subscription starts.
- Are Unit Presidents supposed to get the email copy free? Yes, they are. Amy stated they hadn't prior to November. She has since added all unit presidents from ALAMIS to the email subscriptions list. There were a few Presidents that had reached out asking about it. Amy has emailed them copies of those issues they hadn't received.
- It was also noted that we may not have the correct President or chair information if we haven't received the Officer/Chair forms at HQ yet.
- There were a few units that sent their Legionette subscriptions and payments directly to Katie, payable to Katie. It was asked how to reiterate that all information needs to be sent to HQ for processing. No action taken.
- Content sent to the Legionette cannot be in text form. Please send via email or mail to Katie for it to be published.
- If there are concerns about what is being published, reach out to President Susie, and she can review with Katie.
- It was asked why the District Presidents don't get the Legionette subscription for free. The Unit Presidents receive it for free, but District Presidents must pay for it. It was suggested to submit a resolution for the District Presidents to receive a free email copy. Some District Presidents stated they pay for their own subscriptions.
- It is in the SR Legionette that the Unit Presidents receive the email editions of the Legionette for free.

Other points of interest:

- Headquarters rent: A new contract isn't needed as it is between ALA and Mr. Adamo, not a specific person. He allowed us to use our \$750 deposit towards our November, 2025 rent. No change in rent currently. Mr. Adamo also stated that we will never have a late fee. He is slow to enter the payments received, and a late fee is automatically added. He removes them monthly as our payments are on time.
- Christmas Tree at the Capitol: President Susie, Secretary Amy, NEC/D3 President MaryJo, and Legion Commander Kevin met in Pierre on November 21st, 2025, to decorate the tree. The theme is "White Christmas". All the decorations and lights used were from prior years. The only item purchased was a white tree skirt.
- Audits: President Susie stated that we are "all caught up." Patrice and Nancy completed the first one. AnnaMae and Dawn completed the second one.

- President Susie said the Mid-Winter agenda went out in the Legionette this month. She asked if you are scheduled, please be ready to speak.
- A Finance Committee recommendation was brought forth to bring our NW Division Vice President, Shareen Johnson, to Midwinter and pay for her visit out of the National visit funds. No further discussion was had. All were in favor. Motion was carried.
- President Susie, on behalf of Amy, would like to hire someone to get her printer, scanner, and copier machine to work. Kayla stated that the machine was purchased from Office Depot a year or so ago. There is no service agreement, etc. . It was discussed by all that this would be a cost of business, and working equipment is needed. It was suggested to have an unbiased third party come in and fix the machine. No motion is needed as it is the cost of doing business.
- The Finance Committee recommends reinvesting CD #111562 at Dacotah Bank for 7 months at 3.70% interest. It was approved unanimously by the DEC.

No other business was brought forward.

Kayla Kennedy made a motion to adjourn. Patrice Sorensen seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm CST.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Howard
SD Department Secretary