

2024  
Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary

Transcript of the Pre  
Virtual National Convention  
Finance Committee

August 6, 2024

1 **Terri Shattuck:** So, let's open this meeting. This is Terri Shattuck. I'm the finance chair. And right  
2 off the bat, we'll turn it over to Tracy because she has all the figures that we're looking at.  
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4 **Judy Fidler:** Madam Chair, can I do roll call please?  
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6 **Terri Shattuck:** Oh sure, go ahead with roll call.  
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8 **Judy Fidler:** First year Cheryl Perez  
9 **Cheryl Perez:** Here  
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11 **Judy Fidler:** Second year Terri Shattuck  
12 **Terri Shattuck:** Present  
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14 **Judy Fidler:** 3rd year Gloria Sanchez? Four years Kay Jo Baucom?  
15 **Kay Jo Baucom:** Present  
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17 **Judy Fidler:** President Barbara Hale Ray?  
18 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Present  
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20 **Judy Fidler:** Senior Vice Fran Holtgreven?  
21 **Fran Holtgreven:** Present  
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23 **Judy Fidler:** Junior Vice Teviah Gilliard? Treasurer Tracy Derr?  
24 **Tracy Derr:** Present  
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26 **Judy Fidler:** National Secretary Judy Fiddler? Present. Madam Chair, there's your roll call.  
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28 **Terri Shattuck:** Thank you. So, we're going to turn this right over to Tracy. So she's got all the  
29 figures. Where we need to go and what we're going to do.  
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31 **Tracy Derr:** So, we'll do old business first, right?  
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33 **Terri Shattuck:** Right.  
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35 **Tracy Derr:** I am in my office. My office is in a town that is historical, so my windows are like  
36 paper. So, if you hear a lot of loud noises or cars or something, it's just what's going to happen.  
37 Hopefully there's construction, so it's slowed down and should be OK, but don't think it's  
38 feedback, it's just the road. OK, so. Last year's budget. We were under by 12,000. I can't read  
39 that one. I've got my own printed out and I'll do that. 12,900 and something. Where was that?  
40 Is it \$12,115.91? Most of that was travel. We had a \$9000 budget for travel and we had 6900  
41 leftover. So, I think when we work on budget next year, we should consider that. And it just  
42 looks better if our budget is more in line with what we're actually doing. We don't want to  
43 under-budget either in case something comes up, but either way we were under in everything.  
44 We were almost not under in Convention, but Colleen and others made donations. Luckily for

1 that \$5298.00 donation from the Department of Louisiana that put that convention number  
2 under. Everything else on this year's budget was good. The only thing I would say, and I'll talk  
3 about CDCE and HOV, but we still didn't utilize the full amount we could have for our grant  
4 money. It should have been the first line right here on that last year's budget 37,530. We have  
5 to receive a payment of 1/3 which is 10,000, and some change. Spend that down. Prove it with  
6 the receipts. Then we get another 10,000 and change or use 10,133. We were able to do that  
7 twice this year. Last year, we only did it once. So, we did double what we did the year before.  
8 But we still missed out on having \$10,000, go to veterans by not doing that much more grants.  
9 We are working on it. Registration last year \$7,400 and some change, you know, that's going to  
10 be obviously a lot different than this year. I think I was at 850 when I printed off a Wix report  
11 yesterday. But then there's also checks coming from Judy. So that number will have to shake out  
12 when we are done. She'll send me the payments and that will go on our reports that we get  
13 monthly through the dropbox. You'll be able to see that as far as the budget. And I see all of  
14 these things cause it's really a Finance Committee conversation. What we should up for the  
15 future? What we should drop for the future? Just things to think about at the committee would  
16 be the subscriptions and internet type apps or things that we use like Dropbox or Wix or Zoom  
17 or all these things that we're using. I think that especially since we're under by \$12,000, there's  
18 room in the budget to up that number. And I would like to see it go up to 2,000 just because I  
19 don't want it to go over and we were so close, we had \$165 left in it, so. And I think that's about  
20 it down here in the bottom in the income section of our budget for the year. Right, like I said, we  
21 did have quite a few donations. We received 5298 from Louisiana to offset our convention  
22 expenses. That was the intention. And that happened. And that was great. So that goes back to  
23 our general fund. We received a \$4000 deposit donation from Colorado, which is fantastic. Kay  
24 Jo in Florida, or Kay Jo the year before, donated \$600.00 that that goes towards this. It was in  
25 this year. So our donation line was at 10, over 10,000 dollars this year. I think that's one of the  
26 biggest years we've had in a long time. So I was pretty pleased with that. All that money is extra  
27 money for us to live so. If it's not restricted, it helps us function and I think that's fantastic. Did  
28 any of you have any questions about last year's final budget numbers that we are seeing?  
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30 **Terri Shattuck:** I have no questions.

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32 **Tracy Derr:** On to the next thing. Um. Yeah, CDCE money leftover, even though it looks like on  
33 this sheet there would have been about four grand left over. There really isn't because I had two  
34 other CDCE requests in late July that didn't make the sheet. So, we really used all of it. And then  
35 I'll have to submit receipts to Steve at the Service Foundation and we'll get our next installment.  
36 Probably August. So, I'll let Linda know when that's available. As far as our HOV fund goes, we  
37 have \$841.00 left in that. We used \$3500 of our fund money or our HOV money in that fund this  
38 year, which I thought was fantastic because we haven't used that much in one year in a while.  
39 Still have \$1000 in membership money, membership development money available. Um. We  
40 have to discuss during Convention, I think, what to do with the Ways and Means that Teviah  
41 raised and also, I don't think... Cheryl, did we say last year, or anybody? I ask Cheryl because I  
42 know Cheryl's mind is like a steel trap about these things. Ladies, that cracks me up. Do we say  
43 that we don't need permission to with the Ways and Means, or that's still not changed? Is it  
44 restricted only to veterans now or is it by year we vote what to do with it?

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2 **Cheryl Perez:** I believe we changed it to we can vote each year how to do it, but I'll I'll look it up.  
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4 **Tracy Derr:** Alright. So that's something that we'll have to do for, I believe; well, I know for  
5 certain this this year, but Fran's year as well.  
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7 **Terri Shattuck:** So what what was the total Ways and Means for Teviah?  
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9 **Tracy Derr:** It ended up being. Less the expense? It ends up being, oh. Well, then, there's other  
10 monies too. So, at 5,034.50.  
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12 **Terri Shattuck:** Oh, great!  
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14 **Tracy Derr:** We had. But then you're going to have to back off the 2793.75. So. And it was the  
15 last minute thing we had with the dollars and there was a donation. There was something else  
16 that was added in.  
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18 **Cheryl Perez:** I mean, Tracy, it was the disbursement of funds shall be determined by the  
19 National Convention body.  
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21 **Tracy Derr:** OK, that's what's up. Per year, right?  
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23 **Cheryl Perez:** Yes  
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25 **Tracy Derr:** Thank you, Cheryl. Uh, 2240.75. Which is pretty darn good. Um, Teviah and Colleen  
26 for that work that you put into this and we don't even have the jewelry table or a raffle or any  
27 kind of sales going on. You know, at a regular convention body. So that I think that's a great  
28 number for a zoom convention.  
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30 **Judy Fiddler:** Tracy, this is Judy, do you have I have a check here for \$400.00 for the ornaments.  
31 Is that \$400.00 in that 2240?  
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33 **Tracy Derr:** So when we had our meeting last week, there were some numbers that you gave  
34 me as 475 and then we added that into the 4466.35, and less the expenses of what we had to  
35 pay back for the cost, would end up to be 2240.75.  
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37 **Judy Fiddler:** OK.  
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39 **Tracy Derr:** But Yes, we did.  
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41 **Judy Fiddler:** Thank you.  
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43 **Tracy Derr:** I couldn't remember what it was when you said ornament. I looked down and said  
44 400 ornament. That was a long meeting. OK. I don't see much else in the way of conversation on

1 last year's budget. Moving forward, the rebate amount was pretty fantastic. Our last year's  
2 principal was 371,775. Our year end E-trade balance on June 30th \$461,440.85. Adding the  
3 membership deposit of 2950. Less the rebate gives our new principal membership for 2024  
4 \$374,725. And then the rebate becomes 86,715.85. Which will take us to the next conversation.  
5 This is, we as a Finance Meeting...As a finance Committee, discussed at our last meeting, getting  
6 this approved to use the full amount for general funds and operating expenses for the national  
7 auxiliary in its total. So, I don't know if we approved to bring that up but do we need to do that  
8 again now, right? We can do that at the NEC or at the actual convention?  
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10 **Judy Fiddler:** We should bring it up now because then it would be on record.  
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12 **Tracy Derr:** OK. So, at our last meeting we discussed and made a motion, was made, and it was  
13 voted that we would move to approve to use the rebate of \$86,715.85 for general operating  
14 expenses and that we would bring this up at the convention and have this voted on. So that is  
15 what our intent is to do through the convention. Which that amount, plus was is left over from  
16 this year that goes into next year - what we use for next year, then there's always something  
17 leftover, you know, usually at least 10 grand. That amount is pretty good. That should keep us  
18 going until three years, if not four. And if we keep doing things to generate more money and  
19 more donations, then who's to say not more? And then I know that some of you know this. I  
20 don't know how many know this, but my dad came in, Patriot Wallot came in, and wanted to  
21 know what we had to pay the hotel for expenses for convention the year prior, and that was the  
22 amount he took to his floor and his convention and had them approved that they will pay that  
23 in expenses. There's a budget line on their budget now, and they will pay that for the auxiliary  
24 expenses at convention. It's loose in the stuff in it and approved as Convention expenses for the  
25 auxiliary. I don't know the details of the \$30,000 so I don't know the details of how we will get  
26 the money, if they will use the money, if we have to give them registration, I'm not sure how  
27 that's all going to work out. So, definitely suggest that that committee jump early on to  
28 whomever is in charge. Probably Robert. Being, I really suggest that the President for the  
29 auxiliary and the commander for the Order have these conversations. It shouldn't be third party  
30 and it shouldn't be committees making decisions. You really need to be in actual contact with  
31 him, Fran in saying, alright, what's the plan? You need to talk to your people, find a plan for us.  
32 Because that's what we have to go up. We can't wait for the last, right before convention, and  
33 walk in and they go well. Just, you know, go ahead and then pay for it and we'll pay you back.  
34 We can't do that. We've learned that lesson. So, I feel like the top should talk to the top, and it  
35 should be Fran to Robert or me to their treasurer or whoever and however, but the position  
36 should lie in the conversation when we talk about our money. It shouldn't be a third or fourth  
37 person like Jim Adkins or you know, just I don't know, I'm just saying his name because his  
38 name popped in my mind. I don't know that he's even the person, but I just feel like we need a  
39 more cohesive communication. A line of communication with the people that we should directly  
40 be working with per our bylaws, so that we don't get confused or bogged down in any of their  
41 issues. And maybe we need to suppose to be talking to who and what. What? Each one of our  
42 roles should be, and who should be filling them, you know, because I bet we're missing the  
43 mark on some things. But, so that's that, which is fantastic news that Patriot Wallot did that. I  
44 mean that's amazing news, so. That would really help us, um, at future conventions, if they

1 could be consistent and keep us on that, on that line item in the budget, for sure. It was a great  
2 consideration, and I think that's it for the old budget. We talked about the rebates and the new  
3 budget. Uh, the total budget of 28,750. That budget looks so different in past years. I know that  
4 doesn't sound like a lot of money, but it keeps us going every year and it does the job so. Until  
5 we're in a position to spend more, I guess that's kind of where we sit. Um, we are still going to  
6 get the same amount of money perceived that money is not going to go up. I know that the  
7 Patriots don't even get, Michigan doesn't even get, any program money from the Service  
8 Foundation any longer, so they don't even have to do an audit any longer or you know, have  
9 them. Dennis is doing their 990s now. So that's how far back the foundation has scaled in their  
10 money. So, I know we won't be receiving any more than that, especially when we can't even use  
11 the amount that they're giving us. Total budget with expenses would be 20,750. We reduced the  
12 stipends to 300 this year. Oh oh, I forgot. Look, we already did up-that to 2000, Fran. I knew we  
13 needed to go to 2000 on the internet subscriptions we already had talked about it. So I, a  
14 minute ago, proposed to do it but it's already on here. Travel is less like we talked about. And  
15 we've left nothing for the Martha Washington memorials or miscellaneous donation on this  
16 budget. This budget was submitted to the to the Service Foundation and accepted and it is our  
17 operating budget for the year. So, if anybody in the committee or had any further discussion  
18 about that? I think it just needs to be ratified at the Convention.

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20 **Terri Shattuck:** Correct.

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22 **Tracy Derr:** And that is all I have.

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24 **Terri Shattuck:** And was everyone on the call on the last finance call, when we discussed  
25 keeping the national rebate with the MOPHA for operating expenses. For the reasoning of that.

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27 **Judy Fidler:** Everybody was on that call.

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29 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yes.

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31 **Terri Shattuck:** Ok. So, Because I was just going to explain, we don't use what we have. I don't  
32 know why we would keep throwing more money at 'em. Ok. So, with that being said...

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34 **Tracy Derr:** Terri, I'm sorry. I wanted to make sure that everybody was on the same, if this was a  
35 thing that would be acceptable. I forgot about this. I had a client. One of our members, [REDACTED]  
36 and [REDACTED]

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38 **Terri Shattuck:** [REDACTED] (Last Name of persons was mentioned)

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40 **Tracy Derr:** And this is private, so please don't. This is a private conversation and I, whether it  
41 happens or doesn't happen, it's about the - it's about the point and about what I learned from  
42 the conversation I'm sharing. Is that he's in a situation where he has to donate so much money  
43 a year. As is, many of our members, they may have RMD's required minimum distributions, that  
44 they have to take on their IRA's or any money they want to donate in general. And him and I

1 were talking, and he wants to donate \$10,000, and he's saying he's going to get with this  
2 person. And I said, well, you should donate that to the auxiliary because [REDACTED] loved the  
3 auxiliary and was a member and a friend. And if you want to make a donation, I don't want to  
4 be so bold as to where to tell you to donate, but I would raise my hand and take that \$10,000  
5 for our auxiliary and he said, he'll talk at his granddaughter, who handles his stuff and said that's  
6 where your son and it, that's who you're giving it to. And she said OK and wrote it down. Well, I  
7 was talking to Jan and I said and it was such an easy conversation. Jan and Jan is a really good  
8 wordsmith, also Chery. I don't know if anyone else is. I'm not saying you're not. I know I'm not.  
9 I'm. I'm just too quick minded, I just go and then it's like misspelled and crazy. So my brain is not  
10 one for you.

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12 **Terri Shattuck:** That's ok. You raised your hand quick

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14 **Tracy Derr:** Yes, by you. But I'm not one to write the letter, but I am going to find somebody to  
15 write the letter. And Jan is really good at that. And so once things were to die down, her and I  
16 were going to create a letter to our members that said, if you have to, if you're a person in a  
17 position to make these donations and you're making donations to nonprofit organizations,  
18 please start with your own. Please start with the auxiliary we are looking for funding. We are  
19 looking for donations and where better to start than our own members. If you are in a position  
20 to already make these donations. You know, why wouldn't you? So I would hope. And I'm  
21 bringing this to the committee because anytime we go to fundraise or talk about making money  
22 or getting money, I believe that everyone on this phone call should be very aware of what the  
23 scenario could be. So I'm just sharing and hoping that it's OK.

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25 **Fran Holtgreven:** Tracy, this is Fran. I have started a committee for next year that, excuse me  
26 (cough) is going to include several people. And they are going to be out looking for ways to get  
27 money. So, this could go right into that committee.

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29 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah. Linda Bellis reached out to me and I did send her our IRS information and we  
30 talked a while about stuff.

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32 **Fran Holtgreven:** OK, good. She is going to be the chair.

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34 **Tracy Derr:** Oh Good.

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36 **Fran Holtgreven:** If you would like to join the committee, we, anyone wants to join this  
37 committee just...

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39 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah. I would like to join that.

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41 **Fran Holtgreven:** Let me know and we'll add your name to the Committee.

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43 **Tracy Derr:** So I would love it and be honored to be a part of your fundraising money making  
44 committee.

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2 **Fran Holtgreven:** OK. Anyone else? Drop in. Just let me know. Drop me a line or just tell me that  
3 now. But this is going to be a committee that I think we really need to to use. Because right now  
4 it looks pretty good, but like Tracy said, down the road. And so we have to keep ahead of it.

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6 **Tracy Derr:** Thank you. But that was my last thing. I'm sorry, but I did want to share that.

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8 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Great

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10 **Terri Shattuck:** Alright, wonderful. All right. Is there any other discussion that needs to be talked  
11 about?

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13 **Judy Fiddler:** This is Judy, I do have one thing. Um, I wanted to let you know we had \$561.96 in  
14 sales on our supplies and pins. Um, 13 of those orders that totaled \$302.96 were online sales,  
15 and we had six that were by mail and that was \$259. So, our online sale is doing pretty good as  
16 far as getting the orders in. We just have to figure out something about the postage. Some of  
17 them didn't include postage and I thought there was a line on there that included an additional  
18 charge for postage because we're paying a little over a dollar per transaction on an online sale.  
19 So we got to make that up somehow.

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21 **Tracy Derr:** \$1.03

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23 **Judy Fiddler:** \$1.03 per transaction. That's all I have. You can discuss it.

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25 **Colleen Orfanello:** Ladies, This is Colleen. I am not on the Finance Committee, but I do have a  
26 question about the fundraising. Tracy, you may know this. So I know in the past you had to sign  
27 letter to use the word Purple Heart from the foundation for our fundraising purposes, is that  
28 still the case for Fran's committee?

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30 **Tracy Derr:** Well, I mean, we can't do like, to make a big scale thing that says Purple Heart, but  
31 can we send a letter to our Members? Absolutely. Can we do T-shirts or shirts like you did?  
32 Absolutely. I mean, we have to think before we leap and maybe that's what the committee will  
33 help is to keep us all accountable to each other and verify and keep that verification front and  
34 center so we don't. I mean, but at the end of the day, what are we losing? We're losing money  
35 that goes to veterans. If we lose that 37 or 20,000 that we spent this year, 10,000 the year  
36 before but we still have our other money from the rebate to or we have money that we could  
37 be fundraising. So, I mean. I don't know. It was brought to my attention that maybe we should  
38 do um a different. Linda Bellis and I were talking about maybe we should look and that could be  
39 part of this committee as well. I'm sure it will be if I know, Linda, our own 501C3 and a different  
40 EIN. So, there's things to talk about, but definitely things to verify. And to really look down the  
41 road, a few, you know, layers before we say yes to it, cause that mean it was very easy for a  
42 member or one of the Patriots at convention last year to tell me that I need to have MOPHA  
43 fund.org and I need to get an EIN for MOPHA.org. Well , if they don't help us now. Why do I  
44 want to still do something that they're telling me to do? That's what they're telling me to do

1 something bad, but I'm always leery, and I always have to verify things and look into them. Do  
2 we need one? Sure. We're in a situation where we most grants won't give to a 19; so it's not a  
3 bad idea, but I don't know that it needs to be MOPHA fund. It may just needs to be MOPHA.  
4 And that's our, you know, maybe we add something that we come up with to have to exactly  
5 align with that we don't because we weren't chartered under the MOPHA. Fund, right?  
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7 **Colleen Orfanello:** It could be Purple Heart families of America.

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9 **Tracy Derr:** It could be could be. That's right, purple ladies doing the right thing. I don't care  
10 what it is. I just want to make sure our future aligns with our beliefs for the veterans and that  
11 we're not beholden to a group or organization that restricts us or denies us or doesn't enhance  
12 our ability to grow.

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14 **Colleen Orfanello:** Agree. I think that's a great idea for your, for the budget next year. You know,  
15 it's not free. Corporation filings are not free. (inaudible) file for a 501C3. I've done it before.

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17 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah, we should put that in the next budget.

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19 **Colleen Orfanello:** yeah, and it could be, I mean I'm thinking it could be \$2500.

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21 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah. That's what I was going to say. I think it's like that I think just the filing along  
22 with six-fifty or something. I I don't know that's what I was told. It's so easy, even I could do it  
23 so.

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25 **Colleen Orfanello:** It's not easy.

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27 **Tracy Derr:** I was like, oh, thank you. Even me? Even little ol' me I could do. Oh, thank you.  
28 These men, these men. In their little doubt of what we can do, don't they know without us they  
29 wouldn't be here?

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31 **Kay Jo Baucom:** Well, we have to keep reminding them.

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33 **Tracy Derr:** Lord.

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35 **Kay Jo Baucom:** Preach

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37 **Tracy Derr:** So anyway, that should be a part of the Linda Bellis group conversation for sure, but  
38 I just made a note for corporate filing for budget for next year. Yeah, because it may take us that  
39 much research. And you, as you ladies know, boom, it's time to do the next budget and the next  
40 President is here. So, stuff only lingers when you're the actual president and you can't wait to be  
41 done. But the rest of the years go quick. Alright.

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43 **Terri Shattuck:** So true

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1 **Tracy Derr:** That's all I got.  
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3 **Terri Shattuck:** OK. So, is that all for the Finance Committee now. Judy?  
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5 **Judy Fidler:** I guess. You're the chair.  
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7 **Terri Shattuck:** Alright. Well, we talked about everything we needed to talk about,  
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9 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yep.  
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11 **Terri Shattuck:** OK, so at this time I guess. Do we have to... We don't have to vote on this again,  
12 do we?  
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14 **Barbara Hale Ray:** No.  
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16 **Terri Shattuck:** Because we voted on it at our last meeting.  
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18 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah, I think we're just saying it to get it into the Minutes, Terri.  
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20 **Terri Shattuck:** Right, OK then. So I guess we can close this meeting. All those in favor or give me  
21 a motion or something. Hello?  
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23 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Hi.  
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25 **Kay Jo:** (inaduble – waving at camera)  
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27 **Colleen Orfanello:** Kay Jo is closing the meeting... agreeing to close the meeting... at 4:43 PM  
28 Central time.  
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30 **Terri Shattuck:** Who said that?  
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32 **Colleen Orfanello:** That that was Colleen. I'm sorry, Terri. This is a transcript. So we need to  
33 need to make sure everything is good to go.  
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35 **Terri Shattuck:** OK, but you can't close the meeting. You can't make a motion, dear.  
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37 **Colleen Orfanello:** Kay Jo, I'm sorry. I said Kay Jo.  
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39 **Kay Jo:** I did. Sorry, Terri. I made a motion.  
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41 **Terri Shattuck:** Oh. OK, well, I didn't catch it.  
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43 **Kay Jo Baucom:** OK, sorry.  
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1 **Terri Shattuck:** Is there any more discussion?  
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3 **Barbara Hale Ray:** nope  
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5 **Terri Shattuck:** That's OK, is there any more discussion? No? All those in favor?  
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7 **Collective Group:** Aye.  
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9 **Terri Shattuck:** opposed? Motion carries. OK. This meeting has been adjourned.  
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1 **2024 PRE-CONVENTION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**  
2 **COMMITTEE (NEC) MEETING**

3 **August 6, 2024**

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5 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** We're going to bring this meeting to order. Would you, Colleen, are you  
6 going to post the colors for us.

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8 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** The colors are ceremonially posted behind Judy for this.

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10 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** OK.

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12 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I don't know if you could see them.

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14 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** OK. All right. Gwen is not here today, so I will read a prayer. Our Father,  
15 bless us as we are assembled here tonight or today, and reverence to thee and service to our  
16 country. We are grateful for this opportunity of association and companionship God, our nation,  
17 our President and all. And authority, may they always lead us in the path of peace and justice.  
18 Amen.

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20 **COLLECTIVE GROUP:** Amen

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22 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Linda, would you lead us in the pledge, please?

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24 **LINDA VAREJCKA (and COLLECTIVE GROUP):** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States  
25 of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with  
26 liberty and justice for all.

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28 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** The national anthem will not be played today.

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30 **KAY JO:** (singing) Ohhh say can you see? That's good.

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32 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** OK. OK. You may all be seated. I now declare this meeting open for the  
33 transaction of such business as may properly be brought before it. Madam Secretary, can you  
34 please begin the roll call of the NEC members?

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36 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yes, ma'am. President Barbara Hale Ray?

37 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** PRESENT

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39 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Senior Vice President Fran Holtgreven?

40 **Fran Holtgreven:** PRESENT

1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Junior Vice President Teviah Gilliard?  
2 Chaplain Gwendolyn Gilliard? Secretary Judy Fiddler? PRESENT. Treasurer Tracy Derr?  
3 **Tracy Derr:** PRESENT  
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5 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Membership Officer Cheryl Perez?  
6 **Cheryl Perez:** PRESENT  
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8 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Region Two President Karen Larabel? Region Four President JoAnn Croney?  
9 Parliamentarian Jan Knapp?  
10 **Jan Knapp:** PRESENT  
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12 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Sergeant at Arms Linda Varejcka?  
13 **Linda Varejcka:** PRESENT.  
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15 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Department Presidents, Pennsylvania Sandy Verbos? Michigan Deborah Allen?  
16 Minnesota Sheryl Osborne? Nebraska Angie Foster? Ohio Cassandra Christner? Florida Betty  
17 Ann Brunton. Georgia Marianne Barkley? Mississippi Vanessa Duett? Colorado Rita Cusak?  
18 Louisiana Colleen Orfanello  
19 **Colleen Orfanello:** HERE  
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21 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Texas Vera Anderson? PNP's Patricia Sharp? Lucille Kenny? Elaine Mons? Bonnie  
22 Dumler? Joan Walsh? Carol Lance? Judith Spalding? Nancy Lee Birschbach? Jane Stoell?  
23 Gwendolyn Gilliard? Karen Haltiner? Barb Cherone?  
24 **Barb Cherone:** PRESENT  
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26 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Barbara Cannode? Jan Knapp?  
27 **Jan Knapp:** PRESENT  
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29 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Eileen Oltmann?  
30 Diane Petrini? Cheryl Perez?  
31 **Cheryl Perez:** PRESENT  
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33 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Amanda Flener? Colleen Orfanello?  
34 **Colleen Orfanello:** PRESENT  
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36 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Kay Jo Baucom?  
37 **Kay Jo Baucom:** PRESENT  
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39 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Madam President, there's your roll call.  
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41 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Thank you, Madam Secretary. The only pro-term assignment or  
42 appointment I have is myself, where I appointed myself chaplain. The credentials committee? I

1 asked Cheryl Perez if she would spearhead that. That so would you please announce your  
2 committee members, Cheryl?

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4 **CHERYL PEREZ:** I don't have them yet. I was going to look through the attendee list and um but  
5 my number one choice is Jan. If she wants to do that, let me know. Thank you.

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7 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** OK. All right. The resolutions, we have 5 Members, Fran Holtgreven, Jan  
8 Knapp, Teviah Gilliard, and Cheryl Perez, as well as myself. . We're going to begin with a little  
9 housekeeping. The minutes of this meeting are being recorded for those who are unfamiliar  
10 with zoom meetings, please raise your hand to be acknowledged and then state your name,  
11 your unit, and position. You can press 9 to raise your hand on the zoom call. For a computer  
12 connection, you can click participants in the menu and lower it the same way. To mute on a  
13 phone call, click \*6 and on a computer connection, click the microphone on the menu bar. The  
14 Minutes of the 2023 post NEC convention were mailed October the 8, 2023 in transcript form. I  
15 would entertain a motion to discuss with the reading of the Minutes and approve them as  
16 published.

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18 **TERRI SHATTUCK:** I'll make that motion. This is Terri shaddock. PNP.

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20 **KAY JO BAUCOM:** Second it. Kay Jo Baucom PNP

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22 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Did you get the names and stuff? Yes?

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24 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yes Ma'am.

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26 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Are there any discussions to any of the edits that were needed? In favor of  
27 dispensing with the reading of the minutes and approval of them as published, please say aye.

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29 **(COLLECTIVE GROUP):** Aye

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31 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** No? Hearing none, the ayes have it. The motion to accept the minutes of  
32 the 2023 Post National Convention meeting as published has passed. There are several  
33 committee reports that have been submitted and sent to you via e-mail, per Judy. At this time,  
34 there has been an edited budget that was sent to you all on Monday evening. For simplicity  
35 sake, we would like our national treasure to share her report.

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37 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** Madam President. I'd like to accept Tracy's uh finance meeting  
38 discussion as her report. Colleen Orfanello.

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40 **TERRI SHATTUCK:** Terri Shattuck. I second that motion.

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42 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** OK. Is there any other business that needs to come before this committee?

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1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yeah. We didn't have a vote. You just took a motion first from Colleen and 2nd  
2 from Terri to accept Tracy's report from the finance meeting.  
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4 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** So, you're just going to ask for some discussion and then we can call for a  
5 vote.  
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7 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** OK, discussion. We don't have any? OK, we're calling for a vote, Jan?  
8  
9 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** Madam President, I think sometimes when noise happens that the  
10 windows pop up. She has nothing to say.  
11  
12 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** OK. Is there any other business that we need to bring?  
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14 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** We're just going, Madam President, we're going to call that motion to a  
15 vote.  
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17 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** OK.  
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19 **JUDY FIDDLER:** All in favor?  
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21 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** All in favor?  
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23 **COLLECTIVE GROUP:** Aye.  
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25 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** NO? OK, we have closed-out this and I will as a Pro Temp will give you the  
26 prayer.  
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28 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Wait a minute. We have one more. We have one more item.  
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30 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Oh, we do?  
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32 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yes. During the Finance Committee meeting, it was recommended that the  
33 auxiliary keep and use the rebate money for this year for the national expenses and not to  
34 disperse them as rebates and the NEC should vote on that so that we can take it to the  
35 Convention floor.  
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37 **JAN KNAPP:** Madam President, this is Jan Knapp, I would move that the auxiliary keep the  
38 rebate portion for this year to be used for administrative expenses.  
39  
40 **KAY JO BAUCOM:** I'll second that. Kay Jo Baucom, Past National President.  
41  
42 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** OK, it has been properly voted on and seconded that the amount of  
43 money from the rebates be kept. All in favor?

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2 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** We're going to ask for a little discussion.  
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4 **JAN KNAPP:** Discussion.  
5 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** I got you. We have any discussion on that? OK, seeing none then it will  
6 stand as voted upon.  
7  
8 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** We just have to vote on it. I'm so sorry. We're going to. We're going to  
9 put that to a vote.  
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11 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** OK, all in favor?  
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13 **COLLECTIVE GROUP:** Aye  
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15 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Nays? None. OK, so we should be looking good next year, ladies.  
16  
17 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Motion carries.  
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19 **TERRI SHATTUCK:** Motion carries.  
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21 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Motion carries, yes. Anything else I need to bring up before we close this  
22 meeting out?  
23 OK. Almighty father, as we go from this meeting. We ask thee to go with us to guide us and  
24 direct us in the paths of righteousness. May thy blessings be upon us and remain with us. Keep  
25 us true to our organization and loyal to each other. Grant to us peace, joy and happiness. Amen.  
26  
27 **COLLECTIVE GROUP:** Amen

2024  
Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary

Minutes of the  
91st Virtual National Convention

**SESSION 1**

Thursday August 8, 2024

1 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Let's come to order. All of you have been invited to watch the  
2 Joint Opening that was held July 16,2024 in Orlando, Florida. The physical and  
3 recorded joint opening, as well as the memorial service, serves as our official  
4 opening and I hope that everyone has had the opportunity to view it. With that  
5 being said, the video will remain on our website until September the 1st for  
6 viewing. Upon completion of the joint opening and memorial service, we've had  
7 recess until now and I will call the 91st Annual National Convention to order.  
8 Please stand, if you can, for the posting of colors.

9 **(VIDEO begins)**

10 A video of our colors being posted, our opening prayer, the pledge and the National Anthem will  
11 be played for you at this time.

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13 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Thank you, Sgt at Arms, Linda Varejcka. You may be seated. I now declare  
14 this convention opened for a transaction of business that may properly be brought before it.  
15 Senior Vice President Fran Holtgreven. Would you please recite our preamble? Everyone can  
16 join in if you would like to read along with it.

17  
18 **Fran Holtgreven:** We, the parents, grandparents, spouse, widows, widowers, siblings, children,  
19 and grandchildren of combat, veterans of wars of the United States who for their valiant service  
20 have been awarded the Purple Heart by General George Washington in 1782, in order to  
21 participate principles of national patriotism and justice do here ordain and establish the Military  
22 Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary of the United States of America, Incorporated. We pledge  
23 ourselves to sponsor those principles of liberty, justice, and general welfare that have made the  
24 United States the great nation it is today. We further pledge ourselves to assist the Military  
25 Order of the Purple Heart in carrying out its patriotic, fraternal, educational, and historical  
26 programs.

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28 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Thank you. Madam Secretary, please do the roll call.

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30 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Sorry, had to unmute. President Barbara Hale Ray?

31 **Barbara Hale Ray:** PRESENT

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33 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I got screen that says to unmute to start speaking and I've already unmuted so I  
34 don't know what's up.

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36 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Yeah.

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38 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Senior Vice President Fran Holtgreven? Ladies, please mute yourself until I  
39 you're your name. I know Fran is here. Junior Vice President Teviah Gilliard?

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41 **Teviah Gilliard:** Present.

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43 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Chaplain Gwendolyn Gilliard?

44 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** PRESENT

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2 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Secretary, Judy Fiddler? Present. Treasurer Tracy Derr?  
3 **Tracy Derr:** PRESENT.  
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5 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Membership Officer Cheryl Perez?  
6 **Cheryl Perez:** PRESENT.  
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8 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Region 2 President Karen Larabel?  
9 **Karen Larabel:** PRESENT  
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11 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Region four President Joanne Croney? Parliamentarian Jan Knapp?  
12 **Jan Knapp:** Here  
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14 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Sergeant at Arms Linda Varejcka ?  
15 **Linda Varejcka:** PRESENT.  
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17 **Department Presidents:** Pennsylvania Sandy Verbos? Michigan Deborah Allen? Is Sharon  
18 Lewinsky on?  
19 **SHARON LEWINSKI:** Senior is here. Present.  
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21 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Minnesota Cheryl Osbourn? Nebraska Angela Foster?  
22 **Angie Foster:** Present  
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24 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Ohio Cassandra Christner? Wisconsin Barb Cherone?  
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26 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** She's here, Judy.  
27  
28 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Florida Betty Ann Brunton?  
29 **Betty Ann Brunton:** Here  
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31 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Georgia Mary Ann Barkley?  
32 **Mary Ann Barkley:** Present.  
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34 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Mississippi Vanessa Duet? Colorado Rita Cusack?  
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36 **JAN HUFFMAN:** Rita's trying to get on right now.  
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38 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay, I'll mark her as present. Louisiana Colleen Orfanello?  
39 **Colleen Orfanello:** PRESENT  
40 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Texas Vera Anderson? PNPs. Was that Vera? Did she just respond?  
41 PNPs. Patricia Sharp? Lucille Kinney? Elaine Mons? Bonnie Dumler? Joan Walsh? Carol Lance?  
42 **Carol Lance:** PRESENT  
43  
44 **JUDY FIDDLER:.** Judith Spaulding? Nancy Lee Birschbach? Jane Stoell? Gwendolyn Gilliard?

1 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Present.  
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3 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Karen Haltiner?  
4 **Karen Haltiner:** PRESENT.  
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6 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Barb Cherone?  
7 **Barb Cherone:** (inaudible) (Marked as Present).  
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9 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** She's on, Judy.  
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11 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I know she's on. Barbara Canode? Jan Knapp?  
12 **Jan Knapp:** Present  
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14 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Eileen Oltmann?  
15 **Eileen Oltmann:** PRESENT.  
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17 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Terri Shattuck? Gloria Sanchez?  
18 **Gloria Sanchez:** PRESENT.  
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20 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Diane Petrini? Cheryl Perez?  
21 **Cheryl Perez:** PRESENT.  
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23 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Amanda Fleener? Colleen Orfanello?  
24 **Colleen Orfanello:** PRESENT  
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26 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Kay Jo Baucom? Roll Call for the units. If you are on, and you are a unit president  
27 for that unit, please state the word present. President, please. We're trying to make sure how  
28 many units are represented by your attendance. Okay. Region 1: New York 3? Pennsylvania 11?  
29 Pennsylvania 190? Region 2: Illinois 159? Iowa 777?  
30 **DIXIE PICKART:** Present. Dixie Pickart President.  
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32 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Michigan 91?  
33 **SHARON LEWINSKI:** President.  
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35 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Michigan 110?  
36 **SHARON LEWINSKI:** Sorry? It's the wrong one.  
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38 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Michigan, 127?  
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40 **SHARON LEWINSKI:** Sorry, I'm 127. Present.  
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42 **JUDY FIDDLER:** President or just Present?  
43  
44 **SHARON LEWINSKI:** President.

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2 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay, thank you. Michigan 459? Michigan 514? Michigan 1985? I know Gloria's  
3 present. She's from 1985.  
4  
5 **GLORIA SANCHEZ:** Yes, I am.  
6  
7 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yes, you are. Minnesota 5? Minnesota 8? Minnesota 194? Minnesota 268?  
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9 **LINDA BELLIS:** Linda Bellis. Treasurer.  
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11 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Nebraska 200?  
12  
13 **LINDA VAREJCKA:** Linda Varejcka, President.  
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15 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Nebraska 260?  
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17 **BARBARA COUNIHAN:** Barbara Counihan. I'm secretary.  
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19 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay, thank you. Nebraska 632?  
20 **ANGIE FOSTER:** Angie Foster. Um, junior vice.  
21  
22 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Ohio, 31? Ohio, 743? Present. Ohio, 1974? Ohio 3620? Wisconsin,  
23 162?  
24 **DARLENE ROGERS:** Darlene Rogers. Present.  
25  
26 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Wisconsin 164? Wisconsin 228?  
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28 **JUDY FIDDLER:** That's Barbara or Barb Cherone. So, she's here. Wisconsin 550?  
29 Region 3: Oregon, 72?  
30 **KAREN HALTINER:** Present.  
31  
32 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Region 4: Alabama 2202? Florida 535?  
33 **BETTY BRUNTON:** Well, we've got Chris Day, who's a senior vice and myself Sgt at Arms.  
34  
35 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay, thank you. Georgia 425? Georgia 465?  
36 **DEBRA HILL:** President Deborah Blaylock Hill President. I also have Evelyn Morrison and Joan  
37 Sylvester.  
38  
39 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay. Thank you. Thank you. Georgia 492? Georgia 492? Georgia 1000?  
40 Mississippi 680? Mississippi 690? Mississippi 803? North Carolina 634? Region 5: Colorado 375?  
41 **JAN HUFFMAN:** Jan Huffman. President.  
42  
43 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Colorado 423? Louisiana 177?  
44 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** Delegate.

1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you.  
2 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** Colleen Oltmann.  
3  
4 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I know. Louisiana 331? Louisiana 504? Louisiana 531? Louisiana 1955?  
5 **GWENDOLYN GILLIARD:** Present. Gwen Gilliard President.  
6 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you.  
7 **GWENDOLYN GILLIARD:** You're welcome.  
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9 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Texas 1836?  
10 **ANITA HUNT-TREVINO:** Anita Hunt Trevino. president. and we also have one of the delegates on  
11 my on my phone. Do you want her to answer?  
12  
13 **JUDY FIDDLER:** No. As long as someone from the Unit is representing.  
14 **ANITA HUNT-TREVINO:** Oh, alright.  
15  
16 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Texas 1876? Texas 1919? California 49?  
17 **CHERYL PEREZ:** Present. President.  
18  
19 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. California 385? and Guam 1315?  
20 Madam President, there is your roll call.  
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22 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Thank you very much. We have a very special guest joining us today. I saw  
23 that the Commander is on. Commander, would you like to introduce yourself to the ladies?  
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25 **NATIONAL COMMANDER ROBERT OLIVAREZ:** How's it going? I'm Robert Olivarez the current  
26 National Commander. I know majority of you. I've worked with you. Love to love to see you guys  
27 have a good turnout. Man, I wish I had the amount of people on my on my side of the house.  
28 Get this involved so maybe I could push your spouses and everybody to to pay more attention  
29 and and be like the auxiliary and turn out and have great support. Thank you for having me.  
30  
31 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Very welcome. We're glad to have you here.  
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33 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** We also have some 1st timers at our convention and they are Marianne  
34 Barclay from Unit 492 in Georgia, Department President Betty Bruton from 535 in Florida. Becky  
35 Amaya 375 in Colorado. Camille... Camille, I can't pronounce your last name, Camille, can you  
36 help me out, please?  
37  
38 **CAMILLE OVITZ-MATASSARIN:** Camille Ovitz Matassarini from Texas, Alamo 1836.  
39 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Thank you and Christine Day, 535 from Florida. I would like to welcome  
40 you to our family, and I know that you're going to love working with us and doing the things that  
41 the fun things that we do. I don't have any pro temp appointment members today. So, I'm going  
42 to jump ahead and ask the Parliamentarian if she would read the rules and procedures.  
43

1 **JAN KNAPP:** Madam President, I was not prepared for that. I don't have it in front of me. If I  
2 had gotten the script, I would have been able to see that. Judy did share it with me, but I just  
3 now opened it and she just shared it. So, I'm sorry.  
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5 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Okay. Okay. On October the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 23, 2023, Judy sent us a copy of  
6 the minutes from the 90<sup>th</sup> National Convention held on August 14<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. I  
7 hope that everybody was able to review those minutes. and I will entertain a motion to accept  
8 the 2023 National Convention minutes as published at this time.  
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10 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** Madam President, this is Colleen.  
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12 **CAROL LANCE:** Madam President. Carol Lance, PNP, I make a motion that we accept the minutes  
13 as printed for the 23 convention.  
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15 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Carol Lance has made the motion to accept the minutes of the 2023  
16 National Convention as published.  
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18 **Linda Varejcka:** I'll second the motion. Linda Varejcka, Sgt at Arms.  
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20 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Linda Varejcka has seconded that motion. Is there any discussion? Hearing  
21 none? I would like to vote on accepting the minutes as published. All in favor, say, aye.  
22

23 **COLLECTIVE GROUP:** Aye  
24

25 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Any opposed? The Motion to accept the 2023 National Convention  
26 minutes as published has passed. Our Bylaws, state that all actions of the NEC Shall be subject  
27 to by approval at the next convention. At this time, you will be asked to approve the 2 items  
28 that were voted upon by the NEC. During the term. For new members, NEC stands for the  
29 National Executive Committee. I will entertain a motion to approve the following items as  
30 ratified by the body of the National Convention. The 1st was the approval of the NEC to host the  
31 National Convention online. The second was the approval of the national budget.  
32

33 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** Madam President, this is Colleen Orfanello. I would like to make the  
34 motion to ratify the actions of the NEC.  
35

36 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Are there in the discussions? Okay, hearing none. I would like to vote on  
37 accepting the minutes of the NEC as written. All in favor say Aye.  
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39 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Madam President. That's not the correct vote. We've already voted on accepting  
40 the minutes. This vote is the motions to hold the convention by Zoom and the budget. Those  
41 are the 2 items that the NEC.  
42

43 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Okay. Sorry I got off all.  
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1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Backed up on your...  
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3 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** You stepped on me. That's okay. All in favor. Say Aye.  
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5 **JUDY FIDDLER:** We need a second, we need a second.  
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7 **GLORIA SANCHEZ:** Madam President.  
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9 **GWENDOLYN GILLIARD:** Madam President, Gwen Gilliard. I second the motion to do what was  
10 just said.  
11  
12 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Accept the actions of the NEC.  
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14 **GWENDOLYN GILLIARD:** For the minutes of the, the ratification of the NEC. To host the  
15 Convention, and on the national project.  
16  
17 **CAROL LANCE:** The budget.  
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19 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Ok. Motion to accept the votes of the NEC. Have been voted upon,  
20 seconded and they will be. It will be ratified. Before we go into our committee reports.  
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22 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Now we have to vote.  
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24 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** We didn't vote? All in favor of accepting. Gwen Gilliard gave the second so  
25 all in favor say Aye.  
26  
27 **COLLECTIVE GROUP:** Aye  
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29 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Any Opposed? Okay, the motion to accept the votes of from the NEC have  
30 been ratified. Before we go into our committee reports, Judy do you have any communications  
31 you would like to share with us.  
32  
33 **JUDY FIDDLER:** No, ma'am, I do not.  
34  
35 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** We need to share some housekeeping rules. to get these, to make the  
36 convention run smoothly and to have a good record of the minutes. It is important to share your  
37 name and unit before you speak. To be recognized, please virtually raise your hand on the  
38 screen. If you're having troubles, you may text our webmaster at 504-296-5022 with your name  
39 and unit. She cannot speak on your behalf, but on your behalf, but she can put you in a queue  
40 for you to speak. You may also request to speak via the chat which is at the bottom of your  
41 screen. However, you must be in your own voice.  
42 Madam Junior Vice President Teviah Gilliard, can you give us an update on our ways and means  
43 fundraiser?  
44

1 **TEVIAH GILLIARD:** Yes. The update that I have for our revenue. It is \$1,672 and 60 cents and  
2 that was for the F,L,A,dollar series and the the shirts like I'm wearing, for the ways it means and  
3 that was in collaboration with our friend of auxiliary, and Webmaster, Colleen Orfanello.  
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5 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Okay. Do we have any any units that stood out as far as monies raised on  
6 "F", the "L", and the "A".  
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8 **TEVIAH GILLIARD:** No, I don't have work on that right now at this time.  
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10 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Okay.  
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12 **TEVIAH GILLIARD:** People decided that they wanted to go ahead and send in checks instead of  
13 like, take like setting dollars bills for the (inaudible).  
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15 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Okay. Thank you. Tracy, our national treasurer, do you wish to share our  
16 latest finances/budget with us?  
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18 **TRACY DERR:** Sure. Tracy Derr, National Treasurer. Teviah, I did get your package today. Thank  
19 you. Got more money to add to Teviah's pile of money. All of those things that her and colleen  
20 assisted her to do, our junior vice for her ways and means has a final number of... you know. I  
21 had all this written down, and (inaudible) final number of \$2,769.75. That was after the costs.  
22 So that's pretty good for not meeting in person. So, thank you so much.  
23 Our HOV fund has \$841 left in it. Our CDCE is empty, we will submit to get some more money  
24 from them. You do have to use it down before we can get another payment. And it comes in the  
25 about just over \$10,000 in each installment. Last year we used 2 installments, so we did miss  
26 out on over \$10,000, but, we doubled what we used from the year before so that's still positive  
27 Note. The budget was under overall. Sorry, my notes are everywhere, by like 12,115.91. So we  
28 said we were going to do a budget of \$96,086. We came in under 12,115.91. That's a pretty big  
29 year from where we're at in the new budget which I'll talk about in a minute.  
30 Another donation to the general fund from miscellaneous units total, \$10,673, which is huge.  
31 We had \$685 in convention supplies last year, another \$343 in supplies throughout the year. So  
32 that's almost a thousand dollars in supplies. We had new members, 2,950. So, we have lots of  
33 stuff going. Our registration income was 7,400. We had a lot of things coming in which was  
34 great and our expenses are pretty minimal. We set a budget for \$9,000 in travel, and we only  
35 use 28 hundred, 2,900 of that. So quite a bit left over there. That was half of what we had left  
36 over for the year. So that's all I've got on last year's budget. This year's budget is set at 28,750  
37 and if you remember back a minute ago, I said, last year's convention line was \$58,936. We used  
38 \$56,533. This year's convention budget is \$3,000, which was generous considering it's not too  
39 expensive to do a zoom convention. So that's a huge difference. Next year. It may be better. I  
40 hope it is. I hope we go to Reno, but we'll just have to see how that all works out. We are  
41 promised by the Order \$30,000 towards expenses for convention. I don't have any guidelines or  
42 definitives on how that will work out. I'm sure it will bring itself about, as all the plans start  
43 happening, and we get closer. So that's very promising and from what I've heard from Fran, the  
44 Nevada Committee for convention next year, also very promising, early fundraising, so I feel like

1 that next year probably will happen. It would be very exciting. Rebates this year were  
2 \$86,715.85. Now, now that we dropped our budget from 98,000 100,000, 150,000 like in the  
3 past to \$28,000, very conservative, because we saw the need to do that. But now that we've  
4 done that, that \$86,000 in our rebate money, if you add that to what we have left over, what we  
5 have in the bank just as a quick one here. We have \$104,021. I'm not going to use change.  
6 10,000 of that is restricted, and that's average. And it's the high. I rounded up. 28,750 of that is  
7 Fran's budget for the year. That leaves us with \$65,000 in the bank. If we add that 86 in there,  
8 we have \$151,986 for operating expenses, and if you divide out a \$30,000 budget into that  
9 \$151,000, that keeps us operating - if we're frugal - for 5 years without worry. That doesn't  
10 include a fantastic convention, but if you look at the fact that we've raised \$10,000, and the  
11 ladies are coming up with this year, Fran has asked Linda Bellis to head up a fundraising or  
12 fundraising/Grant Committee, or some way to generate us money on top of our rebates. Then,  
13 you know, things might be looking even better over the next few years, but at least we feel good  
14 that we've got this money as a conservative number to keep us rolling for 5 years. That would  
15 be fantastic, but each year comes as it comes, you know we talk about it and discuss it. There  
16 are some ladies who feel that rebate money should be used for general funds, especially since  
17 we didn't use all of our CDCE money, we left \$10,000 on the table that we don't, we don't get  
18 back. We don't have access. So the reasoning is, the reasoning is that if we're not using.

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20 **ANITA HUNT-TREVINO:** Ok. Good.

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22 **TRACY DERR:** Sorry. Did you have a question, Anita?

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24 **ANITA HUNT-TREVINO:** I'll mute it.

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26 **TRACY DERR:** So the question. The reasoning was that if we didn't use \$10,000 of our CDCE  
27 money, why are we handing out our rebate money when we need it to live if people aren't  
28 doing grants or just the basic things with this money? So I know we're going to talk about that. I  
29 did receive an email from a member that said give some, you know, maybe some different  
30 perspective, that maybe we use a percentage. Or we lower the percentage that the units and  
31 the departments get. Maybe you know, 75 this year to National if all of it doesn't pass and then  
32 divide up the 25% for the units and the departments. This is all stuff we can think about and talk  
33 about. I know that we, as a finance committee, have talked about it quite a bit, and we feel that  
34 we should use the full 86,000. It'll keep us running. As it is, we've reduced the stipend for all of  
35 our officers that take a stipend, and we're all trying to pull it together here. So, we're hoping  
36 that it passes. But other than that, I think I've covered everything for finances for the year.  
37 That's it.

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39 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Awesome. Thank you. Thank you. The committee reports have been  
40 prepared in an email to you. Are there any committee chairs who wish to amend their reports?  
41 Hearing no amendments, the reports have been filed into record. Madam Junior Vice President  
42 Teviah Gilliard has been tasked with being the chair of the Bylaws committees. I hope that  
43 everyone has had the opportunity to read them prior to today. They will be re-read tomorrow.  
44 We will now play a pre-recorded video of the 7 resolutions.

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Resolution number one pertains to ASSOCIATE ELIGIBILITY OF RECIPIENT

WHEREAS: That Part I Constitution Article V MEMBERSHIP - Membership in this Auxiliary shall be limited to parents, grandparents, spouses, widows, widowers, siblings, children, and grandchildren of persons who have been awarded the Purple Heart by the Armed Services of the United States and to those who served in the Armed Forces and have received the Purple Heart decoration in their own name. Those who have received the Purple Heart are eligible for the parent organization, if they so wish, and WHEREAS: That a recipient of a Purple Heart is eligible to join the Order with all rights of elective positions and with voice and vote, and WHEREAS: That the Order allows Associate members who have no ability for election, voice or vote, and WHEREAS: That we as an Auxiliary consist of the family members of a Purple Heart recipient with our own criteria for election, voice and voting, therefore be it, RESOLVED: That recipients of the Purple Heart medal may join the Auxiliary as an Associate member, and be it further, RESOLVED: That Part I Constitution Article V be changed to read:

Membership in this Auxiliary shall be limited to parents, grandparents, spouses, widows, widowers, siblings, children, and grandchildren of persons who have been awarded the Purple Heart by the Armed Services of the United States. Associate membership in the Auxiliary is granted on the basis of a spouse, parent, grand parent, child, grandchild, or sibling of a member in the Auxiliary and to recipients of the Purple Heart medal. All membership shall be governed by the provisions Article II Membership of the National Auxiliary Bylaws, and be it further, RESOLVED: That Article II, Section 2A replace D. MEMBERSHIP be changed to read Membership is granted to parents, grandparents, spouses, widows, widowers, siblings, children, and grandchildren of persons who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

Common law spouses are not eligible. Direct lineal descendants are eligible from birth through age thirteen as Junior Life Members and at age fourteen will be converted to Life Members. No Auxiliary member in good standing shall lose the right to remain in a Unit because of separation through divorce from the Purple Heart recipient upon whom the original eligibility was based, and be it further, RESOLVED: That Article XVIII Section 2, Auxiliary Associate Life Members be changed to read Associate membership in the Auxiliary is granted on the basis of a spouse, parent, grand parent, child, grandchild or sibling of a member in the Auxiliary and to recipients of the Purple Heart medal.

The second resolution pertains to UNIT SECRETARY ASSOCIATE ELIGIBILITY

WHEREAS: That Article 3-UNITS, Section 1 A 1, Eligibility, states: All members shall be eligible for any office in the Unit except: Auxiliary Associate Members may not hold an elected office but may hold an appointed Unit office except for Unit Secretary, and

1 WHEREAS: That Article XVIII, AUXILIARY LIFE ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, Section 4 -  
2 Participation states: An Auxiliary Associate Life member shall be without vote and may not  
3 hold an elected office but may hold an appointed office except that of Unit, Department,  
4 National Secretary or National Membership Officer, and WHEREAS: That due to the  
5 declining participation of Auxiliary members at the Unit level, we need to allow an increase  
6 in the duties of our Associate members, therefore, be it, RESOLVED: That Article III-  
7 UNITS, Section 1 A 1 be changed to read: Auxiliary Associate Members may not hold an  
8 elected office but may hold an appointed office to include Unit Secretary without a vote,  
9 and be it further RESOLVED: That Article XVIII, Section 4-PARTICIPATION be changed to  
10 read: An Auxiliary Associate Life member shall be without vote and may not hold an elected  
11 office but may hold an appointed office except that of Department Secretary, National  
12 Secretary or National Membership Officer.

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14 Resolution number 3 pertains to the DEADLINE FOR RESOLUTIONS

15 WHEREAS: That Article XII Section 6 A - NATIONAL BYLAWS COMMITTEE states:

16 A This will be a Standing Committee of no less than three members.

17 The National President will appoint the Chair. Members should have knowledge of, and be  
18 able to interpret, the Bylaws. The Parliamentarian will serve as an ex-officio member.

19 WHEREAS: That resolutions submitted from a Department Convention or a Unit without a  
20 Department may require a rewrite after review by the Bylaws Committee, and

21 WHEREAS: That a Department investing time in submitting a resolution for the good of the  
22 Auxiliary is deserving of having their voice heard at convention, and

23 WHEREAS: That the bylaws committee may require additional time beyond May 31st to  
24 respond to the Department with assistance and recommendations for a rewrite, therefore  
25 be it RESOLVED: Article XII, Section 6 A be changed to read This will be a Standing Committee of  
26 no less than three members. The National President will appoint the Chair. Members should  
27 have knowledge of, and be able to interpret the Bylaws. The Parliamentarian will serve as an  
28 ex-officio member. Department Resolutions recommended for a rewrite may be submitted by  
29 the Bylaws Committee on behalf of a Department or Unit no later than June 30th.

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31 Resolution number 4 pertains to CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL RECORDERS

32 WHEREAS: That Article IX, NATIONAL CONVENTION Section 6B states: Convention Sessions will  
33 be recorded by a certified professional recorder for transcribing. A record will be available to all  
34 members in accordance with the requirement of our Parent Organization, and

35 WHEREAS: That a certified professional recorder is an expense we may not have funds for, and

36 WHEREAS: That we, as an Auxiliary, have options to record our meetings for transcription, and

37 WHEREAS: That the minutes will be provided to the membership as required by our bylaws,  
38 therefore be it RESOLVED: That the words Certified Professional Recorder be removed from our  
39 bylaws, and be it further, RESOLVED: That Article IX, Section 6 (B) be changed to read

40 Convention Sessions will be recorded for transcribing. A record will be available to all members  
41 in accordance with the requirement of our Parent Organization, and be it further, RESOLVED:

42 That Article XII, Section 2 F (2) be changed to read 'Be recorded and transcribed'

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44 Resolution number 5 pertains to WITHDRAWAL OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUNDS

1 WHEREAS: That Article II, Section 4 B (1-2) states: Life Membership dues shall be invested to  
2 perpetuate the Auxiliary. Withdrawal of the Life Membership principal is prohibited, and  
3 WHEREAS: That funds received from the Purple Heart Foundation are only for use in service to  
4 veterans, and WHEREAS: That in the past years the Auxiliary General fund balance has been  
5 depleted from providing administrative costs to exist, and WHEREAS: That the National Auxiliary  
6 must have the ability to maintain administrative staff to function, and WHEREAS: That  
7 traditionally the purpose of the National Membership fund is to pay rebates with the interest  
8 accrued, and WHEREAS: That without the use of National Membership funds, the organization  
9 may be unable to operate, therefore be it RESOLVED: That Article II, Section 4 B (2) be changed  
10 to read: Withdrawal of the Life Membership principal is prohibited, except where emergency  
11 funds are needed to maintain administrative staff. The amount will be determined by the  
12 National Finance Committee and is subject to approval of the National Executive Committee.  
13 The amount of withdrawal is restricted for Administration only and may not exceed \$20,000  
14 annually, and be it further RESOLVED: That Article XI, Section 6 E (4) be changed to read exactly  
15 as Article II, Section 4 B above.

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17 Resolution number 6 pertains to our NATIONAL CONVENTION. WHEREAS: Article IX National  
18 Convention, Section 4 (A)& (B) states: The National Convention of the Auxiliary shall be held  
19 annually at the time and place of the National Convention of the Military Order of the  
20 Purple Heart of the U.S.A. Inc. In the event a National Convention cannot be held because of  
21 a government edict (e.g. a time of war or any other emergency), a USPS or digital vote for  
22 the election of Officers is to be held not later than October 31. The National Secretary shall  
23 notify the membership and allow a thirty (30) day period for candidates to declare  
24 candidacy for an office. Fifteen calendar days shall be allowed for the return of votes before  
25 the vote count. The final date of returning the vote shall be designated in the letter  
26 explaining the reason for the vote. WHEREAS: The Military Order of the Purple Heart  
27 Auxiliary has twice needed to hold their National Convention virtually and may need to in  
28 the future, and WHEREAS: That a provision and policy for holding a virtual National  
29 Convention needs to be included in the Bylaws, therefore be it:

1 RESOLVED: ARTICLE IX, Section 4 A & B shall read: The National Convention of the Auxiliary may  
2 be held annually at the time and place of the National Convention of the Military Order of  
3 the Purple Heart. If the National Finance Committee, in conjunction with the National  
4 Leadership team, determines that an in-person convention is impractical for financial or  
5 other reasons: The National President will call for a meeting of the National Executive  
6 Committee. A vote will determine if the Auxiliary will hold a virtual convention to conduct  
7 business and elect officers. A consensus of the attendees will determine a date for the  
8 virtual convention. *No National Convention shall be cancelled without the consent of the National*  
9 *Executive Committee.* In the event a National Convention is not to be held, either in person or  
10 virtually: The National Secretary shall notify the membership and allow a thirty (30)  
11 calendar day period for candidates to submit a candidate statement. Candidate statements  
12 shall be published digitally at least 14 days prior to the digital vote. A secure digital vote for  
13 election of National Officers shall be held no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>.

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15 Resolution number 7 pertains to the Webmaster. WHEREAS: That Article XI, Section 18  
16 NATIONAL WEBMASTER states: The MOPHA webmaster shall: Act as the channel of  
17 communication to MOPH Headquarters for website issues, form changes, or other website  
18 changes or corrections. The MOPHA webmaster does not have access to change or correct  
19 issues. WHEREAS: That a unanimous vote took place at the 2021 National Convention to amend  
20 the title of Webmaster to Communications Officer, and WHEREAS: That the Bylaw Committee  
21 was tasked with updating the Bylaws to change the position title and determine the duties of  
22 the Communications Officer, and WHEREAS: That after review, the Bylaw Committee  
23 determined the title of Webmaster is most appropriate to reflect what the position of  
24 webmaster and communications officer actually consists of, therefore be it, RESOLVED: That  
25 Communications Officer remain under the title of Webmaster and be it further, RESOLVED: That  
26 Article XI, Section 18 NATIONAL WEBMASTER be changed to read: The webmaster shall: Be  
27 responsible for keeping the website functional and operational. Keep the website current and  
28 edit content under direction of the National President. Perform other duties as assigned by the  
29 National President that involve the Auxiliary's online presence. Deliver to their successor all  
30 necessary information and other property of the National Auxiliary in their possession or under  
31 their control. Receive compensation for services as determined by the National Executive  
32 Committee. *This position may be performed by two individuals if requested and approved by the*  
33 *National President.*

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35 Members of the Convention Body, these are the 7 resolutions that are brought before you.  
36 Thank you

37 (VIDEO STOPS)

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39 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Okay. Tomorrow we...

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41 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Barbara's muted.

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1 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Okay, tomorrow we will not play this recording and they will be read in  
2 person. Okay, so just make sure you go and you read yours, so you'll know how you want to  
3 vote.

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5 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Madam President.

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7 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Yes.

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9 **JUDY FIDDLER:** And we have something that didn't get taken care of. After Tracy read off her  
10 budget, we did not vote on her budget to be accepted by the convention body so we need a  
11 motion to accept the budget as presented by National Treasurer Tracy Derr.

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13 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Okay, thank you, Madam. Secretary.

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15 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** MADAM PRESIDENT, COLLEEN ORFANELLO: I'll make the motion to  
16 accept the 2024-2025 budget as presented.

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18 **CAROL LANCE:** Carol Lance, PNP, I will second that motion.

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20 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Any discussion? None?

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22 **CAROL LANCE:** I think we owe. Madam President, excuse me, I think we owe Tracy a round of  
23 applause for her hard work and dedication to our budget money. (Applause) Thank you, Tracy.

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25 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Thank you for doing such a good job, Tracy.

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27 **TRACY DERR:** Thanks, ladies; we're a team.

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29 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Thank You. Do we have any discussion? Anybody has any discussion on the  
30 budget? It should be voted on. We would like to call at this time all in favor of Tracy's budget.  
31 Say, Aye.

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33 **COLLECTIVE GROUP:** Aye

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35 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Any opposed? Hearing None, I would like to say, Tracy, keep up the good  
36 work we can still (Inaudible)for another 10 years. I know that's that's a joke between us.  
37 It is our duty as members to make the future of the auxiliary as strong, and successful as we  
38 can. This is why understanding and voting on our resolutions are so important. What is also  
39 important is fulfilling a mission of volunteerism, patriotism, and goodwill toward our patriots  
40 and our members. At this time, I would like to recognize a few people who have worked so hard  
41 to perpetuate the mission and objectives of the Auxiliary. These members are our top recruiters  
42 for the 2023-2024 term.

1 Past National President (**Error for the record: Past National Chaplain**) Barbara Waller of  
2 California Unit 49, has recruited 9 new members. Our National Membership Officer and Past  
3 National President Cheryl Perez, also of California Unit 49, has also recruited 9 people. Wow!  
4 And our top recruiter is Patricia Andrews of Colorado, where she's of Unit 423, and she  
5 recruited 12 members. All these members earn recruiting pins, and each of them will be mailed  
6 and when the pin will be mailed, and they will also receive a certificate. Congratulations, ladies!  
7 They've set the standard for us. So we have to get busy as well. Okay, give a hand of applause to  
8 everybody and we can keep up with the hard work. Now this is a new year, you can begin  
9 recruiting! Linda, would you like to share your volunteers and their hours for the VAVS?

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11 **LINDA VAREJCKA:** All of the volunteers. If you'll go out to the report of records, all of the  
12 volunteers that we have are listed out there. So please refer to your reports.

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14 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Okay. Thank you.

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16 **LINDA VAREJCKA:** Oh, I guess Colleen did put down the ones that were over a thousand hours.  
17 Thank you, Colleen. Diane Baker, Linda Bush, Joyce Luxon, Phyllis Smith. Mary Sue Egan, E.  
18 Bonita Mitchell, Marilyn Horn, Trish Rosie, Joyce Beveridge, Beverly Smith, Karen Grage, Karen  
19 Haltiner, Kathy Walsh, Iris Vogt, Sheryl Osburn, myself, and Diane Grant Jenkins.  
20 Keep up the good work. There's much that the volunteers can do.

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22 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** (Clapping) A round of applause for all of you. Okay, each year I am asked to  
23 choose 2 special awards. One is the Martha Washington Spirit Award, and the other one is the  
24 Auxiliary's George Washington Award. Both awards reflect a passion and determination in  
25 making our auxiliary stronger and more successful. I chose this year, someone who's very, very  
26 special and she is has been with us as a president for department, and I hope I'm saying it's  
27 right. And she is going to step down from that. And Karen has worked very hard, and I know we  
28 have a lot of Karens, and I haven't given you all giving you all the last name, so you can't come  
29 up and say, was this Karen or that Karen? But the Karen that I chose has had a lot of things  
30 happen health-wise and she has been working really, really hard to get our veterans on the right  
31 track, helping as much as she can. And the hours sick with Covid when she everybody was sick.  
32 She had a different covid than the rest of us. But uh, She was very, very surprised and opened  
33 her gift because I didn't put on there do-not-open. But she was very surprised to receive her  
34 gift. But she has been around and worked hard with our units and making sure her reports are  
35 on time, making sure the vets were taken care of, attending dinners, and just special things that  
36 we all do. So, Karen Larabel is this year's one. And thank you, Karen, for all that you do. And  
37 with this Martha Washington spirit award you, it will let you know that we really think highly of  
38 the work that you do and that you will still continue to work in different positions to keep your  
39 units strong and I thank you.

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41 Now the George Washington award goes to my husband, Roy Ray. Roy has spent a lot of time  
42 trying to help all the units. Especially those that he knows that need help. He helps us gather

1 food for Thanksgiving. He helped gather food for, or improvements, for anything that is out  
2 there.

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4 Jan Huffman, would you like to say a few things about Roy? Jan or Judy?

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6 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** Jan, you're muted. Hun.

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8 **JAN HUFFMAN:** Okay. I just can't say enough about Roy. And when something needs to be done.  
9 It gets done. And he enjoys working with people. And just there's no finer patriot than Roy Ray.  
10 We're lucky to have him in our in our chapter. Thank you, Roy. Thank you, Barbara.

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12 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** And he's not here. He's out doing honeydew things, and he got caught in  
13 the rain. So, I would like to say, I will be lost without him and I will be lost without his guidance,  
14 his direction and his enthusiasm. I don't have as much as he does, but he likes to get out there  
15 and make sure that the veterans are taken care of. So, since we're all in a good mood, having  
16 shared those achievements. I think that we can recess until tomorrow.

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18 **EVELYN MORRISON:** Okay. Excuse me. Madam President.

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20 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Yes.

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22 **EVELYN MORRISON:** This is Evelyn Morrison, and I would like to say something regarding your  
23 husband at the last convention. He was a very, very good escorter, and he is full of military  
24 history.

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26 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Yes.

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28 **EVELYN MORRISON:** And I really enjoyed the stories he told us about his parent, his career in  
29 the military. He was just a nice and kind person. I really enjoyed him very much, and he was  
30 there to help everybody who needed help. And that's what I really liked about him, you know  
31 strangers and everybody and everybody commented on you know his work.  
32 That was so nice, I thought. I really enjoyed talking with him.

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34 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Well, thank you, thank you, Evelyn. He loves talking. He loves the Purple  
35 Heart, and he is going to tell everybody he meets about the Purple Heart, because, as you know  
36 not everyone knows, they don't know. They've heard of it, but they don't know what it's for but  
37 he's going to give them a lesson or he's going to take them to school. He's going to make them  
38 know. And I mean, I hate to shop with Roy because he meets everybody, and he starts talking.  
39 Now, he's also a recruiter trying to get the young people to go into the military. He tries to get  
40 the ones that have been awarded the Purple Heart to come to a chapter. But he has been  
41 successful in getting some. But the people at the stores that he deals with, they all love him.  
42 They cannot go, or he cannot go, into a store and just help people. I mean just go in and shop.  
43 He has to talk to everybody, and will say something to everybody he meets. And you are so

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1 right, Evelyn. He does that. He makes us, he makes me feel good but he slows me down because  
2 I like to, uh, I like to get in and go. Yes, Gwen?

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4 **GWENDOLYN GILLIARD:** Yes. I'm sorry I was trying to get my hand raised of the one that comes  
5 on automatically. I would just like to add to both of the recipients. You cannot find, well you can  
6 find some; but for me, better persons than those who were chosen to receive these awards for  
7 both of them, so congratulations to both of them. May they continue to be blessings to others  
8 as well. And about that, Roy. He has a sense of humor that comes out naturally for him when  
9 he's talking with you. So even if you are feeling like out of sorts, it just comes out naturally for  
10 him. It's like he has a such a discerning spirit about him that he just knows how bring joy into  
11 your life, besides being very knowledgeable about veterans' benefits, just a little bit about  
12 everything, about veterans. So thank you. Thank him for us on our behalf, and I just had to say  
13 something about that sense of humor he has as well.

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15 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** For the record. Since we have our Martha Washington Spirit Award  
16 winner, spotlighted

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18 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Yes.

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20 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** she may want to say a few words.

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22 **KAREN LARABEL:** (For the minutes, Karen's internet connection made her response unclear)  
23 Yesterday, when I received the (inaudible) notification (Inaudible) medication. Did I order? Did I  
24 forget? Oh, no! Is Alzheimer's starting to hit me? I have a long family history of medical. So  
25 when the package came, I thought, well, I better open this just in case, you know, it's on ice.  
26 And I opened it, and it's absolutely (inaudible) tears started coming. And I'm going, What does  
27 this say? What does this say? (inaudible)

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29 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** Karen, We're losing you.

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31 **KAREN LARABEL:** Oh!

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33 **JUDY FIDDLER:** There you go, talk closer to your mic.

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35 **KAREN LARABEL:** Oh, okay. (Inaudible). And when Barbara had gotten it previously. I know what  
36 kind of goes into that. And I just never stopped to think about this award so I'm overwhelmed.  
37 I'm touched. I love our veterans and our women veterans, and I'm going to continue with being  
38 with (inaudible) helping and also with our Veterans homes. But, thank you for recognizing me.  
39 It's just, I know it's hard for me, but I'm kind of such a communicator that's almost speechless.  
40 Thank you, thank you. From the bottom of my heart. But I'll see you. I'll keep seeing you. I enjoy  
41 the zoom. That makes it easy. I don't have to dress up, you know. Waist up, I've got to dress up.

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43 **COLLECTIVE GROUP:** Laughter

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2 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** We appreciate you. Yes, we appreciate you, Karen, and I'm sorry I had to  
3 step away because my battery was running low, and I had to find the right plug. So um,  
4 tomorrow, if you could use... We're going to meet tomorrow at 6 o'clock Eastern and which is  
5 going to be 4 o'clock for me, and 3 o'clock for Cheryl, and Central is going to be 5. Okay, you're  
6 going to use the same unique Zoom Meeting ID and password that you used for today.

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8 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Madam President.

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10 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Yes?

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12 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I have. Can I ask one question? Are there any addition? Are there any additional  
13 attendees who did not answer the original roll call. I've gotten a couple from Texas that they're  
14 on now and I just wanted to make sure they get their names get into the record. So Michigan  
15 459 is now present. Michigan 8 is now present.

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17 **JAN KNAPP:** Michigan 8?

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19 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Oh Minnesota. I'm sorry.

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21 **JAN KNAPP:** Okay.

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23 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I've got too many M's in front of me. That's Minnesota.  
24 Also Minnesota's president, Department President Cheryl Osburn is on. PNP Terri Shattuck is on.  
25 Is there anybody else who has joined us? Even if you're just from a unit or unit president?  
26 Please let me know that you're now here, so I can mark you as present on the attendance.

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28 **DORIS WILLIAMS:** Madam President. This is Doris Williams from Unit 1876, I guess I was asleep.  
29 I forgot to say 1876 was present.

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31 **JAN KNAPP:** Asleep.

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33 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you.

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35 **PATRICIA HAIL:** Madam President, Patricia Hail, unit 72. I just entered. Sorry I missed the  
36 opening.

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38 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you, Patti.

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40 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** Madam President, JoAnn Croney has her hand up.

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42 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Okay. Hi Joann. Yes.

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1 **JOANN CRONEY:** Hello.  
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3 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** Madam Secretary, would you like me to read the names on, since I have  
4 the monitor in front of me? Would that be easier for you, for the record?  
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6 **JUDY FIDDLER:** No, because I have everything else here. I just need to know that they are  
7 currently on. So, I've now got JoAnn Croney marked as the region 4 President.  
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9 **JOANN CRONEY:** Thank you.  
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11 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Did you get the name Jennyne Bilsky? She's on.  
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13 **JUDY FIDDLER:** What unit?  
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15 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Region 5 Texas unit 1919.  
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17 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** Rita Cusack is on also. She popped on.  
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19 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you for 1919 Texas.  
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21 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Yes  
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23 **KAREN LARABEL:** You have 91?  
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25 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yes, I do.  
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27 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** You did say 459 in Michigan.  
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29 **JAN KNAPP:** Yes.  
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31 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Okay.  
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33 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yes, I did. I've got them marked.  
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35 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** Patti Hail, what unit are you in?  
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37 **JUDY MCLAUGHLIN:** (inaudible)  
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39 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Judy, please mute yourself.  
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41 **JUDY MCLAUGHLIN:** Oh. I didn't mute.  
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43 **JOANN CRONEY:** And madam President, Cheryl Gibson is on from 492. Unit 492.

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**JUDY FIDDLER:** Got Cheryl she got. She sent me a text.

**JOANN CRONEY:** Okay. Thank you.

**JUDY FIDDLER:** Driving, so she shouldn't have been texting and driving at the same time. Okay, I think that's everybody that sent me a text or.

**COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** Madam President, Madam Secretary, Jan Knapp has her hand raised.

**JAN KNAPP:** If you're if you're done, Judy.

**JUDY FIDDLER:** I think so. If, unless you want to talk about credentials, or is that.

**BARBARA HALE RAY:** That would be Cheryl Perez.

**JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay. How are we going to register the ladies for credentials?

**CHERYL PEREZ:** I have been looking at that, and I think that when we get to voting day we'll address it then, because we could address it every day, but we don't know who will actually be here, and what they'll take a charter or a delegate. So if we actually have to have an election, because we don't do an acclamation, then we can address it. Then.

**JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay. Thank you.

**CHERYL PEREZ:** You're welcome.

**JUDY FIDDLER:** Ok Jan, you're up.

**JAN KNAPP:** Hey. Madam President.

**BARBARA HALE RAY:** Yes

**JAN KNAPP:** I know that I have to do Rules of the Convention. I mean, it's part of the process, and I'm happy to read those now or tomorrow. Whichever you would prefer. And I apologize. I was working on our backpack stuff and right up until I got on my computer, I was packing hot chocolate and washcloths and getting all that that ready. Our backpack project is coming up in a few days. So anyway. I just wanted to apologize. I, you didn't catch me off guard necessarily. I was just kind of still in my la-la mode here.

**BARBARA HALE RAY:** Well, we still have time for today. If you would like to read them.

**JAN KNAPP:** I can read it now, if you'd like.

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**BARBARA HALE RAY:** Yes, yes.

**JAN KNAPP:** Okay. Because it's not in person. I don't know if it needs revision, but rules of the National Convention, unless otherwise voted on by the Convention assembled shall be as follows.

Rules of the National Convention, unless otherwise voted by the Convention assembled, shall be as follows: The Constitution and Bylaws of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary and Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised. Convention Sessions will be recorded by a certified professional recorder for transcribing. A record will be available to all members in accordance with the requirement of our Parent Organization. Only duly accredited and registered members of the National Convention that belong to an active Unit shall participate directly, or indirectly, in discussions or voice vote. Hand or standing vote may be permitted) on any subject before the Convention. That was A through C, I’m now on D. The Chair may grant the floor to any visitor: 1 With the consent of a majority of the Convention and 2 This privilege shall not be extended for business or point of order. E. A member desiring to make a motion or address the Convention will rise, be recognized before addressing the Presiding Officer as Madam or Mister President, state their name, Unit number, and office clearly into the microphone before proceeding. At the discretion of the Presiding Officer, discussions shall be limited to three minutes each speaker. A member may be permitted to speak only once on any subject, except by the consent of two thirds vote of the votes cast by the Convention’s Delegates. G Committee Chairs may speak as frequently as may be necessary about the report of their Committee. H Voting shall be 1 By voice for business matters. 2 By ballot for Election of Officers unless there is only one candidate. 3 By roll call for decision of question. I Units shall not be entitled to any Delegate votes that have 1 Fewer than the minimum requirement of ten senior members. 2 Not submitted an Installation Report. J Departments that have not submitted Installation Reports by May 31st shall not be entitled to any votes. K Voting by ballot will be as follows: Each Unit or Department is entitled to cast one Charter vote providing the President thereof, or one of the Vice Presidents, is voting in the capacity of President. 2 Each elective National Officer, National Secretary, National Membership Officer, VAVS National Representative is entitled to cast one vote. 3 Delegates elected by Units will vote their Unit strength as reported by the Credentials Committee appointed by the National President. I’m running out of voice here. L Recommendations for consideration and action of the Convention shall be in the form of Resolutions as advanced by Units, Departments, or official committees. 1 All Resolutions offered on the floor of the Convention, or otherwise after reading by the Secretary, shall be referred by the Chair to the proper Committee for consideration and report, with or without, recommendation. 2 The Resolutions must be signed and dated. 3 The Resolutions must be received by the National Secretary at least thirty calendar days prior to the Convention. M Nomination for National Officers shall be from the floor (cough). 1 Nominating speeches are limited to one for each candidate, not to exceed three minutes. 2 After allowing ample time for additional nominations, if there is but one candidate for office. A The Chair may declare the nominations closed, or if after all offices have been covered, entertain a motion that

1 nominations be closed. I The latter is preferred motion for following Parliamentary rules. *N If*  
2 *there is no election on the first vote, the name of the person receiving the lowest number of*  
3 *votes may be dropped, and so on in successive votes, until an election is made. O Voting by*  
4 *proxy shall not be permitted. P Every Officer, Delegate and Alternate should feel obligated to*  
5 *attend all business sessions of the Convention so they may give a complete report to their Unit.*  
6 *Q All members should willingly accept any assignment given them by the President. R Loyalty*  
7 *should be shown to all officers and courtesy should be shown to ALL members. 5 The discussion*  
8 *of personal grievances, local conditions, or circumstances pertaining to one individual only, with*  
9 *respect to any personal interest, shall not be in order before the Convention but may be*  
10 *discussed before the Grievance Committee of the Convention Thank you. Madam President.*

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12 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Thank you, Madam Parliamentarian. With that said, I would like to say that  
13 some of you will be getting things in something in the mail, so don't open it until Saturday.  
14 Commander?

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16 **NATIONAL COMMANDER ROBERT OLIVAREZ:** Hi. Sorry, You guys did *not* see me driving.

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18 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** (Laughs) No, I didn't see you.

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20 **NATIONAL COMMANDER ROBERT OLIVAREZ:** So, I would like I I will not be able to attend  
21 tomorrow, due to the fact that I have my commander's call, but I would like to formally invite  
22 you guys to DC October 12 through the 14th We have an event with AUSA. I know you are all  
23 not a part of it, but I would love for auxiliary to be there. So, if we have people coming to join us  
24 or have anybody asking questions, we can show them both sides of the house. I'm very you  
25 know, for showing everybody about our auxiliary like I've mentioned before. You guys are our  
26 backbone. So, I will extend a handout for any and all events that we have. So for your incoming  
27 team, if anybody's available between August 12th and the 16th we'll be at AUSA. Once I find out  
28 who's all been elected. I can send you the information to join us, and it would help not only at  
29 your national level, but also at your Department level and unit level. So, trying to boost  
30 everybody's rank. Get everybody up there. As for the 30,000 that you're very lovely treasurer  
31 had mentioned. We did pass it. You guys will have 30,000 for your next convention. Once we  
32 get the price, we'll cut you guys the check I believe April between April and June, so you guys  
33 can use for Convention only, and if you don't use all of it, you'll still have money to be able to  
34 use for the following year. So we do plan on helping you guys and keeping you alive as much as  
35 we can through the fact that we need you more than we normally show. So again, thank you for  
36 everything you do for us, and if it isn't, wasn't for y'all, a lot of my members would forget or not  
37 show up or be as active. So I appreciate everything you do for the Military Order of the Purple  
38 Heart. Thank you.

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40 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Thank you, Commander. Camille?

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1 **CAMILLE OVITZ ALAMO:** Thank you. My president Anita was raising her hand, and she did not  
2 get a chance. I think she wanted to share with you something at this point so like to call her  
3 attention. Please.

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5 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Okay. I didn't see Anita.

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7 **ANITA HUNT-TREVINO:** Madam President, I was just when you were talking about who  
8 answered the roll call. I had several members that joined later and did not answer, and I don't.  
9 Didn't know if you need their names, or I think Colleen has them registered as being on the  
10 zoom. Do you need names?

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12 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Judy

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14 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I have. I have 3 units, and all 3 units have someone that answered roll call.

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16 **ANITA HUNT-TREVINO:** This is Unit 1836. There's some of us answered, but some of them  
17 didn't. They weren't available.

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19 **JUDY FIDDLER:** We, we only need one person per unit to respond. Yeah.

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21 **ANITA HUNT-TREVINO:** Okay. Okay.

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23 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Usually, it's the President so that they would say President, otherwise it could be  
24 the delegate, or any other member of that unit can respond to the roll call.

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26 **ANITA HUNT-TREVINO:** Okay. Great. Well, I answered as President.

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28 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yeah, we just want to know what units have been represented here, so that in  
29 the future there might be a time we get everyone, every unit represented. So this year it seems  
30 pretty pretty close to I would say. More than half are covered, or are represented. So...

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32 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Awesome.

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34 **ANITA HUNT-TREVINO:** OKAY. Thank you.

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36 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Any more news? Concerns?

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38 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Fran, I would like to tell you that you have a box that's coming and it is  
39 your materials you'll need. Okay? Alright.

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41 **FRAN HOLTGREVEN:** Fine. Thank you.

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43 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** You're welcome

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**JUDY FIDDLER:** Barbara, you're not done yet. You got 2 more days.

**BARBARA HALE RAY:** Well, she will not get it until...she's not going to get it until Saturday, so it will be great timing.

**JUDY FIDDLER:** Don't be in a rush to get out of your office yet.

**BARBARA HALE RAY:** Oh, no, you're going to try to keep me in. I know it. You won't stop me. Okay. With that all being said, and we are in a good mood, I would like to recess until our meeting tomorrow at 6 o'clock PM. Eastern time. So, and again use the same unique zoom ID and password. Madam Chaplain, can you give us a closing prayer?

**COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** You're muted, Gwen. Madam Chaplain, press your space bar, and that should unmute you.

**JUDY FIDDLER:** Nope. You're still muted. There you go!

**GWENDOLYN GILLIARD:** There we are. All right. Thank you. Okay, so let's just go ahead and take 3 deep breaths to close out this session. 1 2 3 Good evening, heavenly Father. Thank you for the privilege and opportunity for us to meet ongoing, to continue our National Convention for the auxiliary. Thank You for those who are present and those who participate in this awesome meeting, the leadership, and those who not, who cannot be here, Lord, that they will see the recording and benefit from it. Now, as we leave this evening from this meeting, Lord, thank You for the work that has been done by our volunteers and making them Your servants, as well as to the patriots and the family members. We ask that You will go with us and direct us in our paths as we go, and then, when we return tomorrow evening, that we will come back rested, and refreshed, and revived, and restored and refilled, and be renewed to carry on throughout the meeting and in Your work, and giving You all the honor and glory and praise. It's in Your holy name we pray. Amen.

**BARBARA HALE RAY:** Thank you, Madam Chaplain. At this time, this brings our meeting to a close and I would like to see you all here tomorrow. Have a good evening.

**JUDY FIDDLER:** And on time.

**BARBARA HALE RAY:** Huh?

**JUDY FIDDLER:** Please be on time.

**BARBARA HALE RAY:** Oh, yes, we will start on the on the hour. So please be on time. We want to do the closing that we always do at the end of our meetings? And let's see. Madam Secretary, would you like to give us uh...

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2 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Please take your right hand and put it on your left shoulder, your left hand, and  
3 put it on your right shoulder and give yourself a good hug and squeeze. Because you are worth  
4 it!

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6 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Thank you. Thank you. With that being said, ladies, this is it for the  
7 evening, and thank you, Jennynne. She knows. I should have asked, you'll get it. Yes, thank you.  
8 Yes, we love you, too. Yeah.

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10 **JUDY FIDDLER:** She can do it tomorrow evening.

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12 **BARBARA HALE RAY:** Oh, yeah, she will. I'm going to ask her ahead of time to do it. Yes.  
13 For those of you that don't know what this is all about, we lost one of our members in February,  
14 Joyce Dalton. And that was her closing after every meeting we had. And she would always throw  
15 a kiss to everybody. We miss Joyce because, we call her Miss Bling, and to those that knew her.  
16 She had all kind of jewelries on. She loves just decking out in good things, but Jennynne  
17 reminded me that we didn't say it, and we we had to do that. So, thank you. Again.

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2024  
Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary  
Minutes of the  
91st Virtual National Convention  
SESSION 2  
Friday August 9, 2024

1 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay ladies, welcome back everyone! It is now 4 o'clock and I would like to  
2 call this meeting to order. Our colors and Charters, or Charter is displayed behind Judy, and will  
3 continue to be there until the end of the convention. Please stand for the prayer and pledge, if  
4 able. Chaplain Gilliard, please open the meeting in prayer.

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6 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Okay. I will stand. Okay. As we usually do, take 3 deep breaths, please.  
7 Heavenly Father, we come back to You today for thanksgiving, for this privilege and opportunity  
8 to come together as our MOPHA Auxiliary, asking for Your guidance and wisdom and support.  
9 As we begin this meeting, help us we pray to engage in meaningful discussions, and as we seek  
10 Your guiding wisdom in deciding what we need to do as we go through with our procedures.  
11 Allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of our community and connection as  
12 we make decisions for this organization and helping our veterans, families, and our auxiliary,  
13 and others. In Your holy name, we pray, Amen.

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15 **COLLECTIVE GROUP:** Amen

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17 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Will the Sergeant at Arms, Linda Varejcka, lead us in the pledge.

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19 **Linda Varejcka and Collective group:** I Pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of  
20 America and to the republic for which it stands One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty  
21 and justice for all.

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23 **Barbara Hale Ray:** I now declare this convention open for the transaction of such business as  
24 may be properly brought before it. You may be seated. Will the National Secretary, Judy Fiddler  
25 please conduct the roll call?

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27 **MOPHA SECRETARY: Barbara Hale Ray?**

28 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Present.

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30 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Senior Vice President Fran Holtgreven?

31 **Fran Holtgreven:** Present.

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33 **Judy Fiddler:** Junior Vice President Teviah Gilliard?

34 **Teviah Gilliard:** Present.

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36 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Chaplain Gwendolyn Gilliard? I know she's there. Um, Secretary Judy Fiddler?  
37 Present. Treasurer Tracy Derr?

38 **Tracy Derr:** Present.

39 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Membership Officer Cheryl Perez?

40 **Cheryl Perez:** Present.

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42 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Region 2 President Karen Larabel?

43 **Karen Larabel:** Present

1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Region 4 President Joanne Croney? Somebody needs to mute their  
2 background.  
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4 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Excuse me ladies. Yes. Please mute yourselves until your names are called or  
5 Units. Everyone please mute yourselves.  
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7 **Terri Shattuck:** I don't know how.  
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9 **Judy Fiddler:** Bottom left corner. Um, Region 4 President JoAnn Croney? Parliamentarian Jan  
10 Knapp?  
11 **Jan Knapp:** Present  
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13 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Sergeant at Arms Linda Varejcka?  
14 **Linda Varejcka:** Present  
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16 **Department Presidents:** Pennsylvania Sandy Verbos? Michigan Sharon Lewinsky?  
17 **SHARON LEWINSKI:** Present. Present. Deb Allen is also here, the President.  
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19 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Ok. Thank you. Minnesota Cheryl Osburn? I know she was on the phone.  
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21 **Barbara Hale Ray:** mmm Hmm.  
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23 **Judy Fiddler:** Cheryl's present. Nebraska Angela Foster?  
24 **Angie Foster:** Present  
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26 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Ohio Cassandra Christner? Wisconsin Barb Cherone?  
27 **Barb Cherone:** Present  
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29 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Florida Betty Ann Brunton?  
30 **Betty Ann Brunton:** Present  
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32 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Georgia Mary Ann Barkley? Mississippi Vanessa Duet? Colorado Rita Cusack?  
33 **Rita Cusack:** I'm Here.  
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35 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Louisiana Colleen Orfanello?  
36 **Colleen Orfanello:** Here  
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38 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Texas Vera Anderson? PNPs: Patricia Sharp? Lucille Kinney? Elaine Mons? Bonnie  
39 Dumler? Joan Walsh? Carol Lance?  
40 **Carol Lance:** Present  
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42 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Judith Spaulding? Nancy Lee Birschbach?  
43 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Present

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2 **Judy Fiddler:** Jane Stoell? Gwendolyn Gilliard?  
3 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Present.  
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5 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Karen Haltiner?  
6 **Karen Haltiner:** Present.  
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8 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Barb Cherone?  
9 **Barb Cherone:** Present  
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11 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Barbara Canode? Jan Knapp?  
12 **Jan Knapp:** Present  
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14 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Eileen Oltmann? Terri Shattuck? I know Terri's there. Gloria Sanchez?  
15 **Gloria Sanchez:** Present.  
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17 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Diane Petrini? Cheryl Perez?  
18 **Cheryl Perez:** Present.  
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20 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Amanda Fleener? Colleen Orfanello?  
21 **Colleen Orfanello:** Present  
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23 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Kay Jo Baucom? She's there. I see her. Madam President. Oh. We'll do the Units.  
24 Ok. I just need someone from the unit number I call to answer "Present". New York Region 1:  
25 New York 3? Pennsylvania 11? Pennsylvania 190? Illinois 159? Iowa 777?  
26 **DIXIE PICKART:** Present.  
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28 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Michigan 91?  
29 **SHARON LEWINSKI:** Present.  
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31 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Michigan 110? Michigan 127?  
32 **SHARON LEWINSKI:** Present.  
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34 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Michigan 459?  
35 **Teena Alvarado:** Present  
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37 **Judy Fiddler:** Michigan 514? Michigan 1985? That's Terri and Gloria. They're here. Minnesota 5?  
38 Minnesota 8? Minnesota 194? Minnesota 268?  
39 **LINDA BELLIS:** Here. Linda Bellis.  
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41 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Nebraska 200?  
42 **LINDA VAREJCKA:** Here. Linda Varejcka, President.  
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1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Nebraska 260? Nebraska 632?  
2 **ANGIE FOSTER:** Present.  
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4 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Ohio 31? Ohio 743? Present. Ohio 1974? Ohio 3620? Wisconsin 162? Wisconsin  
5 164? Wisconsin 228?  
6 **Barb Cherone:** Barb Cherone. President  
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8 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Wisconsin 550?  
9 **Nancy Lee Birschbach:** 162 is here, Judy.  
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11 **Judy Fiddler:** Um, Oregon. Region 3: Oregon 72?  
12 **Patricia Hail:** Present.  
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14 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Region 4: Alabama 2202? Florida 535?  
15 **Christine Day:** Betty?  
16 **BETTY BRUNTON:** Present.  
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18 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Georgia 425? Georgia 465?  
19 **DEBRA HILL:** Present  
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21 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Georgia 492? Georgia 1000? Mississippi 680? Mississippi 690? Mississippi 803?  
22 North Carolina 634? Region 5: Colorado 375?  
23 **Barbara Hale Ray:** She's there.  
24 **Becky Amaya:** 375 is present.  
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26 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Colorado 423? Louisiana 177?  
27 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** Present.  
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29 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Louisiana 331? Louisiana 504? Louisiana 531? Louisiana 1955?  
30 **GWENDOLYN GILLIARD:** Present.  
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32 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Texas 1836?  
33 **ANITA HUNT-TREVINO:** Present.  
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35 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Texas 1876?  
36 **Doris Williams:** Present.  
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38 **Judy Fiddler:** Texas 1919? California. Yeah, California is Region 6. California 49?  
39 **CHERYL PEREZ:** Present.  
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41 **JUDY FIDDLER:** California 385? and Guam 1315? Madam President, there is your roll call.  
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1 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you, Madam Secretary. But before we begin, yesterday, as we were  
2 leaving, my patriot was nominated with the George Washington Award. And he came in just as I  
3 was getting off, so he would like to thank you.

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5 **Patriot Roy Ray:** I hope you all can see me. And Madam President, and the leadership team for  
6 the MOPHA and other members of the MOPHA that might be present here today. I heard some  
7 really good things about me yesterday. I heard you guys were really talking about me, and I had  
8 written a speech, but the President told me I can only have 1 minute and I'm down to about 20  
9 seconds now. But it gives me great pleasure to be able to address you all and it warms my heart  
10 to realize that so many of you think of me as you do and I can appreciate that and I appreciate  
11 all that you all do for the veterans and their families that need our assistance and the little  
12 things that I've done to help you all along the way is a pleasure. And if there's anything in the  
13 future that I can do to enhance your capabilities, or the things that you provide, don't feel uh  
14 bad if you have to reach out to me and I'll help you any way I can. And I. And I hope Kay Jo has  
15 been working on those letters this year. Is she here?

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17 **Barbara Hale Ray:** I think so.

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19 **Patriot Roy Ray:** Okay. But again, I'm deeply humbled and I'm forever grateful to those of you  
20 that had to do with this George Washington Award that you all bestowed upon me and I'm  
21 forever grateful for that. God bless you all and God bless the United States of America.

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23 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you, Commander

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25 **Patriot Roy Ray:** My pleasure.

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27 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Okay, like I said before, we have a couple of things that we need to talk  
28 about before we begin our day and one is - Jan brought up one about the reading of the  
29 resolutions and Tracy. We were talking to Tracy about the \$86,000 she talked about yesterday.  
30 So we're going to get started with those because we need to discuss the rebate money  
31 and see how we're going to handle that. So we'll go with Tracy first.

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33 **Tracy Derr:** I think what didn't happen was we didn't put it to a vote to see if we could use the  
34 rebate money for the National Auxiliary for General Fund. So, I believe that we needed a motion  
35 to do that and then we'd have discussion, and then we'd have a vote. Is that what you're talking  
36 about?

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38 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yes.

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40 **Tracy Derr:** Okay, yeah. So is there a motion to use the.

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1 **Jan Knapp:** Madam President, we have a resolution. Oh I'm sorry ,we don't have a resolution.  
2 We need to um discuss that. The NEC voted. So, you need to just mention that there was a vote  
3 of the NEC.

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5 **Tracy Derr:** We don't need another vote from the body?

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7 **Jan Knapp:** We do need another vote, but it needs to be explained that there was a vote of the  
8 NEC and what it was. I'm sorry. I don't mean to interrupt. I just, I'm thinking of people that  
9 weren't on yesterday or during um the NEC Meeting aren't really.

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11 **Tracy Derr:** Ok

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13 **JUDY FIDDLER:** It was the Pre-NEC meeting on Tuesday evening that the Finance Committee  
14 recommended it to the NEC. The NEC was recommending it to the Convention body that we use  
15 that money at National.

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17 **Tracy Derr:** So the recommendation and then the conversation at those 2 meetings was based  
18 on the thinking that that 86,000, and I did a number, added to what we have, less what we have  
19 restricted, - currently, we have \$104,000 in the bank, and these are approximate numbers. I'm  
20 not going to do change and dollar bills. Um, 10,000 approximately is restricted for CDCE but at  
21 this point it's HOV and membership, and there's certain things that we'll say are restricted.  
22 28,750 of that would be our budget for the year. That leaves us with \$65,000 in the bank. If we  
23 had that 86,000 that would be a 151,000. Seeing as how we are going on a \$30,000 budget this  
24 year, we're going to use that number, divide that into that 151,000, and that takes us out  
25 operating at the auxiliary level with a \$30,000 budget - and we take it year by year obviously-  
26 for the next 5 years if we are able to use that 86,000. So, it was asked at the Finance Committee,  
27 voted on, and then taken to the NEC. Voted on, passed. And now we need to bring it to the  
28 body and need a - Jan, am I correct, do we need a motion to talk about it? A motion to make it  
29 happen, and then talk, and then vote?

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31 **Terri Shattuck:** Correct

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33 **Cheryl Perez:** Madam President, since it was a vote coming from the NEC, isn't this a ratification  
34 of a vote by the NEC?

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36 **Terri Shattuck:** But I think what Jan said was because some people weren't on the finance  
37 meeting, nor the NEC, that we should explain what we were doing or.

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39 **Tracy Derr:** So that they know what they're voting.

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41 **Cheryl Perez:** And that would come up during discussion with the ratification of the NEC vote.

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43 **Tracy Derr:** Okay. Cause there is going to be discussion. So, do I need a motion to...

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2 **Terri Shattuck:** Ok. I'll make that motion to keep the rebate money at National for operating  
3 Expenses.  
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5 **Tracy Derr:** For 2024.  
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7 **Terri Shattuck:** For 2024.  
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9 **Barbara Hale Ray:** (inaudible)  
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11 **Tracy Derr:** Terry made a motion. So now we just have discussion.  
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13 **Several members:** (Multiple inaudible talk-over)  
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15 **Tracy Derr:** Everybody should mute and raise their hand, so that we can have a good discussion  
16 without hearing everybody.  
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18 **Kay Jo Baucom:** And do you need a second for the motion?  
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20 **Jan Knapp:** Second for the motion. Yes.  
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22 **Gloria Sanchez:** Madam President, Gloria Sanchez, PNP  
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24 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes Gloria.  
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26 **Gloria Sanchez:** I second the motion.  
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28 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Uh, now, discussion. Is there any discussion? Yeah.  
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30 **Nancy Lee Birschbach:** Nancy Birschbach.  
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32 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes Nancy Lee.  
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34 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** I think 10 years ago we had 19 Departments and we had around 89 units.  
35 Um. we're losing our departments and units. Where we have this much money, in that I think it  
36 would be fair if National would get 75% and 25% would go to Units and Departments. There are  
37 some Units and Departments that are struggling and this way they can use it for membership,  
38 and maybe to attend a department convention, uh for memorials, gifts, you know, you know,  
39 and to help to keep the organization going. Um, if national would get \$65,000 and the 25%  
40 would be \$21,678.96. Um, so, I I think that's more fair where we haven't had a rebate the last 2  
41 years and where we're losing so many units, I think we need to invest in our members.  
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1 **Tracy Derr:** I hear you, Nancy Lee and I understand, cause this isn't restricted funds, so they can  
2 be able to use it for the things that they need to be able to use it for, but let me just say to you,  
3 today is August 9<sup>th</sup> and I might have maybe 10 people who have turned in their finance and  
4 990s to be in compliance to even receive rebates. Right? Yeah. We left \$10,000 on the table  
5 from the Service Foundation that didn't get requested, and we lost that money. The year before  
6 we lost \$20,000 from the Service Foundation because units and departments didn't request  
7 CDCE grants for veterans, so we only can see what we see, which is people aren't asking us for  
8 money. So when we say, you know, no one's asking us for money to give out, why would we  
9 give out this this 86,000 to ourselves and not to others? I see what you're saying that the 25%,  
10 you know, or the 30% 25% divided amongst units and departments. I've got your email. I  
11 brought it up yesterday, too, because I do see what you're saying. There's a fairness to it and  
12 they need the money to operate, and some of these checks are very small. Some of these  
13 checks are in in the department, depending on members. can be, you know, a thousand bucks,  
14 or, you know, depending on the amount. Um, I guess it's just a matter of what we're thinking  
15 and how we, how we vote. I personally feel like National needs money to function for the next  
16 few years, like I said that with what we have would take us out 5 years. So 75%, maybe that's  
17 four years. But we are raising money, and we are doing other things, too. So last year we got  
18 about over \$10,000 in donations. You know, we just don't know what the years will bring.  
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20 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** But, like you said.

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22 **Tracy Derr:** Probably a difference of one more year of National operating.  
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24 **Terri Shattuck:** And another thing to look at too, is 25% to the Units and the Departments. I  
25 I can't see that amount of money helping someone get to a National Convention.  
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27 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Well, it might be mileage. It's a token thing. It might pay for the  
28 registration. It's it's just an incentive for the units and departments to get more involved in  
29 national um, and if you don't have that many units that comply with the 4 requirements, then  
30 that that whatever's of the 25% goes back to national. But we need.  
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32 **Tracy Derr:** No, no.  
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34 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** But we (inaudible) that's functioning.  
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36 **Tracy Derr:** No, that's not how it works. So so the less units and less departments just means  
37 that, like Wisconsin, Michigan, the the units and departments that actually comply and send the  
38 reports in. They just get more money, because it's a percentage.  
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40 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** But uh, you don't have to. In the past we've had it that the units  
41 departments would get \$2 a member and the units would get \$3 a member.  
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1 **Tracy Derr:** We've only done the rebate in a percentage. So if the 25% is what we're sharing for  
2 units and departments, that 25% gets split amongst departments and units by participation and  
3 compliance. So either gonna get a big number or you're gonna get a little number just  
4 depending. It's \$21,000 we're talking about. And right now, I mean, it's still early. I guess we still  
5 have some time. Was it uh?

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7 **Terri Shattuck:** How many units and departments do we have, Judy?

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9 **Judy Fiddler:** There's 11 departments and I think 55 units.

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11 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** 55. You had on your report.

12 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yeah.

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14 **Tracy Derr:** And then that's based on members and based on compliance reports being turned  
15 in so.

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17 **JUDY FIDDLER:** On an average, we're losing anywhere from one to three units per year.

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19 **Terri Shattuck:** You take the.

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21 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Not money. It's not the money situation. It's their age.

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23 **Gloria Sanchez:** Madam President, madam President, Betty from Florida has been waiting to  
24 talk, so I will speak up for her.

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26 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Go ahead Betty

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28 **Betty Brunton:** Thank you. As someone who is going to be a part of the last remaining  
29 unit in the state of Florida and ready to close our department as soon as we finish closing the  
30 one other unit that we have, I will say those 2 units, up until now, have used that money to  
31 really keep those units alive. 535 is struggling financially.

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33 **Terri Shattuck:** I guess (inaudible)

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35 **Betty Brunton:** (inaudible) in Florida.

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37 **betty Brunton:** Yes.

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39 **Terri Shattuck:** I guess what do they use it to stay alive with? Because some of these units only  
40 get probably less than a hundred dollars.

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42 **betty Brunton:** I I think ours got more than a hundred. 535 got more than a hundred dollars.  
43 Our treasurer isn't on right now. I couldn't say for sure but it's it's used to help offset the cost of

1 department meetings. We have members who do it, who are on the 535, as well as the  
2 department that are not in a financial position to pay for 150 or \$200 a night hotel rooms for  
3 department meetings. We've tried doing some Zoom Meetings. Ah. But in in all honesty, I will  
4 say it will hurt. It will hurt those smaller departments and units that are trying to survive. And I  
5 recognize, I guess it's a, it's a, it's a what comes first, the chicken or the egg. If we lose more  
6 units and departments, you're not going to have a national anyway, because you won't have a  
7 membership. And as units close, the people who are involved pull away further, because state  
8 of Florida, one unit to remain open. Um, people don't feel they can be connected because  
9 they're spread across 500 miles. And so there is no connectivity. I'm just concerned. If if there  
10 isn't support at the local level, you'll lose even further. And and that's and I think Christine is  
11 also on here from 535 and from Florida. But, we try and operate as minimally as we can and in  
12 some instances maybe we should be doing more requesting for funds, but we try and do a lot of  
13 it within our own budgets that we have locally but and I know we've also used VVS funding, but  
14 I really think it'll make it much more difficult for those units that are still trying to struggle to  
15 survive. Thank you.

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17 **Christine Day:** Thank you, Betty.

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19 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Is there more discussion?

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21 **Jan Knapp:** Madam President, this is Jan Knapp. You know, I um, I know we made the motion for  
22 a hundred percent of the rebate, but I also understand what like Betty is saying and there's a  
23 couple messages here in our chat room. You know. Why are we forecasting 5 years ahead  
24 and yet leaving those units um, that a rebate is a reward. It's a reward for doing your job doing  
25 the things that are required. And is 25% of that rebate money really going to destroy national or  
26 is it going to destroy our units? I'm, you know, I'm I'm tossed back and forth. I I understand what  
27 Tracy's saying,

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29 **Tracy Derr:** Well, I I agree with you. I...

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31 **Jan Knapp:** Maybe we need to start looking at some fundraising options for people. What can  
32 we do as a national organization to get some money?

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34 **Tracy Derr:** We, Fran appointed a – Tracy Derr, your treasurer. Fran appointed a person, Linda  
35 Bellis, to do that, and there's committee, and we talked about that yesterday, and that's the all  
36 positive things. As far as Joan's comment about CDCE funds being a lack of communications by  
37 national. At conventions, during meetings, we talk to the regional presidents, and we talk  
38 amongst each other and I mean, I don't know what else can be done to get the word out. We all  
39 know we get \$33,000 a year, and you can either request it or not. I mean, it's we can't knock on  
40 your door, but we're not forecasting, and I'm not doing a budget for 5 years. What I'm saying to  
41 you is we don't have income either, and if we, as a group want to continue to be national then  
42 we do have to think about how are we covering the next couple of years? We couldn't even  
43 cover a convention this year. That's why we're on this Zoom conference, or we would have been

1 done. So, if you don't want a treasurer to look down the road at Holy Moly, we're out of money,  
2 and this is an alarm then I don't, you know, I don't know what you want me to report on. I  
3 could just report on what we spent, and then one day we'll just be dry, and that'll be that. But I  
4 agree with Nancy Lee. That's why I brought her email up yesterday. I understand that we should  
5 consider the units and the departments. I think it's huge. They need, they need operating  
6 expenses, just as we need operating expenses and raising money is the key, and I'm super  
7 excited about Linda Bellis and being on a committee to help raise money outside of ways and  
8 means. That'll go straight to our bottom line, straight to our operating expenses. I'm not  
9 opposed to what Nancy Lee's saying, but I definitely feel like we should, we should be thinking  
10 about how we we're going to cover ourselves for the next couple of years? And if not, you know,  
11 there was a statement about the apple and cart. You're right without one, we are not the other  
12 period. And what would happen on the national level is, it would just be done, and then all the  
13 states would be the departments and units, and they would all handle it on their own. But  
14 members just get transferred to other units or departments. They don't just go away, unless  
15 they choose to go away.

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17 **Jan Knapp:** Now one thing, if I may again Madam President, through you to Tracy. We have, in  
18 the past, we've got money from foundation for our general fund. We used our ways and means  
19 money for veterans. Now it's - we don't need the ways and means money for veterans, we need  
20 it in our general fund and I think we need to do something about that.

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22 **Tracy Derr:** That was Tracy to madam President Tracy to Jan that was voted on a year or 2 ago.  
23 We do that per year. We make that conversation and discussion on how we're going to use ways  
24 and means this year.

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26 **Jan Knapp:** But it's case.

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28 **Tracy Derr:** My case.

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30 **Jan Knapp:** Right. It's done every year, and it has to be voted on. Yeah, now that we aren't using  
31 that for - I mean, we have money for veterans. We need to change the... There's a line in our  
32 standing rules.

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34 **Tracy:** We only have \$841 in our HOV account, and we have no money in our CDCE. So, we really  
35 don't have veteran grant money today, until we submit receipts and get more from the  
36 foundation. If we get more, they stopped funding other parts of our groups. Period. Yeah. So.

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38 **Jan Knapp:** Yeah

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40 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Nancy Lee?

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42 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Where we haven't gotten the rebates the last 2 years. You mentioned  
43 that there's a lot of units that haven't complied. So, it's, you know, it's in our standing rules that

1 they have to do the 990, the financial statement and so forth. The units aren't going to do this,  
2 you know, why do I have to do the 990? If I'm not getting a rebate, you know, and that's going to  
3 get national into trouble too, if other units don't do the 990.

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5 **Tracy Derr:** I, Tracy, Madam President, through to Nancy Lee, I agree with you. I am currently  
6 working with a member who has not been able to do their 990, for whatever the reasons are.  
7 And I'm not going to put this person on blast. I'm sure that they attempted to do what they  
8 could do to get it done. But I'm actually going into my software, as my is is my business. And I'm  
9 going just do that postcard for them, because I don't think that they can figure out how to get  
10 into their own ID to do it. So if I'm going to try to figure out a way to catch them up for the last 2  
11 years, so they can be current. And yes, they did say that they they are thinking of closing.  
12 They've talked about closing, and that was the plan. But if they could keep it open and do the  
13 reports and be compliant, maybe something will happen, and they'll get a little bit of money. So  
14 you know I am on my level trying to help whoever calls and reaches out to me. Do I know who  
15 all has an issue? I don't.

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17 **JUDY FIDDLER:** This is Judy Fiddler. I have a suggestion. Or a comment first. We have no  
18 guarantee, with the way the stock market is, that we'll have - earn any money next year? What  
19 if National kept the 1st 50,000 and anything over the 50,000 can go to the units and  
20 departments?

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22 **Nancy Lee Birschbach:** Well, 75% would be 65,000.

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24 **Tracy Derr:** I like the 75 25 better. I'm sorry, Judy. I love you. but I and I.

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26 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Just a thought as I was sitting here, you know. If, this way we would know for  
27 sure that if we got \$50,000 coming each year when the (inaudible) 30th rolls around, then the  
28 balance could go to the units and departments. So, it it was just a thought while I was sitting  
29 here, listening to everybody, so...

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31 **Jan Knapp:** You know, I'm sorry. This is Jan Knapp again. Madam President, through you to Tracy.  
32 You were talking about um, interest. What are we getting on our membership money sitting in  
33 the savings?

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35 **Tracy Derr:** When we keep it there for the year, per the bylaw, and then in June 30, we put it to  
36 E-trade to get it going straight away. I mean, I don't know of any other way that we're supposed  
37 to do that. But the money, the 86,000 that's available that I transferred today to our Chase  
38 account, I had talked earlier on about going to Chase and having that put in a CD and layering it  
39 to make 5% until we need to pay out rebates, or let it ride for another year to make more  
40 money to help us. So, I mean, we don't need that whatever it's going to be, 86,000 or 75%, we  
41 don't need it for another year because we have enough money to go for this year and next.  
42 Right?

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1 **Jan Knapp:** I was. I was just wondering about our actual membership money.  
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3 **Tracy Derr:** The dollars that are deposited into the membership account? For new members?  
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5 **Jan Knapp:** No. The interest that it's gaining. We have 300 and how much in it?  
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7 **Tracy Derr:** That's what we are talking about is the \$86,000 it made last year.  
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9 **Nancy Lee Birschbach:** Interest.  
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11 **Jan Knapp:** Right.  
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13 **Tracy Derr:** What is the interest?  
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15 **Jan Knapp:** What is the interest on the membership?  
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17 **Tracy Derr:** \$86,715.85.  
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19 **Jan Knapp:** No, I meant percentage (inaudible).  
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21 **Tracy Derr:** You're talking about ROI. You're talking about return on the money? It was like 40%.  
22 Dennis made us, like 40% will say approximately.  
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24 **Jan Knapp:** Okay, that's fine.  
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26 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam President, Tracy, Angie Foster from Nebraska has raised her hand.  
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28 **Tracy Derr:** Sorry.  
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30 **Angie Foster:** Hi Angie Foster, Department of Nebraska President. I know the money is the big  
31 issue, but the other issue that we have is a disconnect between our units and national and I  
32 think even if we could give the units 10%, it would show that national is still there for the units  
33 for the members who are, you know, on the ground doing the things for the veterans? Because  
34 I, you know, I hear it well, what is national doing for us? We don't get the rebates anymore.  
35 Okay, but if there, we could just give the units something. We they would greatly appreciate it. I  
36 know, in Nebraska, we could really use that. We only have 3 units now, and we're struggling to  
37 keep them open. Our members are older, and we've been doing membership drives and  
38 everything, but the fundraising part of it. You know. We can't have a bunch stand out in front of  
39 , sell stuff at the grocery store or something, because of our our older members. I'll put that.  
40 But, if if there is any way we could give the unit something I know Nebraska would appreciate it.  
41 Thank you.  
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43 **Tracy Derr:** Thank you.

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2 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Any more discussion?  
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4 **Linda Bellis:** Madam President, Tracy, Linda Bellis, Minnesota.  
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6 **Linda Bellis:** I have a question. If we get the rebate money to the departments or the units, does  
7 it state that it has to be used on our veterans?  
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9 **Barbara Hale Ray:** No  
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11 **Tracy Derr:** No, it's not a restricted fund.  
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13 **Linda Bellis:** Okay, so we're...  
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15 **Tracy Derr:** General operating. It just goes into your general fund.  
16 **Linda Bellis:** Okay, so we could use it for anything.  
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18 **Tracy Derr:** Restricted funds would be grant money received from the Foundation, money we've  
19 designated from ways and means in the HOV, which we now annually vote on and the  
20 membership development fund. Okay? Oh, and the foundation gives us money that pays for the  
21 audit that's restrictive.  
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23 **Linda Bellis:** Okay. Thank you.  
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25 **Terri Shattuck:** So when we send money to the units and the departments from the rebate, they  
26 can use it to buy envelopes.  
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28 **Nancy Lee Birschbach:** Stamps.  
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30 **(Undisclosed Member):** Yeah.  
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32 **Terri Shattuck:** There you go.  
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34 **Jan Knapp:** Well, they can also, Madam President to Terri, you know a lot of our units will pay  
35 their president's registration and banquet for the convention and help them out. So, I mean, it's  
36 it's used for a number of things, not just buying envelopes.  
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38 **Tracy Derr:** It's a general operating line. They can use it for whatever they need.  
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40 **Jan Knapp:** Yeah.  
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42 **Terri Shattuck:** Ok. I'm done talking.  
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1 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay.  
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3 **Tracy Derr:** 75, 25, I mean, maybe we should just, seems like a lot of people are thinking we  
4 should do a percentage and give to the units in the department, so maybe we should.  
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6 **Terri Shattuck:** I think Carol Lance wanted to talk.  
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8 **Tracy Derr:** Oh, I'm sorry!  
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10 **Terri Shattuck:** Carol, Carol Lance wanted to talk.  
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12 **Carol Lance:** Madam President, through you to our secretary, our treasurer. You know, I know  
13 every year I have discussed this, I think that, and every year I say we should do away with it, we,  
14 um, oh my, I don't want to make people feel bad, but we like Nebraska, like Louisiana, like  
15 Mississippi, we don't have the membership Wisconsin and Michigan do. So they get huge  
16 checks. I don't know how many members there are in Nebraska. What type of a rebate check  
17 would they get, you know? Is it going to be \$25 or \$50? You know, like I said for years, I've been  
18 saying we should do away with rebates and that's just my feelings.  
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20 **Jan Knapp:** Do away with?  
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22 **Carol Lance:** Yes. Jan, I say this every year that we should not. You know, we all, I know we're all  
23 getting older. But we have younger people who can step up and do all kinds of things. We at our  
24 department meetings we used to play Bingo. We used to sell things back and forth to each  
25 other. We had auctions, and the men were wonderful bidders on things, and that's how we  
26 made our money. So, you know, I and we never, ever, you know, relied upon anybody but  
27 ourselves. So, I don't know, because the the smaller states that don't have the membership  
28 don't get the kind of money that's going to really make a difference. I mean, you know, if the  
29 member, if say they're going to pay registration and registration is \$75, and their rebate check is  
30 for \$50. Um, hello? You know. Just my point of view.  
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32 **Tracy Derr:** Madam President Tracy Derr Treasure. So I I since we started talking, I started  
33 thinking, Well, what have been some of the past rebate amounts. Last time we had a rebate was  
34 in 2021, and then the market just kind of went crazy, and we haven't really had anything.  
35 We were in the negative and now we are finally on the positive and but on a good note. We've  
36 already earned 10 grand for next year. So, let's hope that keeps going. But I'm looking at units,  
37 and I'm seeing anywhere from in units-and again, this is based on how many members you have  
38 in your unit. So it's going to be different for everybody. If Michigan has a ton of members and  
39 Louisiana, Louisiana doesn't, and of course it's going to be a different thing. But I see lower end  
40 \$101.98 cents, \$94, 188, 298, a thousand dollars to unit 1836, \$1,100 to 1919.  
41 So just. And those were the units and the Departments, Department of Wisconsin \$900,  
42 Department of Michigan \$2,000, California 1,700, Texas 15. A low department would be

1 Mississippi \$350. So, I mean, it's all money that can be used to buy something. Do I have that  
2 many reports coming in? There's no way. Is that because it's a disconnect between national and  
3 the units and departments. I don't think so, because you always know you have to do your  
4 reports that.

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6 **Terri Shattuck:** Tracy Tracy. Madam President, through you to Tracy. How many times have you  
7 had to wait for checks to clear or resend checks that were lost?

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9 **Tracy Derr:** Um, I had to void checks at the following end of the next year, because multiple  
10 units and departments didn't cash their checks. They found them in a drawer 6 months or 8  
11 months, or a year later. They say on the reports that they were supposed to go to one person,  
12 you send them to that person, they say oh well that person quit, and there was a new person,  
13 but they didn't update their report with the people. So there have been lots of weird stuff that's  
14 happened to make this process even more difficult than it should be really. So, it's really you  
15 can say that it's a disconnect with national, but it's also disconnect in our own groups and our  
16 own. The problem is, we all live far apart, or even in your own units, you know I mean my unit is  
17 a 3 hours drive from here. So it is a number of things, and I don't think we should point fingers.

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19 **Terri Shattuck:** I was just making the point that if the money was important that they had that  
20 extra money, but then they didn't cash their checks...

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22 **Tracy Derr:** Absolutely.

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24 **Terri Shattuck:** or lost their checks.

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26 **Tracy Derr:** Checks have been voided and gone back to the general fund. That rebate then gets  
27 put back to National and we did.

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29 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah.

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31 **Tracy Derr:** We actually did a vote on a procedure to wipe out every uncleared check at the end  
32 of each year on (inaudible) 30th because if you let the check sit for a year, then you don't need  
33 the money, or you're not looking, or whatever I don't know. I'm sure you do need the money.  
34 That's another thing I shouldn't say. That's unfair. So it just, its all you know, loose. That's the  
35 problem. Everything's too loose right across the board.

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37 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Nancy Lee?

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39 **Nancy Lee Birschbach:** You know, if if some of the states, they get this a rebate check, and they  
40 don't need all that money they could give, give it back to national. So it, you know, each  
41 department, each unit is different.

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1 **Tracy Derr:** That's true, Nancy Lee, and there are units and departments that have made  
2 donations to National this year because they have it, and they they, you know, we're able to  
3 help out a lot. So I truly appreciate that. And I think everything everybody's doing is amazing. If  
4 it's \$50 or \$5,000. It's amazing, because it all makes a difference.

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6 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam President, through Tracy. There were some messages in the chat  
7 box.

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9 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah. I've I've read them, and I've tried to answer them. I think that um, I mean, I've  
10 covered Darlene's about we wouldn't be without them, and they wouldn't be, we wouldn't be  
11 national. That's true. Each state would have to, their dep own state, would have to take care of  
12 everything, and we've talked about that in the past as well, Darlene. That what do you do with  
13 the the investment money? Well, I don't know, split it up amongst all the departments and units  
14 that are active and compliant with their reports if national is not needed. I mean, I'm well aware  
15 of it, and that's why I do try to say how much money we do have coming down the road, and  
16 how many years, I think, we'll last because. What's the whole point? If we can't do a convention  
17 with the patriots and what we're doing at a national level isn't making a difference for the units  
18 and departments and we don't even know that because the conversations don't really happen  
19 until convention, then I mean, that's a that's a body conversation that we should all have as a  
20 group. We're all members. We're all here together doing the same thing, just different jobs.  
21 However, you ladies think we should do it. You should bring that up at um, we should, you  
22 know, we should bring these things up and talk about them, and try to find a tighter way to do it  
23 to where we all are. I feel like, since Covid purple, the purple heart is totally different for me. I  
24 know it's different for all of you, and how we communicate, and how we make things happen.  
25 And the funds aren't there, and everything has gotten harder. But I do believe that we should all  
26 come together and try to make some sort of more cohesive.

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28 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** Madam President.

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30 **Tracy Derr:** I think I've covered. Oh, Jennyne Bilsky (inaudible) Austin.

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32 **Terri Shattuck:** Anita Hunt wants to speak. Madam President. Madam President?

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34 **Gloria Sanchez:** But she could just start speaking.

35  
36 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** Hello?

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38 **Terri Shattuck:** Just start talking, hun.

39  
40 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** Okay. Can you hear me?

41  
42 **Terri Shattuck:** Yep.

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1 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** I'm kind of new to this. As an officer I'm the president of Unit 1836, which  
2 is a pretty large unit as far as membership goes, but I just I don't know how this works, but I  
3 know that we don't discuss a lot of these things in the general orders meeting and exactly  
4 I don't know how many attend, but I always try to attend those meetings via Zoom. And I let my  
5 members know that it's happening and how to connect. But usually we have what 15, 10, 15  
6 people at the most. And it's it's pretty much what I've seen is a lot of chitchat, and you know  
7 how things are going and the units. And we tell report what we've done. But nothing about  
8 policy or our plan for the future, or how we're going to help you, you know, units that need it.  
9 And um, and for another another comment is, we got approved for a service grant back in April.  
10 And we're this is August, and we're still waiting for the check. And I don't know if it's expired.  
11 Now where it is? I haven't heard back. Oh, it's supposed to be in the mail. We've been waiting  
12 patiently. We've got our  
13

14 **Tracy Derr:** The CDCE Grant that you were approved for there was 2 of them. One was sent, and  
15 one was not, and then I did forward that on to Barbara and that's been probably 3 weeks now.  
16 So, there have been checks that have gone to Colorado. I don't know if it's a mail issue. We've  
17 never had this much trouble with checks this year. I see videos of people dumping, postal  
18 workers dumping mail, in garbage bins on the news. I don't know why you haven't. I can Zelle  
19 you the money. I offered to do that. I've done that with California. I've done that with Louisiana.  
20 The checks just don't come. Barbara will get them and sign them and send them off, and then  
21 sometimes they don't make it to their destinations, so then I cancel the check that's written,  
22 and then transfer the funds. It may be easier just to transfer the Zelle funds, or some way to do  
23 a direct payment for the CDCE.  
24

25 **Jan Knapp:** Madam President, we we have a motion. Our discussion has gone quite a bit off.  
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27 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Um, this is Judy. Madam President got dropped off the zoom. She just called me.  
28 She's trying to get back on.  
29

30 **Jan Knapp:** Oh,  
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32 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I think we need to either have this motion rescinded as to keeping all the money  
33 rebate money at National, and then maybe a new motion put back into place for the 75 25 split.  
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35 **Tracy Derr:** I agree with that.  
36

37 **JUDY FIDDLER:** And the motion was originally made by Terri Shattuck, and seconded by Gloria  
38 Sanchez.  
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40 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay, I can rescind my motion and am I to make the new motion then?  
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42 **Gloria Sanchez:** Wait, Terri, I will rescind my second.  
43

1 **Cheryl Perez:** Madam Secretary, because this is the way I see it is. And, Jan, please your opinion.  
2 I see this as a ratification of a vote made by the NEC. So we should vote it down for the record.  
3  
4 **Jan Knapp:** Right.  
5  
6 **Cheryl Perez:** Because it is a ratification vote. It's not just from the.  
7  
8 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay, thank you. Cheryl.  
9  
10 **Terri Shattuck:** All right. Strike my conversation.\*  
11  
12 **Gloria Sanchez:** Mine too.\*  
13 \*(For the purposes of the minutes, Terri and Gloria's conversation will not be stricken due to the  
14 confusion it would cause to only strike their motion)  
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16 **Jan Knapp:** We can have a new vote after, but we can't.  
17  
18 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay.  
19  
20 **Jan Knapp:** Override this one.  
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22 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam Secretary, because, Madam President is not on, would you like to  
23 call for a five-minute, break? A potty break?  
24  
25 **Cheryl Perez:** Is she not here? The Senior Vice can do it. She could run the vote.  
26  
27 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I could do it. Yeah. Fran, Fran can either do it, or I'll do it.  
28  
29 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay.  
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31 **Jan Knapp:** Okay.  
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33 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Fran can call for the vote. So.  
34  
35 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay.  
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37 **Jan Knapp:** Madam, Vice Senior Vice, would you remind everyone that when they get ready to  
38 vote, to unmute themselves, so that they can be heard.  
39  
40 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yes, ma'am.  
41  
42 **Terri Shattuck:** Motion's been made and seconded.  
43

1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I think Fran just froze, too.  
2  
3 **Terri Shattuck:** Oh!  
4  
5 **Linda Varejcka:** Froze.  
6  
7 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Oh!  
8  
9 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay, here am I back?  
10  
11 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah, it's just froze. Okay, am I understanding this right? I need to have a motion.  
12  
13 **Jan Knapp:** We have one.  
14  
15 **JUDY FIDDLER:** No. Call for the vote to the motion to keep the rebate money at National.  
16  
17 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay.  
18  
19 **Cheryl Perez:** To ratify the NEC vote, to keep all of the rebate money at National.  
20  
21 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay. We will have a vote to keep. I don't know if that's my computer or what.  
22  
23 **Jan Knapp:** Just mentioned that. Yeah, the motion.  
24  
25 **Fran Holtgreven:** The motion to  
26  
27 **Jan Knapp:** Keep 100% at national.  
28  
29 **Fran Holtgreven:** Thank you. To keep 100% at National. Um, we will take a vote.  
30  
31 **Gloria Sanchez:** All In favor...  
32  
33 **Fran Holtgreven:** Uh. Wait a minute, wait a minute. Let me start over again. We have a motion  
34 to keep all of the rebate money to put in to keep at National, we will have a vote and um do I?  
35 All those in favor say nay. Yay yay.  
36  
37 **Collective Group:** Yays and Nays.  
38  
39 **Fran Holtgreven:** Well.  
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41 **JUDY FIDDLER:** You want the vote to be rejected. So you're going to.  
42  
43 **Gloria Sanchez:** to rescind.

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2 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay.  
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4 **JUDY FIDDLER:** The the vote should be Yay, 0. Nay, everybody. Because you're rejecting the  
5 motion.  
6  
7 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay.  
8  
9 **JUDY FIDDLER:** We're not in favor of keeping all the money at National, so it would be. Nay.  
10  
11 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay, so let's start all over again. I'm very sorry. All those in favor of rejecting  
12 the vote.  
13  
14 **Cheryl Perez:** No, no! All those in favor of ratifying the vote of the NEC for National to keep  
15 100% of the rebate money. I'll just say all those in favor, say yes.  
16  
17 **Fran Holtgreven:** This isn't looking good. Here. Okay. Those in favor say Yes.  
18  
19 **Several Members:** Yes.  
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21 **Fran Holtgreven:** Nay?  
22  
23 **Several Members:** Nay  
24  
25 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay, so are we going to have to...  
26  
27 **Colleen Orfanello:** Why don't we? Let's just ask to see if people understood the ratification  
28 issue. I I don't think they understood.  
29  
30 **Kay Jo Baucom:** I don't think it was understood.  
31  
32 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay. This isn't looking too good for me, guys, is it? Okay? Let's start over  
33 again.  
34  
35 **Jan Knapp:** When Madam Vice President, or Senior Vice  
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37 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yes.  
38  
39 **Jan Knapp:** If if you count to 3 and everyone voices at that point, we can't have all those people  
40 jumping in and out, and we don't know if they're saying yay, nay, twice or maybe if you count to  
41 three that would help.  
42  
43 **Kay Jo Baucom:** What about if?

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2 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** What about?  
3  
4 **Fran Holtgreven:** What about raising hands?  
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6 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** About raising hands. Yeah.  
7  
8 **Betty Brunton:** I think, raising hands for Yay, and then raising hands for Nay, and then you can  
9 get an actual count, right?  
10  
11 **Jan Knapp:** On the phone? Can they raise their hand on a phone?  
12  
13 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yeah.  
14  
15 **Fran Holtgreven:** No.  
16  
17 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** Chat. Oh, yeah.  
18  
19 **Colleen Orfanello:** Asterisk 9, or the chat.  
20  
21 **Gloria Sanchez:** Okay.  
22  
23 **Terri Shattuck:** My goodness.  
24  
25 **Gloria Sanchez:** Madam Vice Senior Vice President, I think let Cheryl repeat what needs to be  
26 done, because I agree there's some confusion with the vote and trying to understand it. So,  
27 Cheryl, can you please repeat what we  
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29 **Fran Holtgreven:** Ok. We.  
30  
31 **Gloria Sanchez:** need to do. Yes.  
32  
33 **Fran Holtgreven:** Cheryl, would you please.  
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35 **Cheryl Perez:** Yeah. The NEC voted to keep all of the rebate money at National, so any vote of  
36 the NEC needs to be ratified or rejected by the National Convention body, because the supreme  
37 authority is here, invested in you, that are all at this convention. So the motion on the floor right  
38 now is to ratify, to approve or not, that National keeps all of the rebate money this year. So if  
39 you vote yes, then you are saying, national keeps 100% of the money. If you vote no, then we  
40 will do another vote with the split between national and the units and departments. Does that  
41 make sense? Is that clear?  
42  
43 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yes. That's clear.

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2 **Fran Holtgreven:** Does every does everyone understand? Okay? So.  
3  
4 **Tracy Derr:** We do have, madam Senior Vice, we do have.  
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6 **Fran Holtgreven:** Oh, Barbara's back! Yay.  
7  
8 **Tracy Derr:** Oh, no. You're not over.  
9  
10 **Jan Knapp:** We have.  
11  
12 **Tracy Derr:** We do have people in chat box asking how do they vote if they don't have audio.  
13  
14 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes.  
15  
16 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay, so.  
17  
18 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam Secretary, for the transcript, is it possible we have a roll call vote?  
19 (inaudible).We have 48 members.  
20  
21 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, repeat that.  
22  
23 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam President, is it possible to do a roll call vote for the Transcript,  
24 because it's very jumbled when people are saying yay or nay.  
25  
26 **Gloria Sanchez:** Madam? What she's saying. Can we do a roll call for the vote for the record?  
27  
28 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Madam Secretary?  
29  
30 **JUDY FIDDLER:** One second, please. Okay. Yes. Yes or no, is the response Barbara Hale Ray.  
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32 **Barbara Hale Ray:** No.  
33  
34 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Fran Holtgreven. And whoever's texting me? Please stop. Fran Holtgreven, yes or  
35 no?  
36 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yes.  
37  
38 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Teviah Gilliard?  
39 **Teviah Gilliard:** No.  
40  
41 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Gwendolyn Gilliard?  
42 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** No.  
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1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Judy Fiddler, no  
2  
3 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Tracy Derr.  
4 **Tracy Derr:** Yes.  
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6 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Cheryl Perez?  
7 **Cheryl Perez:** Yes.  
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9 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Karen Larabel? I didn't hear Karen. Joanne Croney? Jan Knapp?  
10 **Jan Knapp:** No.  
11  
12 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Linda Varejcka?  
13 **Linda Varejcka:** Yes.  
14  
15 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Um. Department of Michigan, either Deborah or Sharon. You only get one vote.  
16 Well?  
17 **Sharon Lewinski:** Try it again. Go ahead, Deborah. Yes, from Michigan.  
18  
19 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay, thank you. Sheryl Osburn. She's been having trouble with her phone.  
20 Angie Foster?  
21 **Angie Foster:** No.  
22  
23 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Barb Cherone?  
24 **Barb Cherone:** No.  
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26 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Betty Ann Brunton?  
27 **Betty Brunton:** No.  
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29 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Mary Ann Barkley? Um, Rita Cusak? Rita?  
30 **Rita Cusak:** Yes.  
31  
32 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Colleen Orfanello  
33 **Colleen Orfanello:** I'd Like to defer to Carol Lance.  
34 **JUDY FIDDLER:** But your department. You're okay. Never mind. Um, Carol Lance?  
35 **Carol Lance:** Yes.  
36  
37 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Nancy Lee Birschbach?  
38 **Nancy Lee Birschbach:** No.  
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40 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Gwendolen Gilliard - you already. No, you didn't. Couldn't vote for as chaplain  
41 but.  
42  
43 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay, Karen Haltiner?

1 **Karen Haltiner:** No.  
2  
3 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Barb Cherone, you voted under Wisconsin President. Jan Knapp? Did you vote  
4 under Parliamentarian? Yeah.  
5  
6 **Jan Knapp:** Yes, I did.  
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8 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay. Eileen Oltmann? Terri Shattuck?  
9 **Terri Shattuck:** Yes.  
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11 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Gloria Sanchez?  
12 **Gloria Sanchez:** No.  
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14 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Diane Petrini? Cheryl Perez? She voted under membership officer. Colleen again.  
15 You didn't vote under...  
16 **Colleen Orfanello:** Yes.  
17  
18 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay, thank you.  
19  
20 **JUDY FIDDLER:** And Kay Jo Baucom?  
21 **Kay Jo Baucom:** Yes.  
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23 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay. Units. Iowa 777  
24 **Dixie Pickart:** No.  
25  
26 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Michigan 91?  
27 **Tena Alvarado:** Karen, we can't hear you.  
28  
29 **KAREN LARABEL:** I voted under region.  
30 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Oh, okay.  
31  
32 **Tracy Derr:** For Michigan?  
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34 **JUDY FIDDLER:** No, is she? She can't vote both unit and as an officer.  
35  
36 **Tracy Derr:** But you heard her 1st one? Okay, I didn't hear it.  
37  
38 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Michigan 127?  
39 **Sharon Lewinski:** No.  
40  
41 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Michigan 459?  
42 **Tena Alvarado:** Yes.  
43

1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Michigan 514? Michigan 98 1985?  
2 **Terri Shattuck:** Oh, I can't vote again.  
3  
4 **JUDY FIDDLER:** No. Minnesota 8?  
5 **Sheryl Osburn:** Can't vote again.  
6  
7 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Ok. Minnesota 268?  
8 **Linda Bellis:** Yes.  
9  
10 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Nebraska 200?  
11 **Linda Varejcka:** I can't vote again.  
12  
13 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay. Thank you. Nebraska 260? Nebraska 632?  
14 **Angie Foster:** Can't vote again.  
15  
16 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Ohio 743 can't vote again. Wisconsin 162?  
17 **Darlene Rogers:** No.  
18  
19 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Wisconsin 164? Wisconsin 228? Wisconsin 550? Oregon 72?  
20 **Patricia Hail:** No.  
21  
22 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Florida 535?  
23 **Christine Day:** No.  
24  
25 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Georgia 465?  
26 **Debra Hill:** No.  
27  
28 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Georgia 492? Next would be Colorado 375?  
29 **Jan Huffman:** No.  
30  
31 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Louisiana 177? Louisiana 177? I didn't get a response.  
32 **Colleen Orfanello:** Yes, Judy.  
33  
34 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay, thank you. Louisiana 1955? I believe you both can't vote. Um, Texas 1836?  
35 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** Yes.  
36  
37 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Texas 1876?  
38 **Doris Williams:** No.  
39  
40 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Texas 1919? Jennyne? Jenny?  
41  
42 **Jan Knapp:** Is that Jennyne Bilsky? She's she's messaging you, I believe.  
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1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Well I can't look at both here. She has listed she's in favor of national keeping it  
2 all. So, she wants a yes vote.  
3  
4 **Jan Knapp:** Okay.  
5  
6 **JUDY FIDDLER:** California 49?  
7 **Barbara Waller:** Yes.  
8 **Judy Fiddler:** You've already voted. Okay, give me a second to tally this up.  
9  
10 **Cheryl Perez:** Barbara, I mean Judy.  
11  
12 **Barbara Waller:** No.  
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14 **Cheryl Perez:** So. So I took an NM. I I don't really understand how this vote is working, but since  
15 I voted for the NMO. Barbara's also from the unit? Can she vote for the unit?  
16  
17 **Judy Fiddler:** Oh  
18  
19 **Cheryl Perez:** And what about our, you know.  
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21 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Barbara can do that.  
22  
23 **Barbara Waller:** I just voted yes.  
24  
25 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay. Thank you. I have 16 yeses, 19 Nos. So the motion would be rejected, or  
26 that would be rejected.  
27  
28 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, uh, do we need to have more discussion?  
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30 **JUDY FIDDLER:** No, we need a new motion.  
31  
32 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay.  
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34 **Cheryl Perez:** Madam President, I move that the rebates for this year be distributed 75% to  
35 national and 25 to units and departments.  
36  
37 **Jan Knapp:** I'll second.  
38  
39 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Nancy Lee. I'll second that.  
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41 **Cheryl Perez:** But I didn't finish my motion yet.  
42  
43 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** ooh. Okay.

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2 **Cheryl Perez:** Excluding regular members who have bad addresses.  
3  
4 **Jan Knapp:** Ha Ha Ha  
5  
6 **Tracy Derr:** Will know who that (inaudible).  
7  
8 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** I like that, I'll I'll second that also.  
9  
10 **Jan Knapp:** Yeah.  
11  
12 **Tracy Derr:** And with all of us on this call, I would like everyone to make sure they have the  
13 proper person and the proper address and phone number listed on the reports they submit.  
14  
15 **JUDY FIDDLER:** The Installation Report.  
16  
17 **Tracy Derr:** Thank you.  
18  
19 **Jan Knapp:** You have the motion and support, Madam President.  
20  
21 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes, we have ah.  
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23 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I'm sorry. Who seconded?  
24  
25 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Nancy Lee.  
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27 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. I was writing.  
28  
29 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes. Okay, so it has been seconded by Nancy Lee and voted. We need to vote.  
30  
31 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Is there any further discussion? I hope not.  
32  
33 **Tracy Derr:** I think we talked about it to death.  
34  
35 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay.  
36  
37 **Barbara Hale Ray:** We have a question from Darlene Rogers, who wants to know what about  
38 those that don't file their reports.  
39  
40 **Tracy Derr:** They're not eligible.  
41  
42 **Terri Shattuck:** They're not eligible  
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1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Not eligible.  
2  
3 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah.  
4  
5 **Barbara Hale Ray:** They're not eligible. Okay? All right. Uh, all in favor, say aye.  
6  
7 **Collective Group:** Ayes  
8  
9 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, so it has been.  
10  
11 **Gloria Sanchez:** Opposed?  
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13 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Opposed?  
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15 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Opposed? No opposed?  
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17 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Motion carried.  
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19 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Motion is carried.  
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21 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Now, Jan, do we need to jump into what you were asking about?  
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23 **Jan Knapp:** Those standing rules?  
24  
25 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes.  
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27 **Jan Knapp:** You know I could run through them real quick, or if somebody else wants to do it.  
28 Cheryl went through a lot of minutes and there were things done, during those minutes, that  
29 were never annotated, so our standing rules are just, they're suggestions, recommendations.  
30 I don't know if Colleen has that. I know she had a copy and I'm not sure I can share it.  
31  
32 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** No. Okay.  
33  
34 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Resolutions. That's standing rules.  
35  
36 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Standing rules. Yep.  
37  
38 **Betty Brunton:** There it is. Yep.  
39  
40 **Jan Knapp:** That's not the one that I sent.  
41  
42 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Yeah. That's standing rules.  
43

1 **Jan Knapp:** That's not. That's the current standing rules. We have one. That's... Did Colleen put  
2 that up?

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4 **JUDY FIDDLER:** What Colleen put up, is what you sent me or what was sent to me.

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6 **Jan Knapp:** Oh, I'm sorry. It is recommendations. I'm sorry. Mine was in red, and I'm I'm.

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8 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Well, when she printed hers off, the colors didn't show up.

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10 **Jan Knapp:** Say that again, Judy.

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12 **JUDY FIDDLER:** When she put it on the screen. Her colors didn't show up.

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14 **Jan Knapp:** Okay, I.

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16 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I. I scanned it, and sent it to everyone that received the email.

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18 **Jan Knapp:** (inaudible)

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20 **JUDY FIDDLER:** (inaudible)

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22 **Jan Knapp:** All right. I'm going to read from the one that I have on my computer. Is that what  
23 you'd like me to do, Madam President?

24

25 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes.

26

27 **Jan Knapp:** Okay, standing rules: Recommendations and Additions as voted on by motions at a  
28 national convention. The 1st one is under National and Department officers. Okay. Number 2  
29 would be an addition. It is the responsibility of the National Senior Vice and National Secretary,  
30 to keep notes of all motions that may change bylaws, procedures, or standing rules made at a  
31 national convention. Number 3, it is the responsibility of the incoming National President to see  
32 that updates to bylaws, procedures manual, or standing rules are completed promptly.  
33 Now, we'll go down to Number 6. As approved at the 2020 National Convention. The National  
34 Treasurer may maintain use of a debit card, when practical, for certain purchases. That was  
35 voted on at a National Convention. But there was nothing telling us that it was ever voted on.  
36 Okay? Down to general, under number one, okay, to be in compliance and eligible for life-  
37 member rebates, units and departments must submit the Installation report, finance Report,  
38 Proof of accepted IRS form, 990 filing, and life member verification report, by the designated  
39 deadlines. Okay. Rebate checks will be mailed to treasurers no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>. Any  
40 rebate check received from the MOPHA national organization must be cashed by June 30<sup>th</sup> or  
41 will become void and deposited in the general fund. Those are our suggest er, our  
42 recommendations and additions, Madam President.

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1 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you, Madam Parliamentarian. Are there any discussions on these?

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3 **Cheryl Perez:** Madam President, I move that we accept the standing rules as presented.

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5 **Terri Shattuck:** Madam President, Terri Shattuck, PNP, I second that motion.

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7 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, let's not forget to give our names and unit number. So, it will go into  
8 the recording. Its, all in favor of the recommendation.

9

10 **Cheryl Perez:** Uh, you want to copy discussion first.

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12 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Any discussion? No? Hearing none, I would like to vote on accepting  
13 the updates on the standing rules. All in favor?

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15 **Collective Group:** Aye

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17 **Barbara Hale Ray:** All opposed? Ok, uh, no one has opposed? Motion to accept the standing  
18 rules passed. Okay. Now I have to go back, we needed to do some housekeeping rules, and this  
19 meeting is being recorded. In order for the transcripts to be properly complete, please put your  
20 uh computers on mute.

21

22 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Rick needs to mute. Thank you.

23

24 **Barbara Hale Ray:** We're asking the speakers to state their name, the office and unit to be  
25 identified. To be recognized, please virtually raise your hand on the screen. If you're having  
26 trouble, you may text our webmaster 504-296-5022 with your name and unit. She cannot speak  
27 on your behalf, but she can put you in a queue to speak. You must be your own voice. If you are  
28 on a phone, \* 6 can mute or unmute you. If you are on a computer, usually you can mute and  
29 unmute yourself by pressing the keys or the microphone icon on the zoom's screen.  
30 According to our bylaws, resolutions need to be read twice. They were read to you yesterday,  
31 and today the Bylaws Chair will read them individually, share the opinion of the Bylaws  
32 Committee, and we will vote on them. Madam Junior Vice President, please read Resolution  
33 one and offer the opinion.

34

35 **Teviah Gilliard:** Okay. Resolution one. Associate ability eligibility of recipient. Whereas that part  
36 one constitution article 5. Membership. Membership in this Auxiliary shall be limited to parents,  
37 grandparents, spouses, widows, widowers, siblings, children, and grandchildren of persons who  
38 have been awarded the Purple Heart by the Armed Services of the United States and to those  
39 who served in the Armed Forces and have received the Purple Heart decoration in their own  
40 name. Those who have received the Purple Heart are eligible for the parent organization, if they  
41 so wish, and WHEREAS: That a recipient of a Purple Heart is eligible to join the Order MOPH  
42 with all rights of elective positions and with voice and vote, and WHEREAS: That the Order  
43 allows Associate members who have no elig - ability for election, voice or vote, and WHEREAS:

1 (Inaudible) with our own criteria for election, voice and voting, therefore be it, RESOLVED: That  
2 recipients of the Purple Heart medal may join the Auxiliary as an Associate member, and be it  
3 further, RESOLVED: That Part I Constitution Article V be changed to read: Membership in this  
4 Auxiliary shall be limited to parents, grandparents, spouses, widows, widowers, siblings,  
5 children, and grandchildren of persons who have been awarded the Purple Heart by the Armed  
6 Services of the United States. Associate membership in the Auxiliary is granted on the basis of a  
7 spouse, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, or sibling of a member in the Auxiliary and to  
8 recipients of the Purple Heart medal. All membership shall be governed by the provisions Article  
9 II Membership of the National Auxiliary Bylaws, and be it further, RESOLVED: That Article II,  
10 Section 2A replace D MEMBERSHIP to be changed to read Membership is granted to parents,  
11 grandparents, spouses, widows, widowers, siblings, children, and grandchildren of persons  
12 who have been awarded the Purple Heart. Common law spouses are not eligible. Direct  
13 lineal descendants are eligible from birth through age thirteen as Junior Life Members and  
14 at age fourteen will be converted to Life Members. No Auxiliary member in good standing  
15 shall lose the right to remain in a Unit because of separation or through divorce from the  
16 Purple Heart recipient upon whom the original eligibility was based, and be it further,  
17 Resolved that Article XVIII Section 2, Auxiliary Associate Life Members be changed to read  
18 Associate membership in the Auxiliary is granted on the basis of a spouse, parent,  
19 grandparent, child, grandchild or sibling of a member in the Auxiliary and to recipients of  
20 the Purple Heart medal.

21

22 **Barbara Hale Ray:** The reading and the opinion have been made. I will entertain a motion to  
23 accept or reject the resolution. Please know that discussion cannot take place until the motion  
24 is made.

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26 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam President, excuse me, Madam Junior Vice needs to state the  
27 opinion.

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29 **Teviah Gilliard:** It is a recommendation by suggestion of the bylaws comm not recommend this  
30 resolution.

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32 **Jan Knapp:** Madam President, through you, I think it's important that we note that this  
33 resolution passed last year. But it didn't, we didn't have the criteria to change the bylaws  
34 because it wasn't spelled out. And as a committee there was discussion, we agreed on this  
35 resolution. but there was discussion so right at this point in time. Huh? Cheryl, do you have  
36 anything to say.

37

38 **Cheryl Perez:** Yes, Cheryl Perez, National Membership officer. I'm a little confused because all of  
39 these resolutions came from the Bylaw Committee, so we're rejecting our own work if we're  
40 not, if the opinion is to reject it. I don't know if the confusion comes in because the NEC  
41 discussed this? And was it that the NEC was recommending a rejection? But I don't think we can  
42 reject our own work that we submitted from the committee. Doesn't. Seems kind of weird.

43

1 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam President, through through you to Cheryl and Jan, I think, as NEC  
2 members, we have to, on behalf of the Bylaws Committee, the recommendation went through  
3 the NEC so it's our responsibility to share with the NEC recommends.  
4

5 **Cheryl Perez:** Correct. Cheryl Perez National Membership. I but I think it should say the NEC.  
6 recommends rejection, because the way you're saying it, it sounds like we're rejecting our own  
7 work. So, I just think we need to make that clarification because that's that's kind of confusing.  
8

9 **Teviah Gilliard:** Yeah, do we want to strike my my statement of opinion?  
10

11 **Jan Knapp:** Yeah, would you?  
12

13 **Teviah Gilliard:** Please strike that from the record and I will restate by suggestion of the NEC, It  
14 has been recommended and decided that this resolution is not recommended.  
15

16 **Jan Knapp:** Well, our our bylaws committee recommended it, so maybe if we go into discussion,  
17 then we'll get the same uh, descent that we got. okay.  
18

19 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Is there any discussion.  
20

21 **Nancy Lee PNP:** Do we have to vote?  
22

23 **Barbara Hale Ray:** None? Okay. Betty.  
24

25 **Betty Brunton:** Madam President, Betty Brunton, from the Department of Florida and Unit 535.  
26 So I I just want to make sure. I fully understand what the the recommendation is is that we  
27 allow purple heart recipients to join the unit to join as associate members, but not as voting  
28 members. Is that correct? I just want to make sure that that's what the reasoning for this is.  
29

30 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes.  
31

32 **Colleen Orfanello:** Yes, ma'am, through madam President, to Betty. Yes, they can, according to  
33 the order. They can only vote both through us or the auxiliary, and they asked us to put this  
34 forward because they, according to the IRS, it's 75%.  
35

36 **Terri Shattuck:** Who's talking?  
37

38 **Colleen Orfanello:** It's Colleen. I'm sorry I'm I'm having a hard time talking. It's IRS guidelines.  
39 The the order can only vote for them or the auxiliary, and it breaks IRS guidelines if they're  
40 voting for both. So we were kind of forced to do this.  
41

1 **Betty Brunton:** Okay. Now that that helps me understand the rationale behind it. I was  
2 wondering why we wouldn't want to have them as members. But thank you. I appreciate that  
3 explanation.

4  
5 **JUDY FIDDLER:** This is Judy. Um, With the NEC going over the resolutions, they wanted to add  
6 a Grandfathered-In after an August date.

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8 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Yeah.

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10 **JUDY FIDDLER:** That that's the only recommendation that the NEC wanted to do.

11  
12 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Right.

13  
14 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Otherwise the motion, the resolution would be fine. They just want to add that  
15 phrase about grandfathered-in after August and a certain date.

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17 **Terri Shattuck:** Nancy. Nancy Lee wants to talk.

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19 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Nancy Lee?

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21 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Yeah, that's what I brought up. I said, those that were members that have  
22 there are. We do have some purple heart members. We can't just say you're now your  
23 Associate. The Purple Heart recipient, who were members prior to August 9th or whatever date  
24 we vote on this year, 2024, will remain regular members of the auxiliary, so those that have  
25 signed up Purple-Hearters will be regular members, but from in the future, any other Purple-  
26 Hearters that sign up will be Associate members.

27  
28 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Any more discussion? Yes.

29  
30 **Cheryl Perez:** Cheryl Perez National Membership Officer. I would just like to um point out that  
31 the resolution has, it is written, has to pass with a two-thirds vote if its going to pass. If it be,  
32 you know, not passed, with a 2/3 vote, any changes to it will be a 100% vote.

33  
34 **Jan Knapp:** 100%. Right? So we need to, actually, I'm.

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36 **Barbara Hale Ray:** I'd like to call for a vote.

37  
38 **Jan Knapp:** You have to call for a vote on the original writing. Yes, on the original writing.

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40 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay. Now I'm confused.

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42 **Jan Knapp:** The point is again. Madam President, I'm sorry, but Nancy Lee felt that it should be  
43 in writing. I mean a resolution is is not in effect, until it's in effect. There's no backing it up and

1 saying, Oh well, here we did this. So it's good for 10 years ago. But Nancy Lee and a couple  
2 others felt that if we have recipients, it should be spelled out that they are still members as long  
3 as they signed up prior to uh, the voting, which is August 9th 2024. So you know the way we  
4 would write it is that under the 1st or the second Resolved, it would say, Purple Heart recipients  
5 who are members prior to August 9th 2024 will remain regular members of the Auxiliary. On  
6 the second page, it would say the same again in the last resolve.  
7

8 **Gloria Sanchez:** Madam President, Gloria Sanchez, PNP. I thought, either I'm confused now. I'm  
9 like Terry, because I thought when we discussed this at the NEC, that the Bylaws Resolution  
10 Committee, because of that change that was suggested because that was discussed at the time  
11 about the grandfathering-in those members that the committee was going to reject it, so it  
12 could go back for the rewriting. So am I confused still. Terri?  
13

14 **Jan Knapp:** Madam President, Jan Knapp, unit 127. National Parliamentarian. You're not  
15 confused, Gloria. It was kind of a confusing meeting. We don't want to reject our own work.  
16 What we want to do is go to discussion. Have that discussion come up. If the majority of the  
17 members agree that it needs amending, then we amend it. But, we have to vote on the  
18 resolution as-is, or as we've seen in the past, it gets amended. And then, if it doesn't get a  
19 unanimous vote, it doesn't pass anyway. So, we have maybe a good resolution, but we we can't  
20 take it anywhere.  
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22 **Cheryl Perez:** Madam President, Cheryl Perez National Membership Officer. Um, the Bylaws  
23 Committee can't do anything to a resolution after May 31st that's our deadline. That's our  
24 bylaw. So we we couldn't change it. Anyhow. The only place it could be changed and addressed  
25 is here at the National Convention.  
26

27 **Betty Brunton:** So you're saying we could reject this, and then propose a revision here at the  
28 convention.  
29

30 **Jan Knapp:** Correct.  
31

32 **Cheryl Perez:** With a 100% vote.  
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34 **Jan Knapp:** Yeah. Once.  
35

36 **Cheryl Perez:** One, not one no vote.  
37

38 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay? I will call for call for the vote. Any more discussion before I do this?  
39

40 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Wait. This is Judy. One thing nobody has made the motion to accept or reject. I  
41 don't have a 1st or a second. There is no motion yet.  
42

43 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay.

1  
2 **Colleen Orfanello:** I'll approve the motion.  
3  
4 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, it has been approved by Colleen. And the opinion to accept or reject.  
5  
6 **Terri Shattuck:** I'll second that motion.  
7  
8 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Good, good, thank you.  
9  
10 **Terri Shattuck:** Terry Shattuck, PNP.  
11  
12 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Now. Judy?  
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14 **JUDY FIDDLER:** No.  
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16 **Barbara Hale Ray:** No what? Okay. This discussion  
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18 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** Madam President.  
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20 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes?  
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22 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** I'm Sorry.  
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24 **Barbara Hale Ray:** (Inaudible) make an amendment.  
25  
26 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** Madam President, I'm sorry.  
27  
28 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes.  
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30 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** I don't understand the motion. We're going to vote to accept or reject?  
31 How can we vote Yes or no, or to both? We should make a motion to either accept or reject.  
32 Isn't that correct?  
33  
34 **Jan Knapp:** The motion is to we pass this resolution. But after the discussion, some people may  
35 not want to.  
36  
37 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam President, through through you to. I guess, Anita. It doesn't matter if  
38 you like the resolution or not, you just have to get to a second, then discussion. So, you you  
39 could hate the resolution. But still first and seconded it just to get to discussion. It can't get the  
40 discussion until we have that second.  
41  
42 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** Okay, so we're gonna vote to accept or reject. So we say, either accept or  
43 reject.

1  
2 **Jan Knapp:** Vote yay, or nay. Yes.  
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4 **Cheryl Perez:** The motion is always made for the positive, so the motion would be to approve  
5 the resolution, and then the votes will be “Yes”, I will approve it. Or “No”, I reject it.  
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7 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** That makes sense; that makes sense.  
8  
9 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Excuse me, so what was the recommendation of the committee, again?  
10  
11 **JUDY FIDDLER:** To accept.  
12  
13 **Jan Knapp:** (Inaudible) accept.  
14  
15 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Okay.  
16  
17 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Woo. All right. We need to move and ask for a motion to a vote. A  
18 yay or a nay, to accept or reject Resolution #1.  
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20 **Cheryl Perez:** Uh, my understanding, Madam President, is, was that Colleen made a motion to  
21 approve the resolution, Terri seconded. So we'd be going into discussion now.  
22  
23 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Ok. If there is any discussion, let it begin.  
24  
25 **Colleen Orfanello:** This is Colleen Orfanello. Basically, the only thing this is necessary for is the  
26 Patriots cannot vote. If they belong to both organizations which they can, they can only choose  
27 to vote for one, and and we just assume as a Patriot they would want to vote for the order. They  
28 can't vote for both, and this is the only way to prevent them from voting. It's not that we don't  
29 love them, because we certainly do, but we can't get in trouble with those with that 75% rule.  
30  
31 **Jan Knapp:** Madam President, at this Jan Knapp National Parliamentarian, Unit 127. Again. This  
32 resolution was passed last year. It was written differently. It didn't have the Articles and the  
33 sections needed to be revised in the Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee couldn't move forward with  
34 it. We had no place to go. If you're a data entry person, you go to where you need to go, you  
35 make the revision, and you move on. There was no, there were no, written words to make a  
36 revision, we did the resolution, again. Revised it with the correct wording. Sand, so really, what  
37 we're voting on right now is we accept this revision. We're not voting on why, it passed, it  
38 already passed. Am I making sense? This passed last year, but we had to revise it.  
39  
40 **Barbara Hale Ray:** We have to update the wording. Yes.  
41  
42 **Jan Knapp:** We can't put it in the Bylaws if we don't know where it goes.  
43

1 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes. Um, all of those that would like to accept the revision say, yes.  
2  
3 **Several Members:** Yes/Aye  
4  
5 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Nays? Hearing not, we have an anonym unanimous decision and the motion  
6 passes.  
7  
8 **Jan Knapp:** Opposed?  
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10 **Jan Knapp:** no one's opposed.  
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12 **Cheryl Perez:** Did you call for the opposed? Did you call for nays.  
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14 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Nays? yes.  
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16 **Betty Brunton:** She did.  
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18 **Jan Knapp:** Okay. I didn't hear. I'm sorry.  
19  
20 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yeah, that's okay. It passes. It's  
21  
22 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Motion carried.  
23  
24 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes, this was a a difficult one, because this was during a time when the  
25 Patriots didn't know what they were wanted to do, so that's why this I felt it came up. But they  
26 can be members, but they just don't have a voice, and that's the way it should be. Teviah, would  
27 you read the uh, the second resolution?  
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29 **Teviah Gilliard:** Resolution 2. Unit Secretary Associate Eligibility. Whereas that Article 3 Unit,  
30 section A, section 1A, excuse me, Eligibility, state: All members shall be eligible for any office in  
31 the unit except: 1 auxiliary associate members may not hold an elected office, but may hold an  
32 appointed unit office except for unit secretary. And whereas, that unit, that Article 18 Auxiliary  
33 Life Member Associate Section 4. Participation state: an auxiliary associate life member shall be  
34 without vote and may not hold an elected office, but may hold an appointed office except that  
35 of Unit Department, National Secretary or National Membership officer, and whereas that, due  
36 to the declining participation of auxiliary members at the unit level, we need to allow an  
37 increase in the duties of our associate member. Therefore, be it resolved that Article 3 units.  
38 Section 1A 1be changed to read: Auxiliary Associate members may not hold an elected office  
39 but may hold an appointed office to include unit secretary without a vote. And be it further  
40 resolved that article 18, section 4. Participation be changed to read: An Auxiliary Associate Life  
41 Member shall be without vote, and may not hold an elected office, but may hold an appointed  
42 office except that of Department Secretary, National Secretary, or National Membership Officer.  
43

1 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. I will entertain a motion to accept or reject the resolution.  
2  
3 **Terri Shattuck:** What did the Bylaws Committee decide?  
4  
5 **Jan Knapp:** This is this, this is a good resolution, Terri. This allows a unit secretary to be an  
6 associate.  
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8 **Gloria Sanchez:** Madam Secretary, Madam President, Gloria Sanchez PNP  
9 I let move that we that we accept this motion number 2.  
10  
11 **Terri Shattuck:** Terri Shattuck, PNP. I second the motion.  
12  
13 **Jan Knapp:** Sorry Darlene.  
14  
15 **Barbara Hale Ray:** She had her hand up. Is there any discussion?  
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17 **Betty Brunton:** Betty Brunton.  
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19 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Betty. Yes?  
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21 **Betty Brunton:** Hi. Department of Florida. Is there? I I'd like to understand the thought process  
22 behind not allowing an associate member to be a secretary at the Department Level.  
23  
24 **Jan Knapp:** It's it's, Madam President, through you to Betty. We've just never done that. But last  
25 year the MOPH passed a resolution to allow an Adjutant at the Chapter level, so someone can  
26 present that option as a resolution, and it can be discussed. But right now, you know, the unit  
27 was - that was a step up. I think, yeah.  
28  
29 **Betty Brunton:** Okay. Thank you.  
30  
31 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Any more discussion on this? Hearing none, I will call for a vote.  
32  
33 **Barbara Hale Ray:** All in favor?  
34  
35 **Several Members:** Aye  
36  
37 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Nays? Okay, the motion to allow Secretarys at the unit level for the Associate  
38 Member has passed.  
39  
40 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Let's see, Teviah, would you do now read the 3rd resolution?  
41  
42 **Teviah Gilliard:** Resolution 3 Deadline for Resolution. Whereas that article 12, Section 6, a  
43 National Bylaw. This will be a standing committee of no less than 3 members.

1 The National President will appoint the chair members should have knowledge of and interpret  
2 the bylaw. The Parliamentarian will serve as an ex-officio member. Whereas that resolutions  
3 from a department convention or a unit without a department may require a rewrite after a  
4 review by the Bylaws Committee, and whereas that a department investing time in submitting  
5 for the good of the Auxiliary is deserving of having their voice heard at convention, and whereas  
6 that bylaw - that the Bylaws Committee may require additional time beyond May 31st to  
7 respond with assistance and recommendations for a rewrite. Therefore, be it Resolved. Article  
8 12 Section 6A be changed to read: This will be a standing committee of no less than 3 members.  
9 The National President will appoint the chair. Members should have knowledge of and be able  
10 to interpret the bylaws. The Parliamentarian will serve as an ex-officio member. Department  
11 Resolutions recommend for a re-write that may be submitted by the Bylaws Committee on  
12 behalf of a Department or Unit no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>.

13

14 **Barbara Hale Ray:** I will entertain a motion to accept or reject the resolution.

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16 **Teviah Gilliard:** Um, Madam President, uh, it was recommended to not or has been decided  
17 that this resolution isn't recommended.

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19 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Any discussion on that?

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21 **Jan Knapp:** Again. Can we go for the vote and go into discussion? So everybody understands  
22 why there was some dissent over this. Okay?

23

24 **Barbara Hale Ray: Okay.** Is there any discussion?

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26 **Cheryl Perez:** I move that, we I move that we.

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28 **Jan Knapp:** Motion before discussion, Madam President.

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30 **Cheryl Perez:** Cheryl Perez, National Membership Officer. I move that we approve this motion -  
31 this resolution.

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33 **Terri Shattuck:** Terri Shattuck. I second it.

34

35 **Barbara Hale Ray:** It has been motioned and seconded that this resolution be approved, all in  
36 favor?

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38 **Cheryl Perez:** No, no discussion.

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40 **Gloria Sanchez:** Discussion.

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42 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Any discussion? I thought we did that.

43

1 **Cheryl Perez:** Cheryl Perez National Membership Officer. Yes. Can we put the resolution back up,  
2 please? The reason that the NEC recommended. Again, all of these resolutions came out of the  
3 Bylaw Committee. So, this, this is our work. So, the Bylaw Committee is never - is not rejecting  
4 these. It was the NEC during a meeting who voted to reject this, and the reason was there was  
5 supposed to have been a correction in here, that did not get made before it was submitted to  
6 Judy, and that Number 4 was supposed to be "Department and Unit Resolutions"  
7 recommended. It is in the second part, but it we missed it with the department on that that 1st  
8 line there. That's why the NEC recommended to reject it, with the understanding that we would  
9 try to fix it at the National Convention. So, that was the only problem.

10

11 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Any any more discussion on this? Jan?

12

13 **Jan Knapp:** No. Other than the "in the resolved", it does say "Department or Unit" which is.

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15 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. So I would like to make a motion to amend it.

16

17 **JUDY FIDDLER:** You. I'm sorry you can't make a motion. You've got a motion open right now.

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19 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay.

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21 **Cheryl Perez:** You, you can do an amend. You can motion to make an amendment, then you  
22 vote on the amendment, and if it passes, then the new motion - the original motion becomes  
23 the amended motion. So, we can do an amendment.

24

25 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay.

26

27 **Jan Knapp:** You made that motion, Cheryl.

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29 **Cheryl Perez:** Well, anybody can make the amendment. So, someone says, "I move to amend to  
30 include, to insert 'and units' at Number 4, Resolve number 4. Ok. I'll make it. Well, I made the  
31 original. I don't think I can make the amendedment.

32

33 **Linda Varejcka:** Linda Varejcka, Sergeant at Arms. I move to to amend this Resolution #3 for  
34 Number 4 to include the word "Unit".

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36 **Jan Knapp:** It does include unit.

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38 **Cheryl Perez:** But the 1st one doesn't. That was the Department resolutions, but it needs to say  
39 "Department AND Unit". So, the amended motion is to insert the words "and Unit" after  
40 Department before resolutions, and this will take a 100% vote to pass because it is being  
41 amended.

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1 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Gwen Gilliard. National Chap Chaplain. I second that motion to insert unit  
2 to be amended.  
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4 **Cheryl Perez:** And then, Barbara, just call for any discussion on the amendment.  
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6 **Barbara Hale Ray:** So. Is there any discussion for the, on the amendment?  
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8 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Hearing none, then I will call for the vote. All in favor. Say, aye.  
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10 **Several Members:** Aye.  
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12 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Nays?  
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14 **Barbara Hale Ray:** The motion ah...  
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16 **Cheryl Perez:** So now the motion, the amended motion passed. So now you vote on the new  
17 motion, which is the amended motion.  
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19 **Barbara Hale Ray:** So, uh, does anyone...  
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21 **Cheryl Perez:** So the new motion is to approve the resolution with the words "and Unit"  
22 inserted after department and # 4 under Resolved.  
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24 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay? And then we vote on it again.  
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26 **Terri Shattuck:** Are you making that motion, Cheryl?  
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28 **Cheryl Perez:** No, it's not that I need to make a motion. It amended my original motion. So now  
29 we're just voting on the main motion being amended to that wording.  
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31 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay.  
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33 **Cheryl Perez:** Just have to call for discussion and a vote.  
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35 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will vote. All in favor?  
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37 **Several Members:** Aye.  
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39 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Nays? Okay, so Resolution 4 uh,  
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41 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Madam Madam President.  
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43 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Nancy Lee?

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2 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Nancy Lee. On the 1st resolution, did we vote on the amended part to  
3 add the date in that?  
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5 **Terri Shattuck:** Yes.  
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7 **Cheryl Perez:** I don't remember voting on an amendment.  
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9 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Uh, we didnt vote on the second part.  
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11 **Doris Williams:** No.  
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13 **Jan Knapp:** I thought we did.  
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15 **Barbara Hale Ray:** We did?  
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17 **Jan Knapp:** hmmm.  
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19 **Barbara Hale Ray:** I thought we did.  
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21 **Cheryl Perez:** But it passed, you know. Actually, it passed unanimously. So I guess, it that was  
22 talked about. It passed at 100%. So we're good.  
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24 **Nancy Lee Birschbach:** Okay, okay, that's fine. As long as we're good in adding that line, okay?  
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26 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay.  
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28 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Thank you.  
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30 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay? All right. Resolution #4. Teviah, would you read it and offer the  
31 bylaws' opinion?  
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33 **Teviah Gilliard:** 4. A Certified Professional Recorder: Whereas that Article 9, National  
34 Convention, section 60 states: Conventions sessions will be recorded by a certified professional  
35 recorder for transcribing. A record will be available to all members in accordance with the  
36 requirement of our Parent Organization, and Whereas that a certified professional recorder is  
37 an expense we may not have funds for, and Whereas that we, as an auxiliary, have options to  
38 record our meetings for transcription, and Whereas that the minutes will be provided to the  
39 membership as required by our bylaws. Therefore, be it resolved, that the word certified  
40 professional recorder be removed from our bylaws, and it will be further resolved, that Article 9,  
41 section 6B be changed to read: "Convention sessions will be recorded for transcribing". A record  
42 will be available to all members in accordance with the requirement of our Parent Organization,  
43 and be it further resolved,

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2 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Rick needs to please mute.  
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4 **Teviah Gilliard:** Are we ready?  
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6 **Jan Knapp:** Are you done? Okay, did you finish that one, Teviah?  
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8 **Teviah Gilliard:** No, I didn't finish it.  
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10 **Jan Knapp:** Oh, okay, I'm sorry. Go ahead.  
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12 **Teviah Gilliard:** Okay. Resolved that article 12, Section 2F to be changed to read "Be recorded  
13 and transcribed".  
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15 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Teviah (inaudible)  
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17 **Jan Knapp:** Madam President?  
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19 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes?  
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21 **Jan Knapp:** I move to accept this resolution with immediate effect.  
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23 **Terri Shattuck:** I'll second that Terri Shattuck, PNP.  
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25 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Is there any discussion? Okay, if there's no discussion, um, we can call for a  
26 vote.  
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28 **Barbara Hale Ray:** All in favor, say aye.  
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30 **Several Members:** Aye  
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32 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Nays? Okay, this vote passes. So, we will read resolution number 5.  
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34 **Teviah Gilliard:** Resolution 5. Withdrawal of Life Membership Fund. Whereas that Article 2,  
35 section 4B 1 – 2 state: Life membership dues shall be invested to perpetuate the Auxiliary.  
36 Withdrawal of the life of the principle is prohibited, and whereas that funds received from the  
37 Purple Heart Foundation are only for use in service to veterans, and whereas, that in the past  
38 years, the auxiliary General Fund balance has depleted from providing administrative costs to  
39 exist. And whereas, that the national auxiliary must have the ability to maintain administrative  
40 staff to function. And whereas that traditionally, the purpose of National Membership Fund is to  
41 pay rebates with the interest accrued, and Whereas, that without the use of national  
42 membership funds the organization may be unable to operate. Therefore, be it Resolved, that  
43 Article 2, section 4B 2 be changed to read "Withdrawal of the Life Membership principle is

1 prohibited except where emergency funds are needed to maintain administrative staff. The  
2 amount will be determined by the National Finance Committee, and is subject to approval of  
3 the National Executive Committee. Excuse me. The amount of withdrawal is restricted for  
4 administration only, and may not exceed \$20,000 annually, and be it further resolved, that  
5 article 11 section 6E4 be changed to read exactly as article 2 section 4B above.  
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7 **Barbara Hale Ray:** I will entertain a motion to accept or reject the resolution.  
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9 **Teviah Gilliard:** Okay.  
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11 **Colleen Orfanello:** The recommendation?  
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13 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Recommendation?  
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15 **Teviah Gilliard:** Recommendation by the NEC is to not recommend it.  
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17 **Jan Knapp:** No.  
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19 **JUDY FIDDLER:** No gotta be accepted first  
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21 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Any discussion?  
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23 **Jan Knapp:** Did we get a motion?  
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25 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam President, I would. This is Colleen Orfanello. I would like to accept  
26 the motion.  
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28 **Carol Lance:** Carol Lance, PNP. I would like to second that motion.  
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30 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you. Colleen and Carol. Now, are there any discussions about this  
31 resolution?  
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33 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Nancy Birschbach, Past National President. I would like to see it in here as  
34 far as at the Convention Body also has a voice on this. And that and that it is put in the budget,  
35 that we know in advance, that we're taking this money out year to year, if need be.  
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37 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, any more discussion?  
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39 **Betty Brunton:** Betty Brunton, Department of Florida.  
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41 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Betty?  
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1 **Betty Brunton:** I would like to know why the committee wanted to reject it. I'd like to  
2 understand their thought process.

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4 **Jan Knapp:** It was a...

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6 **Cheryl Perez:** Go ahead, Jan. No go ahead.

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8 **Jan Knapp:** Alright it was, because the the wording of it um, about the National Executive  
9 Committee approving after the National Finance Committee decides, well anything by the  
10 National Executive Committee has to be ratified at a National Convention. And that's clearly in  
11 our bylaws. But one of the members felt that it should, in fact, it says, under "I" Sorry. When an  
12 action is required, and I don't know. I'm sorry. I am. I thought I had it in front of me. Hmm.  
13 One of the members thought it should be in writing in the resolution that it enables the

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15 **Terri Shattuck:** Floor.

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17 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Tracy?

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19 **Jan Knapp:** It all always goes to the National Convention, but

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21 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Tracy?

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23 **Tracy Derr:** Tracy Derr, National Treasurer. I I would say through you to Nancy Lee. The budget is  
24 always done prior year, anyway. So there, there's that. And as we've discussed in this this night,  
25 we're looking ahead budgets. And I don't see there a great need beyond our budget.  
26 Because if we can't afford a convention, obviously we do a zoom convention. I mean, I don't see  
27 us saying on this Friday night that we need \$20,000 tomorrow for some weird, obscure reason  
28 of something happening. I just don't see that happening. The way that this is is worded seems  
29 absolutely fine to me in our current processes in the way that we handle our budget is done  
30 prior year, approved by the FNC, then the NEC. And then ratified at convention. If there was a  
31 need for \$20,000 and had to be brought to the body, I just don't understand how that situation  
32 could even happen, because we're organized in the sense that we do it the year before. That's  
33 all I would point out. In my mind, I think this should pass the way just for emergency sake,  
34 although, like I've said tonight, I don't see us needing an emergency for the next 4 or 5 years.  
35 I'm not doing a budget for 4 or 5 years, just making sure that we and look to the future. And I  
36 don't see this. So, However, if we don't have it written, and something crazy happens then, and I  
37 don't even know what the crazy would be. I couldn't even, I couldn't even come up with a  
38 one situation where I think that we should - right now, today, - knowing that we have how much  
39 money we have for the next few years. I can't come up with one instance, where we would  
40 need to request \$20,000 out of our life membership fund. I believe the patriots have this and I  
41 know that they have taken money from their Life Membership Fund as a loan. I know that it has  
42 not been repaid in previous years, but they do have it in writing to do so, and we are their

1 subordinate. So maybe that's another reason this has been brought up, but maybe just self-  
2 preservation, and it's just smart to have it in in our bylaws. That's all. Sorry, Carol. Go ahead.

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4 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Carol?

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6 **Carol Lance:** Carol Lance, PNP. This money that we have for our life membership we've  
7 discussed in the past, and I've said, You know, what what happens if we become default, what  
8 happens if we don't exist anymore? And we have all these dollars in this life membership  
9 money. And it was said that it would go to charities or other service organizations. So, I I agree  
10 with Terri 100%, that we shouldn't just go up and say, Okay, we'll take 20,000 today, 10,000 next  
11 week. But that option, in an emergency situation, should be there for us to utilize that money.  
12 You know, because it's our life membership. It's our dues that made that money. So instead of  
13 giving it away because we had to go default because we didn't have any money, we use it to the  
14 best of our ability.

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16 **JUDY FIDDLER:** This scenario.

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18 **Terri Shattuck:** Everything is.

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20 **Patricia Hail:** Madam President.

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22 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Patricia?

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24 **Patricia:** Patricia Hail, Chapter 70 or Unit 72, Oregon. As soon as you begin taking money from  
25 the principal, you you start losing your organization. I've seen it happen before, because that is  
26 critical part of our organization. It was built so that we could use the uh, the interest from that.  
27 And you're already taking a whole bunch of interest to help the national organization. And if you  
28 start depleting the principle, you're going to deplete the amount of money that you have on a  
29 yearly basis to for operating expenses. I reject it.

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31 **Tracy Derr:** Madam President Tracy Derr, National Treasurer, nobody's asking to take any money  
32 from it. We've not. We don't need to take any money from it. I believe it was written as an  
33 emergency measure, and also it mirrors what I believe the Patriots I've heard have in their  
34 bylaws as well, but I don't see us needing to have any money taken from it.

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36 **JUDY FIDDLER:** This is Judy Fiddler, National Secretary. In my notes from that NEC meeting  
37 about the resolutions, the only recommendation that they had was they wanted to describe or  
38 clarify what administration costs mean. Which would be under stipends, supplies, yearly  
39 renewals, things like that. They just wanted the wording to be adjusted a little bit to clarify what  
40 in the 1st resolved under administration-only, what did "administration" mean?

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42 **Jan Knapp:** And we discussed. Madam President, to Judy, we did discuss that putting that in the  
43 standing rules and under general administrative funds may be used for

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**Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Terri, you had your hand up? Okay, Nancy Lee?

Nancy Lee Birchbach: Nancy Lee Birschbach, PNP, do we always have enough? You're supposed to have 15 NEC members, do we have that at our meetings. I mean, and I'm concerned about that, though, too.

**Jan Knapp:** Yeah.

**Cheryl Perez:** Madam President.

**Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes, Cheryl.

**Cheryl Perez:** Um, National Finance Officer . My last year here. But um, we don't always have money that we make for interest. We had a couple of years where we, our principal, went below, and we didn't have rebates because we were just trying to get interest to make us back to our baseline principal amount and there's been a year where I remember we had 5,000. We gave all that money to the Units because we just said, it's it's so little. One year we had 150,000 this year we've got 86,000. We don't know what we're going to have next year and in the Finance Committee meetings this year, when Tracy was going over that we don't have the money to go to the Florida convention, to have it there, we have to do Zoom. it was a wake-up call to all of us that you know what, we really have to look at this money because we we have no constant flow of money coming in. None, and we don't know what's going to happen. This is an emergency procedure. We're not taking money out. I hope we never have to. It comes a year where the economy crashes. We have no interest, we have nothing. We will be able to survive, and we've got plenty of money. Compared with, in my opinion, if there's an emergency to carry on this auxiliary at the national level with with, you know, the website with the zoom, with the constant contact with our, we have filing requirements every year as a corporation, we have to pay an agent. We have all different filing and things that we need. This will give us a cushion that we're not going to be panicking. What are we going to do for money. Because the the if we have none, we might have to go to the units and departments and say, "Hey, we need money to just get through this year". So this is an emergency situation type thing. It's we're not going to start taking it out, you know, unless it's an emergency. So, prevention.

**Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Any more discussion? So do I need to make a motion to amend it? Are we good? No? Well, we're going to call.

**Terri Shattuck:** Think we're good because anything discussed and voted on at an NEC meeting has to go to the floor.

**Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes.

**Jan Knapp:** I sent that section to everybody so you could see it.

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**Tracy:** Yeah.

**Barbara Hale Ray:** In the chat. I will call for the vote of yeas and nays. All in favor?

**Several Members:** Ayes.

**Barbara Hale Ray:** Opposed?

**Several Members (Less loud):** Aye.

**Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, it has been passed. That we will leave everything the way it is. Let's see. Teviah, will you now read the 6th resolution?

**Teviah Gilliard:** Yeah. Resolution 6. Regarding National Convention. Whereas Article 9, National Convention, section 4 A and B states: The National Convention of the Auxiliary shall be held annually at the time and place of the National Convention Order of the Purple Heart of the USA Inc. In the event a National Convention cannot be held because of a government edict, a USPS or digital vote for the election of officers is to be held not later than October 31<sup>st</sup>. The National Secretary shall notify the membership and allow 30 days, a 30 day period, for candidates to declare candidacy for an office. 15 calendar days shall be allowed for the return of votes before the vote count, final vote (inaudible) explaining the reason for the vote (inaudible) has twice needed to hold their national convention virtually, and may need to in the future. Whereas that a provision and policy for holding a virtual National Convention needs to be included in the bylaws. Therefore, be it resolved, Article 9 Section 4 A and B shall read: "The National Convention of the Auxiliary may be held annually at the time and place of the National Convention of the Military Order the Purple Heart. If the National Finance Committee, in conjunction with the National Leadership team, determines that an in-person convention is impractical for financial or other reasons the National President will call for a meeting of the National Executive Committee. A vote will determine if the auxiliary will hold a virtual convention to conduct business and elect officers. A consensus consensus of the attendees will determine the date for the virtual Convention. No National Convention shall be cancelled without the consent of the National Executive Committee. In the event national Convention is not to be held either in person or virtually, the National Secretary shall notify the membership and allow a 30 calendar day period for candidates to submit a candidate statement. The candidate statements shall be -shall be - published digitally at least 14 days prior to the digital vote. A secure digital vote for election of national officers shall be held no later than September 1st.

**Barbara Hale Ray:** Teviah has read Resolution number 6. I will entertain a motion to accept or reject this resolution.

**Undisclosed Member:** (inaudible but sounds like "It is the")

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2 **Terri Shattuck:** What does the ByLaws committee recommend?  
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4 **Judy Fiddler:** Accept  
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6 **Teviah Gilliard:** Well, the NEC has accepted, they said that it's good.  
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8 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Now, do we have any discussion? None?  
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10 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Need a motion. But we need.  
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12 **Colleen Orfanello:** I'll make the motion to accept Resolution Number 6.  
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14 **Karen Haltiner:** Karen Haltiner PNP. I second that motion.  
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16 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, any discussion? Okay, if there is no discussion, hearing none, I will call  
17 for a vote. All in favor, say Aye.  
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19 **Several Members:** Aye  
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21 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Opposed? Nays? Okay, the motion has passed and now Teviah will read the  
22 7<sup>th</sup> Resolution.  
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24 **Teviah Gilliard:** Resolution 7 Regarding Webmaster. Whereas that Article 11 section 18 National  
25 Webmaster states: The MOPHA webmaster shall: act as a channel of communication for MOPH  
26 Head (inaudible) or corrections. The MOPHA webmaster does not have access to change or  
27 correct issues. Whereas that a unanimous vote took place at the 2021 National Convention to  
28 amend the title of Webmaster to Communications Officer. And whereas that the Bylaws  
29 Committee was tasked with updating the bylaws to change the position and title, and determine  
30 the duties of of the Communications Officer. and whereas, that after review, the Bylaw  
31 Committee determined that the title of Webmaster is most appropriate to reflect what the  
32 position of Webmaster and communications officers actually consist of. Therefore be resolved,  
33 that Communications officers remained under the title of Webmaster. And be it further  
34 resolved, that article 11 section 18, National Webmaster be changed to read: "The Webmaster  
35 shall be responsible for keeping the website functional and operational, keep the website,  
36 current and edit content under direction of the National President, perform other duties as  
37 assigned by the National President that involve the auxiliary's online presence, deliver to their  
38 successor all necessary information and other property of a national auxiliary in their  
39 possession or under their control, receive compensation for services as determined by the  
40 National Executive Committee. This position may not be performed, may be performed by 2  
41 individuals if requested and approved by the National President."  
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43 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, I I will entertain a motion to accept or reject this resolution.

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2 **Terri Shattuck:** Does the Bylaws Committee?  
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4 **Jan Knapp:** Yes.  
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6 **Colleen Orfanello:** Rejects.  
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8 **Jan Knapp:** Not.  
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10 **Teviah Gilliard:** It's not.  
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12 **Jan Knapp:** Bylaws Committee recommends this Teviah.  
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14 **Teviah Gilliard:** Okay.  
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16 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Someone will make a motion, and then we'll second a motion.  
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18 **Colleen Orfanello:** Colleen Orfanello. I'll move to accept the motion. I mean. Yes.  
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20 **Angie Foster:** Angie Foster, Department of Nebraska. I second that.  
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22 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Is there any discussion on this.  
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24 **Colleen Orfanello:** Colleen Orfanello. I'm your webmaster. Um, I believe that the NEC rejected  
25 this because we needed to amend it to say that Amanda and I can share the stipend. You know  
26 we're very fortunate that we get a small stipend to to carry us to do the work that we do.  
27 I donate my salary back to the auxiliary for things, for treats. However, I'm also receiving  
28 Amanda's stipend, and I'm paying taxes on that. Because we can't split the stipend the way it's  
29 called for. So, I'm going to my discussion. I'm going to request an amendment to add, "And may  
30 share the stipend. Or the stipend may be shared, the oh, I forgot what I said. The the fee, or  
31 whatever you guys give me. The stipend. That's all that's all I'm going to ask for so Amanda can  
32 get paid directly.  
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34 **Tracy Derr:** Tracy Derr National Treasurer through madam President, to Colleen, or to all of you.  
35 So, that would mean that Fran, or whomever in the future down the road, would have to  
36 appoint Amanda, or you, or whoever 2 people. Those 2 people have to be appointed.  
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38 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam Treasurer, if if the bylaws passes, and it said 2 - and the last, let me  
39 let me share the screen again - where it says 2 people can. It says, this position may be  
40 performed by 2 individuals that would mean 2 separate entities, correct?  
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42 **Tracy Derr:** 2 members being appointed to do a position. So. Fran would say, I would like my 2  
43 people. So, so where I'm reading is the position you're saying should be split into 2 categories,

1 so to speak. You would do your share. Amanda would do her share. And both of you would be  
2 appointed officers to do this job and then both of you would receive, I would receive a warrant  
3 for both of you, for your each individual amounts, and then at tax time, based on monies paid  
4 to each individual? They receive the proper 1099 amount.  
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6 **Colleen Orfanello:** Yes, ma'am, so right now we were we were. Let's say I receive \$100 a month.  
7 Amanda would take 50. I would take \$50, but right now, only one of us, like me (inaudible).  
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9 **Tracy Derr:** Because you were appointed to that position. Amanda was not, and you chose to  
10 share that with Amanda, which is great. But my warrants have to, in accounting world, match,  
11 um, the 1099s or the persons or the receipts. And so you receive that 1099 in full, and I  
12 understand you could have then in turn, said you paid Amanda, and given her a 1099 for half of  
13 it, which would absolve your amount to help you, but in the future, if we're splitting the  
14 position, then, we would just say on here, since I I guess it was rejected by the NEC anyway, and  
15 has to be redone. I guess I would like to see it. Say, the webmaster is doing this, and then the  
16 communications or the social media person's doing that, and I get 2 separate warrants, one for  
17 the webmaster and one for the social media person saying, 150 and 150 that way. It's cleaner  
18 accounting for the year-end audit - which I do get audited on our warrants and payments, and  
19 all that kind of stuff - so that I guess it just needs to be really clear if this, if this resolution was  
20 designed for clarity so that you don't get stuck with the whole kit and caboodle at the end of  
21 the year, with a full 1099, and whomever, I don't even know that's a whole 'nother separate  
22 thing, I think, whomever they other person is.  
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24 **Cheryl Perez:** Tracy, can I just interrupt? I think, Madam President, I think Colleen asked for an  
25 amendment. So, if we can take all this discussion into an amendment.  
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27 **Tracy Derr:** (Inaudible).  
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29 **Cheryl Perez:** That way if the amendment will pass or fail, and then it doesn't. It doesn't affect  
30 the the main one. So, Colleen, did I get that correct that you wanted to make an amendment,  
31 that the stipend is shared between 2 people?  
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33 **Colleen Orfanello:** Yes, ma'am.  
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35 **Cheryl Perez:** Okay, so, if.  
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37 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay  
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39 **Cheryl Perez:** Then, Barbara, you need to call for a second and then discussion and see if the  
40 amendment passes.  
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42 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay.  
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1 **Debra Hill:** I have a question.  
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3 **Jan Knapp:** So, Madam President, I'm sorry but where would you put that in the resolution?  
4 Because we aren't setting? We aren't setting a rule forever. It's only if the position is performed  
5 by 2 individuals.  
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7 **Colleen Orfanello:** Yes, ma'am.  
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9 **Cheryl Perez:** Discussion that will come up under her amendment, and then people will decide  
10 whether or not they want to pass the 2 stipend or not, and then we can go back to the original  
11 resolution without, you know. Figure it out. If it passes, we'll have to figure it out.  
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13 **Debra Hill:** I have a question  
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15 **Cheryl Perez:** So so colleen, what wording did you want to change in there?  
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17 **Colleen Orfanello:** Yes Maam. I would. I would like to make the amendment to say this in the  
18 last sentence: "This position may be performed by 2 individuals, and stipends shared if  
19 requested and approved by the National President". Because it we may or may not. I think that  
20 that we'll we'll solve everyone's problem that it may be 2 individuals, and it may be shared.  
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22 **Cheryl Perez:** Okay, so just make the motion, and then the discussion part will will take after.  
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24 **Colleen Orfanello:** I'd like to make the motion to amendment, the resolution. Just to read this  
25 position may be performed by 2 individuals, and stipends shared, if requested and approved by  
26 the National President.  
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28 **Cheryl Perez:** Okay? Is there a second?  
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30 **Linda Varejcka and Angie Foster simutaniously:** (inaudible)  
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32 **Linda Varejcka:** I second motion. That I second the amendment.  
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34 **Cheryl Perez:** You got that, Judy?  
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36 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Well, I wrote down Angie, okay.  
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38 **Cheryl Perez:** And then, Madam President, call for your discussion now and now, now we can  
39 talk all about the shared stipend, and and all that.  
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41 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Discussions.  
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1 Nancy Lee Birchbach: Nancy Lee Birchbach. Past National President. I'm little confused with the  
2 on our Resolved E : Receive compensation for services as determined by the National Executive  
3 Committee. Why is it? Wouldn't that be the Finance Committee or the budget? Why would  
4 the...

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6 **Tracy Derr:** Tracy, your National Treasurer, through you. Madam President, to Nancy Lee,  
7 currently there is a webmaster position that is paid \$300 a month stipend for all of these duties  
8 as they are, and that is an appointed position by whatever President is appointing.

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10 Tracy Derr: I believe that, the way I look at this resolution, I think I would like to see it be  
11 different in the sense that what we're doing is creating 2 positions, and only one of the  
12 positions is listed. And I think there's more to it. I think there's this whole social media thing is  
13 what the other person's doing. So why not just say in a resolution? The webmaster and the  
14 social media are 2 things. Half of the stipend goes to the appointment of Webmaster, and half  
15 of the appointment goes to the appointment of our second, goes to the appointment of social  
16 media, director, whatever we're calling it. Because it's just cleaner on a warrant, and the way  
17 that we get it paid and do the taxes at the end of the year, and then for the audit. Whereas it's  
18 been, I don't, I don't want to, um have to explain. Well, I can't. I just have to issue the 1099.  
19 There's no explaining. I have to issue the 1099 to the person I send the money to. Right now,  
20 there's one position. It goes to Webmaster. If, this resolution is saying, this webmaster position  
21 needs 2 people, and then this the social media stuff just not listed under this position, then  
22 maybe we just need to include the social media arm of it and say the President can appoint up  
23 to 2 members to be this webmaster position, whereas that both of those for the year for  
24 payment of stipend. And and their own (inaudible).

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26 **Debra Hill:** So shouldnt both. So should members that hold the position, should they? This is  
27 Deborah Hill, Unit 465 Georgia. Should they not be active members when they hold these  
28 positions?

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30 **Tracy Derr:** Tracy Derr through Deborah Hill. That's a that. That's a decision, I think, on our  
31 President, who's appointing people. So I I'm I'm aware of that whole other part of it. But what  
32 this is focusing is this resolution is focusing on. There are 2 roles for this job. One is the  
33 webmaster. Um, who both of these positions report to the President, and the webmaster is the  
34 person who's handling the website, handling Wix. Doing lots of things with the websites in  
35 compliance for the purple heart auxiliary. The other person is the person who's managing the  
36 social media aspect of this, which also in itself can be a task and a job. And if I'm reading this  
37 right, we can appoint 2 people to do this job. The rules on whether that person should be a  
38 member in good standing, I'm sure they are that they need to be a member in good standing,  
39 but this form is to decide what roles this person does in their tasks. Who's doing which side and  
40 can the President appoint 2 people to do it? And if so, then we will do 2 warrants  
41 from the secretary, and they will receive a split 350 and then they each get their own 1099.  
42 So I think we should focus on the form, and then we'll let our president and our officers, I guess,  
43 make the proper choice on who would do the other arm of it, if so required.

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2 **Cheryl Perez:** Madam. Somebody has their hand up. Someone goes. Speak. Madam President.  
3 Cheryl National Membership officer this was a very, very confusing, and I know it's confusing as  
4 we sit here and talk about it, too. It was confusing to us on the Bylaw Committee, because when  
5 we went back through the old minutes, Webmaster was changed to Communication Officer. Do  
6 away with Webmaster, make a communication officer during colleen's year, and that was going  
7 to be Amanda. So then, after Colleen's year, it Colleen became webmaster, and between  
8 Amanda and Colleen they. You know it is a lot of work, I guess. You know, I I wouldn't even be  
9 able to do it. I have no idea what is involved with it. They decided to split it. I did talk to Amanda  
10 when we were researching this for the Bylaw Committee. And basically, the social media is a  
11 Facebook. Now, Amanda is a wizard at Facebook. She knows all that back stuff analytics and  
12 how you, you know, time of schedule, a post for later. And all this stuff. But our social media  
13 presence is Facebook. That's what it is. So it to me it seems to have somebody, or we're going to  
14 make a position for someone to do Facebook, and then have a position with the webmaster,  
15 and then we have to create a new one, because I don't know how we just split this and say,  
16 we're going to split it up. To me, it it we would have to create another position, that social  
17 media or Facebook, or whatever we're going to call it online presence. It's I I just. I don't agree  
18 with making 2 warrants and splitting it because this was something that 2 people decided they  
19 wanted to do to share the job. Sorry, colleen, you guys do an amazing job. But I'm looking at the  
20 big picture from, you know, an organization level. Not not on a on a 1 on 1 level. I think that if  
21 you want to split the stipend, then you just keep out an extra 10 bucks or 15 bucks a month, and  
22 send whatever or do the 1,099 like, Tracy said, and figure out another way. But I think for us to  
23 have to try to figure out and do our bylaws to fit, because it's something that 2 people are doing  
24 at this point. I mean, if we go really crazy on social media and have everywhere all over doing  
25 stuff. Maybe then we revisit it. But as right now, this resolution is just to clean up webmaster,  
26 because when those words were written, it was when we were using the MOPH's website, we  
27 did not have our own, and it needed to be updated, need to be clarified. Need to have the, you  
28 know, make sure the National President has their say and input in everything. And you know,  
29 that's that's what we were looking at. We were not looking at creating 2. We were not looking  
30 at, at least in my mind. I I never thought that way splitting a stipend, doing 2 warrants anything  
31 like that. So it's like me for membership officer. If I wanted to ask somebody else to do  
32 something, and I wanted them to be paid, I would split my stipend with them. I wouldn't come  
33 to National and say, hey, I need another position created to have you know. And you guys pay  
34 the stipend on it. I mean, that would be between me and someone else. So that's my concern.

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36 **Tracy Derr:** Also, Tracy Derr National Treasurer. Do you also, I'm confused at the first, whereas:  
37 the MOPH Webmaster shall: act as the channel of communication to MOPH headquarters for  
38 website issues. We no longer do that through them. So, form changes, website changes  
39 corrections, that that shouldn't even be a part of the description of our Webmaster any longer,  
40 because.

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42 **Jan Knapp:** That's that's what's in the bylaws.  
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1 **Tracy Derr:** Is it okay? So it takes care of itself.

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3 **Jan Knapp:** Placed correctly. Yeah.

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5 **Tracy Derr:** I'm sorry I reread it and reread it, and I just I'm trying to be clean as I can in my  
6 purpose of interest is that I don't care if you want to have 2 roles. I'm and I always say this. I  
7 don't really care. That's fine. However, you want to do it. My opinion doesn't matter. My  
8 opinions are about the the financial piece of it, and the financial piece of it for me, is that if  
9 we're going to do 2 roles, they should have 2 roles in the bylaws, and state what they are, what  
10 the person is doing, and how much that role is going to be, and how they receive their role. Are  
11 they voted? Appointed? Whatever? So be it. If, if, then, further down the line, it has to be that  
12 they're a member in good standing, or they have a (inaudible – sounded like home), or all of  
13 those things are considered when choosing a person to appoint by your President. But my rep,  
14 my, my thoughts on rejecting this are that it's not clean enough on a financial standpoint. It  
15 doesn't say what the other person's going to be doing and their title and a stipend, and if  
16 they're appointed or voted.

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18 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, Deborah, did you get your question answered? Deborah Hill.

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20 **Debra Hill:** Yes, I understood what she said. Um, but yeah, I I think like Tracy just said it should  
21 be. If you're going, you should have 2 different positions, and that um, describe each role, and  
22 also that they should be active members. That's all that needs to be included in that.

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24 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yeah. Okay. Are there any more discussions on this topic?

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26 **Colleen Orfanello:** Yes, and

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28 **Betty Brunton:** Betty Brunton, Department of Florida.

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30 **Colleen Orfanello:** I'm sorry, Betty. Camille was on. Camille's been holding.

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32 **Betty Brunton:** I'm sorry.

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34 **Camille Ovitz:** Thank you so much. So you know, I I love this discussion, because when we talked  
35 about a a little while ago about our membership, our just getting new members in, or increasing  
36 our membership. We're living in a new world post-covid. And I really love that discussion that  
37 someone brought in the Covid the whole subject that we went through. And I really love the  
38 way that we're just getting into this new social media deal. And I think that we have hit right  
39 here. And right now, the crucial milestone. This is the most crucial thing we really need to have  
40 a presence, an online presence. We really need to be very, very cognizant of what this is right  
41 now in right now. Um, I, I really think that we really have to perhaps just just appoint a  
42 committee to discuss the social media, to discuss how we're discussing how we are just going to  
43 uh diversify ourselves. And how are we going to present ourselves in the social media? We're

1 not talking about websites. We're talking about Instagram, Facebook, and we're thinking about  
2 spending 350 times 2. That's 600 something dollars. I am sure that we have a lot of very, very  
3 smart wives, ladies that are really really good at this, and really think that it would be wonderful  
4 to just tap that source into providing them with the opportunity to get an online presence, not  
5 only to present ourselves that we really are. We are really supporting our patriots, and we are  
6 really making a difference, not only in our own mental health, but really making a difference for  
7 ourselves and for the future post-covid. So, I really think that we are at a crucial point. And I  
8 really think that we really have to discuss a little bit more how we're going to move forward  
9 with this resolution. A resolution of what? What is a webmaster? What are we going into the  
10 21st century? And what? How are we going to present ourselves right now that we do not have  
11 a magazine? We really have to be very careful that we present ourselves in the in the media. So  
12 thank you so much, and I really appreciate all the great thoughts that we all have, and I'm really  
13 here. I'm I'm brand new. I'm I'm just learning the ropes and I'm here for whatever you all need.  
14 Thank you for the opportunity.

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16 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam President, this is Colleen Orfanello through you to Camille. Camille,  
17 Thank you so much, and welcome to our auxiliary. We're so happy to have you. I just wanted to  
18 clarify that Amanda and I, we receive \$150 a month and out of my stipend, It's it cost about \$72  
19 a month to keep the website for the Photoshop and all the fun stuff we do for general orders.  
20 We we really need participation, because I do not do social media well. Um, and we are - if  
21 anyone we're we're looking for a Webmaster for next year, because I'll be retiring. And we're  
22 going to be needing a social media person this month because, our our social media person  
23 now, is traveling a lot. So, if anybody wants to take over our responsibilities, we are so happy to  
24 help you, and we will teach you and do everything we can to make it work.

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26 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay.

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28 **Colleen Orfanello:** I think Betty Brunton wanted to speak.

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30 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Betty

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32 **Betty Brunton:** Thank you. Colleen. Betty Brunton, Department of Florida. I've wanted to agree  
33 with, and I forgot who it was. Now who said, I really think this needs to be split into 2 separate  
34 positions, and rather than trying to split one position into 2, that we really need a webmaster  
35 position and we need a social media manager, or whatever you want to call it. But I I think, from  
36 a financial perspective, for our finance person, as well as the future, having them defined  
37 separately and independently, is really much more logical to me than trying to split really 2  
38 important positions into - or take one position and split it kind of in indirectly into 2 positions - I  
39 really think it should be 2 distinct and separate positions. Thank you.

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41 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you very much. Any more discussion? Okay, hearing none, I will call for  
42 the vote.

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1 **Cheryl Perez:** Madam President, can you just state what the vote will be on? It's on the  
2 amendment.  
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4 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes, it is.  
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6 **Betty Brunton:** That's huge.  
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8 **Cheryl Perez:** The Amendment.  
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10 **Barbara Hale Ray:** We will be splitting position into 2 positions, the webmaster and the social  
11 media person. It will be performed by 2 individuals if requested. One person will be up on  
12 Facebook and the other one will be strictly just inputting our constant contact and department  
13 stuff.  
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15 **Barbara Hale Ray:** So what?  
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17 **Jan Knapp:** The wording. Madam President, that colleen used was by 2 individuals and split the  
18 stipend. Is that what it was, Cheryl? Yeah?  
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20 **Cheryl Perez:** Yes. 2 individuals with 2 stipends with the stipend shared if requested and  
21 approved by the National President.  
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23 **Jan Knapp:** We're just adding a few, a couple of words to that line.  
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25 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay.  
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27 **Camille Ovitz:** And, if I may add, please saying, Facebook is limiting a social media person. There  
28 are so many social media, so social media is, is, encompasses many, many of venues and and  
29 windows. So social media is not Facebook.  
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31 **Cheryl Perez:** Well, it does. But that's what our. So that's what the social media person is doing  
32 right now is only Facebook. Yes. So that's that's where we would. If we're going to have split it  
33 into 2 parts, we need to have a description of what that position will do which we do not have  
34 right now. Right now, it's Facebook, that's all. That's all we're using.  
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36 **Camille Ovitz:** Thank you for the information. I appreciate it, Cheryl.  
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38 **Tracy Derr:** No, it's not even. Tracy Derr National Treasure. It's not even Facebook. It's just  
39 says that the responsibilities on this list would be split if necessary. May be performed by 2  
40 individuals. Yeah, don't even have.  
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42 **Cheryl Perez:** But it's the Auxiliary's online presence is the one. The C is what they would split.  
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1 **Tracy Derr:** Right. But I'm saying, whereas there are, there isn't even a description of what the  
2 social media portion would, Facebook portion, would be.  
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4 **Cheryl Perez:** But that's why...  
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6 **Jan Knapp:** We can't, we can't do anything with this other than what we have? And the  
7 amended line, that colleen gave us.  
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9 **Tracy Derr:** So what are we voting? Just to be clear for everybody? A vote for "Yes" would  
10 mean?  
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12 **Jan Knapp:** This position may be performed by 2 individuals with split stipends if requested and  
13 approved by the national President.  
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15 **Cheryl Perez:** This is an amendment.  
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17 **Tracy Derr:** And a vote for "No" would mean that we would revise it? Come back to it?  
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19 **Cheryl Perez:** A "yes" vote would mean that it would be added to this, what's on the screen  
20 right now, that it would be the have 2 individuals and the stipend split. A "No" vote means that  
21 that part is not included, and then we would go back and vote on what is written on your screen  
22 right now.  
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24 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay.  
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26 **Tracy Derr:** Cheryl's pretty smart, but I'm feeling pretty dumb right now.  
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28 **Cheryl Perez:** I know.  
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30 **Tracy Derr:** I can do a lot of stuff, but I can't navigate this conversation.  
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32 Jan Knapp: Alright!  
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34 **Tracy Derr:** Me, as a person myself, I don't want to sway anybody. I believe this thing is wrong,  
35 and no offense, because I believe that there should be a dedicated person to social media and a  
36 dedicated person to the Webmaster position. I just believe it should be done differently than  
37 this form. So, if I don't want this form to move forward, I'm a nay, a no.  
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39 **Cheryl Perez:** You would be no on both votes.  
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41 **Tracy:** Thank you.  
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43 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Calling for the vote. It is time for the vote.

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2 **Barbara Hale Ray:** All in favor?  
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4 **Cheryl Perez:** Again, we are voting on a “Yes” vote would mean that that last line where it says  
5 this position can be split. It would include 2 individuals would be sharing a stipend, but no  
6 description or anything of what those position, what each person is responsible for. Well, we  
7 know what the webmaster, but the other one, a “No” vote means you are not agreeing to 2  
8 individuals splitting the stipend and and creating 2 positions basically like by 2 people doing it.  
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10 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, all in favor, Aye?  
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12 **Few Members:** Aye  
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14 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Nays?  
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16 **Several Members (More assumed than the ayes):** Nays/Nos  
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18 **Barbara Hale Ray:** The motion was rejected. So we're back to the drawing board on this one.  
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20 **Cheryl Perez:** We're back to the original.  
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22 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yeah.  
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24 **Jan Knapp:** The Original was...  
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26 **(Handfull of Members talking simutaneously):** (Inaudible)  
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28 **Tracy Derr:** Was Rejected. Just the Amendment was rejected. I see.  
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30 **Jan Knapp:** Yeah. .Last year was that the Webmaster is the Communications Officer. That was  
31 the resolution that passed last year?  
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33 **Cheryl Perez:** Two years ago.  
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35 **Jan Knapp:** Was it 2 years ago?  
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37 **Cheryl Perez:** One each month.  
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39 **Jan Knapp:** And it's it's never been put in the bylaws that the Webmaster is the communications  
40 officer. Okay? Move on.  
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42 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Um, elections are an important part.  
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1 **Cheryl Perez:** We have to vote on the resolution involved.  
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3 **Kay Jo Baucom:** We got to vote on that one.  
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5 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, all in favor.  
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7 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Motion.  
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9 **Barbara Hale Ray:** All in favor. Aye.  
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11 **Several Members:** Aye.  
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13 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Nos? Nays?  
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15 **Several Members strong voices:** Nays.  
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17 **Barbara Hale Ray:** It has been rejected. So, okay. We're back.  
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19 **JUDY FIDDLER:** To the drawing Board.  
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21 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes. Okay. Any more discussion on this, webmaster information? Okay.  
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23 **JUDY FIDDLER:** We're done.  
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25 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Ok, all right. Elections are an important part of our convention. Each of you  
26 have the opportunity to provide valuable services to our organization. We are all a team, and  
27 don't be afraid to step up and be a leader.  
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29 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Cheryl Perez is a PNP. For those of you who don't know, PNP stands for Past  
30 National President. She is the chair of the Credentials Committee. Cheryl, do you have a  
31 credentials count or anything to add, although voting will be tomorrow.  
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33 **Cheryl Perez:** Ah no, because it's not like when we're in an in-person convention, and everybody  
34 stops at the credential booth and you you sign up, and you're there every day. It's its can change  
35 tomorrow. And if we we might not even need it. If there's only one candidate for each of the  
36 offices, we don't need to hold an election, so we don't need to go through all the credentials.  
37 But if we do have to have an election on a position where there's more than one candidate,  
38 then we will quickly go through the credentials. Anybody who's the only person from a unit  
39 would, will just automatically put you for a delegate vote, and then where there's more people  
40 attending, and we need a delegate, or there's a charter vote, or there's a PNP in there on a unit.  
41 We'll figure it all out pretty quickly and get the credential vote that way, and how each person is  
42 voting.  
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1 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, I.

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3 **Cheryl Perez:** How the voting is taking place, I don't know; but, the credentials, we'll get them  
4 done.

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6 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Right. We have several letters of intent that went out to Secretary Judy.  
7 We're also going to ask for any nomination from our attendees. Nominations will also be asked  
8 for on Saturday before the vote. So please consider running for an office. We may have a few  
9 vacant positions. We will ask the nominees if they will accept the nomination for the record.  
10 This does not mean that they will accept the position, only the nomination. Madam Secretary,  
11 please read any letters of intent you've received.

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13 **Judy Fiddler:** Okay, nominations for President. I have one: "It has been an honor to serve you as  
14 your national Senior Vice President for 2023-2024. Therefore, I am sending my letter of intent to  
15 run for the National President position for 2024-2025. This year has really been an eye opener  
16 in many ways. All the hard and dedicated work that the national, departments and units the  
17 Military Order Purple Heart Auxiliary complete is amazing. This year, this next year, we will have  
18 to work harder, smarter, and together to keep our organization prospering, so we can help our  
19 patriots and veterans. One of the main concerns for next year is our budget. As I prepared the  
20 budget for this year, it was apparent that some items had to be cut, and this was very hard to  
21 accomplish. Next year we will have to work together to find ways to fund our coffers. We need  
22 to find ways to help support ourselves. Membership is a great concern. How do we, as an  
23 organization, recruit new and younger members to help our aging membership? Many  
24 departments and units are just disbanding, due to burnout and not enough support. We also  
25 need to help our membership officer clean up the rosters. With each department and unit  
26 working on their roster, we should be able to get a clearer picture of how many members are  
27 really in the organization. Bylaws should reflect what we are doing trying to write a resolution  
28 this year, I nearly pulled my hair out and lost my mind. I know, short trip.  
29 With the help of dedicated members, I learned a lot about bylaws. This is an ever, never-ending  
30 job and should be worked on every year. A handbook and or procedures manual should be  
31 updated each year to help with questions that can be answered quickly, instead of looking  
32 through the bylaws. We have talked several years about having someone have passwords in  
33 case of a death to an officer or member who holds important paperwork that a department or  
34 or unit needs to retrieve. I learned firsthand this year, that this needs to be incorporated soon,  
35 not later. Thank you for your consideration for National President of the Military Order of the  
36 Purple Heart Auxiliary. Fran Holtgreven.

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38 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. A nomination for the Office of President has just been read. Fran  
39 Holtgreven is nominated for office of Pres President. If there is another nomination that would  
40 like to come from the floor, please speak up now.

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42 **Nancy Lee PNP:** Do that tomorrow.

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1 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yeah, we're going to do it tomorrow. We are just reading the nominations.  
2 Are there any other nominations for President? Nominations are now closed for the office of  
3 President until tomorrow.

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5 **Terri Shattuck:** You can't close.

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7 **Jan Knapp:** Don't, you can't close them. You're just reading letters of intent.

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9 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Letters of Intent.

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11 **Jan Knap:** Not yet.

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13 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Alright. Let's see. Now, Judy? Next?

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15 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Senior, Senior Vice: Cherished members of the Auxiliary. I'm delighted to declare  
16 my candidacy for the National Senior Vice President for the 2024- 2025 term. Serving as your  
17 National Junior President over the past year has been a profound honor. I am grateful for the  
18 opportunity, and I thank you all for your support. I must thank those who encouraged me and  
19 supported me along the way. Going into my role as part of the Auxiliary's leadership, I aim to  
20 achieve a higher level of excellence in service to our veterans and their families while fostering  
21 unity within our beloved organization and making a national impact. I have served the Auxiliary  
22 at the unit and department levels with a combination of more than 20 years of dedication and  
23 service to veterans in facilitating patriotic observances and auxiliary membership drives at the  
24 unit level. My candidacy is further legitimized by my status as a Life Member since 1996 by  
25 virtue of my father, Vietnam Veteran Purple Heart Recipient Patriot Isaac Gilliard, Jr. I am also on  
26 the road to continuing a legacy as the daughter of the Auxiliary's National Chaplain, PNP  
27 Gwendolyn Gilliard. This past year I have deeply valued the opportunity to expand my team-  
28 player skills and hone my leadership skills while working with my fellow members and  
29 successors of our Executive Committee to keep the organized in organization so that we may  
30 continue to thrive. I firmly believe in collaboration, so I am committed to teamwork and a plan  
31 to ensure all components: the Order, Units, Departments, and Regions of our fantastic  
32 organization function seamlessly for the benefit of veterans and robust membership.  
33 My journey up to this point as National Junior Vice President has brought me - has taught me -  
34 much about leadership and for and togetherness. I have seen what it takes to ensure that the  
35 auxiliary succeeds in the future. With this said, I am eager to leverage the knowledge,  
36 experience, and support that I have gained to contribute to carrying out the missions of the  
37 Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary as the next National Senior Vice President. If  
38 elected, I would be honored to fill the position. Thank you for your consideration, Teviah  
39 Gilliard.

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41 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Nominations is and now in for the office of Senior Vice President. Are there  
42 any more nominations? From the floor? Okay. Um, now we are. The nominations are now  
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**Terri Shattuck:** No, no, you can't close.

**Barbara Hale Ray:** Nominations.

**Terri Shattuck:** Nominations

**Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Can't say it. Yeah. Okay.

**JUDY FIDDLER:** At this time we have no letters of intent for the Junior Vice Position. As for treasurer, I believe that was going to be from someone who's going to be nominated from the floor.

**Terri Shattuck:** Yes. I would like to nominate Tracy Derr as Treasurer. She has been our treasurer for a number of years now, and has done an exceptional job. Tracy is always ready to help a unit or a department if needed. She understands our budget, and she always helps organize and keep us updated. I would like to nominate Tracy Derr, please.

**Barbara Hale Ray:** Tracy has been nominated for the office of Treasurer. Are there any more nominations for this position?

**JUDY FIDDLER:** Next is Sergeant at Arms. "Please accept this as my letter of intent to once again be considered by the members of the Military Order the Purple Heart Auxiliary as their Sergeant at Arms for the fiscal year 2024-2025. I am eligible for membership through my husband. He served in the Navy active duty and reserve for 23 years. He served as a corpsman in Vietnam, where he was awarded 2 Purple Hearts. He also served in Desert Storm. In September, I will have been a member of the LAMOPH/MOPHA for 23 years. I am proud of this organization, and proud to be a member and to be able to honor and serve our veterans. I have held several elected offices and chairmanships in the Nebraska unit, department, and also the national level. I feel it is a privilege and an honor to be able to assist our national officers and the auxiliary members. If elected, I will be honored to accept this position once again. Linda Varejcka."

**Barbara Hale Ray:** Linda Varejcka has been nominated for the Sergeant at Arms. Parliamentarian?

**JUDY FIDDLER:** Yes. "Please accept this as my letter of intent to be considered for the position of National Parliamentarian. If nominated and elected, I will do my best to provide support in all aspects of this position. I am a member through my husband, Ron, a Vietnam veteran. I 1st joined Unit 1986 in Sheboygan, Michigan. As an annual member in 1990, and became a life member in 1992. I was elected Department of Michigan President in 1999, and again in 2006. My 1st year at National was 2002, when I was appointed to publicity by Bonnie Dumler in 2012, I was elected National Junior Vice President, and served as National President 2014-2015.

1 It is of the utmost importance to me that any member requesting assistance of the National  
2 Parliamentarian be given correct answers that correspond accurately with our bylaws if elected.  
3 I willingly accept the duties of this position. Jan Knapp.”  
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5 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Jan has been nominated for the office of Parliamentarian. Four-Year Finance?  
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7 **JUDY FIDDLER:** “I would like to submit the name of Nancy Lee Birschbach for the position of  
8 National MOPH Auxiliary Finance Committee. Nancy Lee joined the LAMOPH in 1985, through  
9 her husband, Paul Birchbach, a Vietnam veteran. Nancy Lee, is a charter member of Unit  
10 Number 162 Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Nancy Lee is serving her 7th term as unit secretary, and 16  
11 years as the unit treasurer. On the department level. Nancy Lee served as department secretary  
12 for 15 years, was selected the Department LAMOPH President 1990 to 1991, and is serving her  
13 10th term as the department treasurer, Nancy Lee has attended 27 national conventions.  
14 On the national level, Nancy Lee was elected Junior Vice Senior Vice and elected National  
15 President in 2006 to 2007. Her theme as President was and is: “I am proud to be an American”.  
16 She encouraged auxiliary members to wear the American flag lapel pin to support our troops,  
17 the veterans who served, and to be proud to be an American. Nancy Lee was elected national  
18 treasurer for 2 years 2008-2010 and has served on the Finance Committee 6 years. Nancy Lee is  
19 very diligent in all of her endeavors. Paul and Nancy Lee are married 52 years. They have 6  
20 grown married children, 3 sons and 3 daughters, who are MOPHA members, 17 grandchildren,  
21 of which the 6 granddaughters are MOPHA members. Nancy Lee is dedicated to the MOPHA  
22 Auxiliary, MOPH, and the Foundation.  
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24 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I read this for Sheryl Osburn, who was going to nominate her. But Cheryl's  
25 having problems with her phone, so, that's why I read this.  
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27 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay.  
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29 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Nancy Lee Birschbach has been nominated for 4 year Finance.  
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31 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, Region 2 President.  
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33 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Region President: “This is my letter of intent to run for the regional (I'm having  
34 trouble reading) for Region 2 President. I feel with my experience with working with others will  
35 help me with the Auxiliary. Zoom Meetings will be held, and to let all departments. (I’m sorry  
36 it's in handwriting, and I can't read this very clear.) I can also help another region if no one  
37 steps up to help. I understand, as a regional representative, you can still hold a department and  
38 unit office. If this is not true, then I can't run, as the state of Minnesota vets are important to  
39 me with their needs.” And it would be Linda Bellis.  
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41 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, Linda has been nominated for Region 4 President.  
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43 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Region 2.

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**Barbara Hale Ray:** Region 2. Okay? Region 4.

**JUDY FIDDLER:** Region 4. "My name is Kay Jo Baucom, and I am excited to declare my candidacy for the position of Region 4 President. Currently I am a member in good standing of Unit 634, and reside in North Carolina. I am very familiar with this region, it's Departments, Units and Membership. This is a region that is dedicated to serving those who 1st served us, and I want to continue this dedication and service personally. I have served in other leadership roles and feel I am capable of representing and leading this region and its membership. If elected, I would be honored to serve the Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary and it is an outstanding organization, and its leadership is an example of excellence in actions and ideals. To be a part of this exceptional family is an honor - and veterans - and privilege that I do not take lightly. Please consider me for this position. Thank you, and may God continue to bless America, its veterans, and those serving today, along with the membership of our organization. Kay Jo Baucom."

**Barbara Hale Ray:** The nomination for Region 4 President Kay Jo Baucom has been read. Region 5 President?

**JUDY FIDDLER:** "My name is Doris Williams, and I am submitting this letter of intent for the position of Region 5 President. Auxiliary in 2, 2012 eligible, eligible through patriot Earl Williams, who was wounded in Vietnam, and have held the following positions: unit 1876, President, from 2012 to 2015, and 2017 to 2021, Department of Texas President 2015 to 2017, Past Region 5 President 2017 to 2020, worked for federal government for 34 years in various positions such as budget technician, education technician and guidance counselor, certified VA claims representative. Led facilitator for spouse resiliency course, taught to veteran spouses and partners at Armed Forces E9 Association, inc. for one year in conjunction with the University of Texas. I have a bachelor's degree in business, and 39 Master's Degree hours in counseling psychology. Honorary - honorary member of Women Corps Army Corps in Killeen, honorary member of Armed Forces E9 Association since 2017, and served as treasurer and administrative assistant of the organization. I love being a part of an organization that gives back to our veterans in the community. The camaraderie within this great organization is so inspiring. I would be honored to serve as Region 5 President again to enhance the communication between National, Departments, and the units. Respectfully submitted, Doris Williams."

**Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you, Judy. For each office there was only one person, so I don't have to have you guys to get up and speak about yourselves. I think reading your letters of intent has spoken for you. Judy, do we need to remind everyone of the nominees tonight?

**JUDY FIDDLER:** No.

**Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Linda, we have read your officer report about your experience at the NAC? Can you explain what the NAC is and explain why we need volunteers?

1 **Linda Varejcka:** Okay? Like, Barb said, I have a report in the in the manual - in the Officer's  
2 Manual. The NAC is - just a second - I lost my notes, I'm sorry, folks. The NAC is the National  
3 Advisory Committee, which is underneath the Department - US Department of Veterans Affairs  
4 and they meet as a National Committee once a year, and this is made up of 55 organizations, us,  
5 civic organizations, veterans organizations, uh to do things to help the volunteers. And the NAC  
6 has been in existence, or volunteer services has been in existence, since 1946. And during that,  
7 which is 77 years of service, and during that time over 6 million volunteers have donated close  
8 to 7 and one half million hours! And right now the VA ils serving over 600,000 women veterans,  
9 over 50,000 caregivers, over 600,000 surviving family members - and millions of - and millions  
10 of veterans. And the the goal is, it goes clear back to Abraham Lincoln in his inaugural sp  
11 address, when he said: "To care for him who shall have borne the battle - and for his wisdom -  
12 and for the his widow and his orphan". And in August of 2023, they kind of tweaked this to  
13 modernize it. And so the new motto is to fulfill President Lincoln's promise to care for those  
14 who have served in our nation's military and for their families, caregivers, and survivors. And  
15 the reason for the NAC is they're over the volunteer service area or the CDC area and they  
16 encourage all of us to volunteer. And why be a volunteer? Because it is very heartwarming? It is  
17 it, it just fills your heart to be able to serve our veterans, to serve their families, to help with  
18 caregivers. And we are there to support the VA Staff, so that the VA Staff can do the important  
19 things of caring physically and mentally for our veterans. We're there to pick up the slack. We're  
20 there to help with donations that is not included in the VA budgets. We are very much  
21 appreciative. We are the faces of the veterans when they walk in the door. We're the 1st ones  
22 they see, and a lot of times a very happy, glowing face is all they need and it's very  
23 heartwarming. I encourage all of you to seek out a VA facility in your area that you could get to.  
24 Even if there's not one in driving position location, you can still apply to be on the  
25 compassionate core group - which is, you are assigned, you call the volunteer services, you are  
26 assigned a veteran who is homebound and were just hearing your voice and being able to listen  
27 to him and be able to talk to him makes a big difference in his life. There's also the the drivers  
28 who go out with the VA veterans transportation and um make sure that these veterans in rural  
29 communities are able to get to their appointments, and the, and the necessary things that they  
30 need. So, it is very heartwarming and I'd like for you all to consider volunteering in one shape or  
31 form. Because you won't regret it, and you will be helping the veterans and I've already seen  
32 veterans cry because someone has paid attention to them and have helped them even by giving  
33 them a pair of socks. I am a volunteer, also the Rep. and it is very, very rewarding something  
34 that you'll never forget. But we are underneath the National Advisory Council, and that is  
35 underneath our US Department of Veterans Affairs. And their motto is also for helping the  
36 veterans, survivors, and the survivors. So please consider doing it.

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38 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you, Linda. Thank you very much. Before we adjourn for the evening.  
39 Is there any continuation of any new business?

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41 **Terri Shattuck:** (Inaudible)

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1 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, we have only had one Zoom convention in the past, and sometimes it  
2 gets confusing, especially for the new participants and the old ones too. Questions will make  
3 will help us to make the convention better. If you don't want to ask questions now, you can ask  
4 us later in the questionnaire you will be receiving this weekend. Listen for questions or  
5 comments. If there are none, you can then recess until Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, eastern  
6 time. Eleven, Ten, nine, and eight. Chaplin Gilliard, can you close out our Friday meeting with  
7 the prayer?

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9 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Madam President, this is Judy. I have 2 quick corrections to make. When I read  
10 Nancy Lee Birchbach's finance um nomination. The nomination was from Colleen Orfanello, and  
11 because she's having trouble speaking is why I read hers. And Linda Bellis' was actually a  
12 nomination from Sheryl Osburn. But she was having trouble with her phone. So I read it instead.  
13 So I I apologize for my mistake.

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15 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, thank you, Judy. Chaplain Gilliard?

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17 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Yes, Madam President, can you hear me?

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19 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes.

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21 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Okay, thank you. Madam President, with your permission, I would like to  
22 take a personal moment to thank everyone for their extension of love during um my most  
23 recent loss of my brother. So, thank you all for sharing that love, and just embracing me with  
24 your condolences. I would like to also share with you, Madam President, to say thank you and  
25 the leadership team and an inspiration to become a hunter of blessings, actively seeking them  
26 out in every experience, and person you encounter and we are one team together! Let us bow  
27 our heads in prayer, please. Heavenly Father, thank You again for being amongst us for  
28 extending your love, in a way that only You can do Lord, in Your Grace During this evening's  
29 meeting as we have connected in the business of discussions. We humble ourselves before You.  
30 Thank You for Your time and patience and helping us to come to an understanding and  
31 and resolving of issues as we continue to be stewards of our organizations. Thank you, Lord. And  
32 for those who are not present with us tonight, Lord, on the zoom, but in spirit, we thank You  
33 and lift them up unto you for prayer. Especially those who have sent requests for their special  
34 concerns for Your divine healing, and and those who are just going through different situations,  
35 for those who are even in harm's way of the atmospheric and environmental changes, Lord.  
36 There are so many challenges out there. We asked to have as a night of peace without anxiety  
37 that we can come back tomorrow trusting in You It was for favor to return, being prepared and  
38 ready to take care of the mission at hand that You have given to us, presented to us, to embrace  
39 as we embrace our organization, members, and our patriots and veterans, and their families.  
40 Keep us loyal to each other and we ask for your peace, joy, and happiness on this evening, as we  
41 rest tonight in Your name, we pray. Amen

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43 **Collective Group:** Amen!

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2 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Now, we're going to close this out with Jennyne performing Joyce's virtual  
3 hug. Where is she? Oh.

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5 **Jennyne Bilsky:** (Performs the late Joyce Dalton's virtual hug on Zoom)

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SESSION 3

Saturday August 10, 2024

1 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Welcome back everyone. It is 9:02am and I would like to call this meeting to  
2 order. Our colors and charter are displayed behind Judy and will continue until the end of this  
3 convention. Please stand for prayer and pledge, if able. Ms. Judy Fiddler\* with the prayer  
4 (\*Madam President meant to say Judy McLaughlin).  
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6 **Judy McLaughlin:** Just like Gwen says, take a deep breath. Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You  
7 for this day. We thank You for Your grace and mercy and being with us today. Please bless each  
8 one in attendance. Bless those who could not be here for whatever reason. Dear Heavenly  
9 Father, as we work through our meeting today, bless each and every speaker, that they are  
10 helping our organization to grow. Dear heavenly Father, we also think of all the servicemen that  
11 are serving today. Please bless each and every one. Also, dear heavenly Father. watch over each  
12 and every veteran and their families, and their caregivers. All of this we ask in Jesus's name.  
13 Amen.  
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15 **Collective Group:** Amen  
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17 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Linda, would you say the pledge?  
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19 **Linda Varejcka:** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the  
20 republic for which it stands one nation under God indivisible for liberty and justice for all. Toot.  
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22 **Barbara Hale Ray:** I now declare this convention open for the transaction of such business as  
23 may be properly brought before it. You may be seated. Will the National Secretary, Judy Fiddler  
24 please conduct the roll call?  
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26 **MOPHA SECRETARY:** President Barbara Hale Ray?  
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28 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Here.  
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30 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Senior Vice President Fran Holtgreven?  
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32 **Fran Holtgreven:** Present.  
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34 **Judy Fiddler:** Junior Vice President Teviah Gilliard?  
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36 **Teviah Gilliard:** Present.  
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38 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Chaplain Gwendolyn Gilliard?  
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40 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Present  
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42 **Judy Fiddler:** Secretary Judy Fiddler Present. Treasurer Tracy Derr?  
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44 **Tracy Derr:** Present. Sorry I had to unmute.  
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46 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Membership Officer Cheryl Perez?  
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48 **Cheryl Perez:** Present.  
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1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Region 2 President Karen Larabel?  
2 **Karen Larabel:** Present  
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4 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Region 4 President Joanne Croney? Parliamentarian Jan Knapp?  
5 **Jan Knapp:** Present  
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7 **Maryann Barkley:** This is, excuse me. This is Mary Ann Barclay. I'm Maryann Barkley, Unit 4  
8 President.  
9 **Judy Fiddler:** I haven't said...  
10 **Maryann Barkley:** I'm I'm sorry. I'm I'm department from Georgia. I'm sorry I apologize.  
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12 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Parliamentarian, Jan Knapp?  
13 **Jan Knapp:** Present.  
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15 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Sergeant at Arms, Linda Varejcka?  
16 **Linda Varejcka:** Present.  
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18 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Department Presidents: Pennsylvania Sandy Verbos? Michigan Deborah Allen or  
19 Sharon Lewinsky?  
20 **Sharon Lewinski:** Present. Sharon.  
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22 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Minnesota Sheryl Osburn? Nebraska Angela Foster?  
23 **Angie Foster:** Present.  
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25 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Ohio Cassandra Christner? Wisconsin Darlene Rogers or Barb Cherone?  
26 **Darlene Rogers:** Present  
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28 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Florida Betty Anne Brunton?  
29 **Betty Brunton:** Present.  
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31 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Georgia Mary Ann Barkley?  
32 **Maryann Barkley:** Present.  
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34 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Mississippi Vanessa Duet? Colorado Rita Cusack?  
35 **Rita Cusack:** Department of Colorado President present.  
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37 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Louisiana Colleen Orfanello?  
38 **Colleen Orfanello:** Present.  
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40 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Texas Vera Anderson? PNPs: Patricia Sharp? Lucille Kenny? Elaine Mons? Bonnie  
41 Dumler? Joan Walsh? Carol Lance? Judith Spalding? Nancy Lee Birschbach?  
42 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Present.  
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1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Jane Stoell? Gwendolyn Gilliard?  
2 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Present.  
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4 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Karen Haltiner?  
5 **Karen Haltiner:** Present.  
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7 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Barb Cherone?  
8 **Barb Cherone:** Present.  
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10 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Um, Barbara Canode? Jan Knapp?  
11 **Jan Knapp:** Present  
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13 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Eileen Oltmann?  
14 **Eileen Oltmann:** Present  
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16 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Terri Shattuck?  
17 **Terri Shattuck:** Present.  
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19 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Gloria Sanchez?  
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21 **Undisclosed Member:** Wow. Wow.  
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23 **Judy Fiddler:** I know Gloria's on.  
24 **Gloria Sanchez:** Present.  
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26 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Diane Petrini? Cheryl Perez?  
27 **Cheryl Perez:** Present.  
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29 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Amanda Fleener? Colleen Orfanello?  
30 **Colleen Orfanello:** Present  
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32 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Kay Jo Baucom?  
33 **Kay Jo Baucom:** Present.  
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35 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Units: New York 3? Pennsylvania 11? Pennsylvania 190? Illinois 159? Iowa 777?  
36 **Dixie Pickart:** Present.  
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38 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Michigan 91?  
39 **KAREN LARABEL:** Present.  
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41 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Michigan 110? Michigan 127?  
42 **Sharon Lewinski:** Present.  
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1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Michigan 459? Michigan 514? Michigan, 1985.  
2 **Terri Shattuck:** Present, and I believe 459 is here also, Judy.  
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4 **Jan Knapp:** Yes. She was muted. Yeah. Ok.  
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6 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I heard it.  
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8 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I heard it. Minnesota 5? Minnesota 8? Minnesota 194? Minnesota 268?  
9 **Linda Bellis:** Linda Bellis. Here.  
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11 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Nebraska 200?  
12 **Linda Varejcka:** Linda Varejcka. President.  
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14 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Nebraska 260?  
15 **Barbara Counihan:** Barbara Counihan. Present. Secretary.  
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17 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Nebraska 632?  
18 **Angie Foster:** Angie Foster. Junior Vice.  
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20 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Ohio 31? Ohio 743? Present. Ohio 1974? Ohio 3620? Wisconsin 162?  
21 Wisconsin 164?  
22 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Wisconsin 162 is on, Judy.  
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24 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Wisconsin 228? That's Barb. She's on. Wisconsin 550? Oregon 72?  
25 **Patricia Hail:** Patricia Hail. Parliamentarian. Present.  
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27 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Alabama 2202? Florida 535?  
28 **Christine Day:** Christine Day. Present.  
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30 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Georgia 425?  
31 **Diane Grant:** Diane Grant Jenkins. Present. Secretary.  
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33 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Georgia 465?  
34 **Debra Hill:** Present Deborah Hill. President.  
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36 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Georgia 492?  
37 **JoAnn Croney:** Joanne Croney. President.  
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39 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Georgia 1000? Mississippi 680? Mississippi 690? Mississippi 803?  
40 North Carolina 634?  
41 **Kay Jo Baucom:** Present.  
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43 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. Colorado 375?

1 **Jan Huffman:** Present.  
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3 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Colorado 423? Louisiana 177?  
4 **Colleen Orfanello:** Present.  
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6 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Louisiana 331? Louisiana 504? Louisiana 531? Louisiana 1955? That's Teviah and  
7 Gwen. They're both there. Texas 1836?  
8 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** Anita Hunt Trevino. President.  
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10 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Thank you. 1876?  
11 **Doris Williams:** Present.  
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13 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Texas 1919? California 49?  
14 **Cheryl Perez:** Present.  
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16 **JUDY FIDDLER:** California 385? and Guam 1315? Madam President, there is your roll call.  
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18 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you, Madam Secretary. Again, we're going to go over a few  
19 housekeeping items that need to be stated. This meeting is being recorded, and in order for the  
20 transcripts to be properly and complete, we need to have all speakers state their name, office,  
21 and unit to be identified. To be recognized virtually, please raise your hand on the screen. If  
22 you're having trouble, you may text our webmaster at 504-296-5022 with your name and unit.  
23 She cannot speak on your behalf, but she will put you in a queue to speak. You may also request  
24 to speak via chat; however, you must be your own voice. If you're on a phone, star 6 will mute  
25 or unmute you. If you're on a computer, usually you can mute or unmute yourself by pressing  
26 the keyboard or the microphone icon on the screen. Madam Secretary, is there any business  
27 that needs to be conducted before the elections today?  
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29 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Not that I know of, ma'am.  
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31 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you. I stated yesterday, elections are an important part of our  
32 convention. Each of you will have the opportunity to provide valuable service to our  
33 organization. Jan and Cheryl, do you have anything to add about credentials?  
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35 **Jan Knapp:** Madam President, before you go to that - could I um - before we have elections, I  
36 would like to go back to one of the resolutions that didn't pass, and that's the one that we  
37 wanted to keep the word "webmaster". Last year, a resolution passed to change the title to  
38 Communications Officer. We didn't feel that worked, but, as of right - because we we didn't  
39 have a path to change the bylaws. So right now I'm going to make a motion, whether it passes  
40 or fails. I I moved to keep the wording for webmaster as it is in the bylaws until we determine  
41 how we're going to do it.  
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43 **Terri Shattuck:** I'll second that motion. Terri Shattuck, PNP.

1 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, it has - the motion has been brought up about keeping the Webmaster  
2 name as it is. We will take a vote at this time - discussion. Is there any discussion?  
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4 **Tracy Derr:** I'm Tracy Derr, National Treasurer, through you, Madam President, to Jan Knapp.  
5 I guess the 1st paragraph has confused me all along because it says: It is the webmaster, but  
6 then it and you're saying that they changed it here to Communications Officer. But you're saying  
7 that you would like it to remain Webmaster.  
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9 **Jan Knapp:** Last year, yeah. Last year.  
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11 **Tracy Derr:** The same  
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13 **Jan Knapp:** it was brought or was it the year before.  
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15 **Tracy Derr:** (Inaudible)  
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17 **Cheryl Perez:** Two years ago.  
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19 **Jan Knapp:** Okay, to make the Webmaster the Communications Officer. Yet, the resolution had  
20 no articles and sections and wording that needed to be changed in the bylaws. I mean, that's  
21 that's the the body of your resolution is what's in your resolved. So everybody voted to change  
22 webmaster to Communications Officer.  
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24 **Tracy Derr:** It was done in 2021.  
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26 **Jan Knapp:** What?  
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28 **Tracy Derr:** That was done in 2021.  
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30 **Jan Knapp:** Okay. the Bylaws Committee this past year. It was never changed in the Bylaws. So  
31 the Bylaws Committee this past year, determined we needed to do something because we we  
32 had no verbiage to put into the bylaws from that resolution.  
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34 **Tracy Derr:** You would like it just to remain webmaster until this whole thing is re-written  
35 (inaudible).  
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37 **Jan Knapp:** Now remain as is until we can revisit this - determine what we're doing - get the  
38 correct wording in.  
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40 **Tracy Derr:** Okay. Just so I know what I'm there's the whole thing confused me. So I just want to  
41 understand it.  
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43 **Jan Knapp:** Yeah, yeah. This is the way it reads now.

1 **Tracy Derr:** Well, the way it reads now is that it's a Communications Officer which was passed in  
2 2021, but it was just never updated. Is what you're saying?  
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4 **Jan Knapp:** The bylaws are exactly what the resolution says. It's never been changed since that  
5 passed. That's what Cheryl and I were doing were going back through. Cheryl, mostly, going  
6 back through notes and motions at conventions on things that never got changed. They were  
7 passed, but they never happened. Okay.  
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9 **Tracy Derr:** So it'll stay National Webmaster until other forms, or whatever in the future.  
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11 **Jan Knapp:** Yeah, because we're right back into this thing. Yeah, okay.  
12  
13 **Tracy Derr:** I get it. Thank you for clearing that up for me.  
14  
15 **Jan Knapp:** Yeah.  
16  
17 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Do we have any more discussions on this resolution?  
18  
19 **Cheryl Perez:** Just for the record to clarify that, Madam President - Cheryl Perez, National  
20 membership officer - we're not voting on a resolution. We're voting on -it's basically - just a new  
21 business motion.  
22  
23 **Jan Knapp:** Right.  
24  
25 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Any more discussion? I'm going to call for a vote. Everyone in favor of  
26 keeping it the wording the way it is, uh, let it be known with an Ay "Aye".  
27  
28 **Several Members:** Aye.  
29  
30 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Or nay, if you disagree? The "ayes" have it, and we will keep until you get  
31 together again, and things have changed. You're going to keep everything the way that it is.  
32 Okay, moving it right along. Judy, do we need to have a a roll call of voting members?  
33  
34 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Well, we don't have a contested election yet, and since I just did a roll call, I have  
35 everyone present that is on. So. And I just received a text from our message from Ms. Bilsky in  
36 Texas, and I do have her now marked on the roll call. Um, I don't think we need to do this until  
37 we find out if there's any other nominations and then we can do a second roll call.  
38  
39 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay.  
40  
41 **Cheryl Perez:** Madam President, Cheryl Perez, National Membership Officer. Yes, I also have. I  
42 agree. Unless we have a contested position, we we're not going to need to do credentials, but I  
43 have it prepared to find out how people want to take their vote, whether it's Charter, as a

1 national membership, I mean as a National Officer, as a PNP, or units with a delegate. So, in  
2 5 minutes, we can probably get through it all. Have our credentials like we would have them at  
3 a normal convention and be ready to vote by unit votes and Charter votes.  
4

5 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. We read letters of intent yesterday, and a few nominations came in  
6 from the floor. Today we will open up nominations again. Please hold your applause until the  
7 slate of offices have been cast. Fran Holtgreven has been nominated for the National President.  
8 Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other  
9 nominations? Nominations for the office of President has been closed. Fran, would you accept  
10 the nomination of President?

11 **Fran Holtgreven:** Madam President, I am honored to accept it. Thank you.  
12

13 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you. Teviah Gilliard has been nominated for National Senior Vice  
14 President. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any  
15 other nominations? Nominations for the office of Senior Vice President are now closed.  
16 Teviah, will you accept the nomination of Senior Vice President?

17 **Teviah Gilliard:** It's an Honor, I accept.  
18

19 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you so much. There were no nominations or letters of intent for  
20 National Junior Vice President. At time, at this time, are there any nominations? Are there any  
21 nominations? Are there any nominations? Madam Parliamentarian, how do we proceed from  
22 this?  
23

24 **Jan Knapp:** We have a vacant position. If we do an election later, there's a procedure.  
25

26 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Thank you. Tracy Derr has been nominated for National Treasurer.  
27 Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other  
28 nominations. Nominations for the office of National Treasurer are now closed.  
29 Tracy, will you accept the nomination of treasurer?

30 **Tracy Derr:** I do accept the nomination of Treasurer. Thank you.  
31

32 **Barbara Hale Ray:** You're welcome. Thank you. Linda Varejcka has been nominated for National  
33 Sergeant at Arms. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?  
34 Are there any other nominations? Nominations for the office of Sergeant at Arms are now  
35 closed. Linda, will you accept the nomination of Sergeant at Arms?

36 **Linda Varejcka:** I will be honored. Thank you.  
37

38 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Jan Knapp has been nominated for National Parliamentarian. Are there other  
39 nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations  
40 for the office of National Parliamentarian are now closed? Jan, will you accept the nomination  
41 of Parliamentarian?

42 **Jan Knapp:** I accept. Madam President for this year, and then whoever wants to be this, call me.  
43 Okay?

1 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, thank you. Nancy Lee Birchbach has been nominated for the 4 Year  
2 Finance Officer. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?  
3 Are there any other nominations? Nominations for the office of four-year Finance Office are  
4 now closed. Nancy Lee, will you accept the nomination of the four-year officer?

5 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Yes, Madam President, I will accept.  
6

7 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you. Linda Bellis has been nominated for Region 2 President. Are there  
8 any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?  
9 Nominations for the office of Region 2 President are now closed. Linda, will you accept the  
10 nomination of President?

11 **Linda Bellis:** It would be an honor to serve the MOPHA. Yes, I do.  
12

13 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you. Kay Jo Baucom has been nominated for Region 4 President.  
14 Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other  
15 nominations? Nominations for the office of Region 4 President are now closed. Kay Jo, would  
16 you accept the nomination of President?

17 **Kay Jo Baucom:** I will with honor. Thank you.  
18

19 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you. Doris Williams has been nominated for Region 5 President.  
20 Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other  
21 nominations? Nominations for the office of Region 5 President are now closed. Doris, would you  
22 accept the nomination of President?

23 **Doris Williams:** It would be my honor to accept. Thank you.  
24

25 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you. Madam Secretary, can you please cast your vote and read the  
26 final list of elected officers.  
27

28 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yes, ma'am.

29 -President Elect is Fran Holgreven

30 -Senior Vice President Elect: Teviah Gilliard.

31 -Treasurer: Tracy Derr

32 -Sergeant at Arms: Linda Varejcka

33 -Parliamentarian: Jan Knapp

34 -Four Year Finance Officer: Nancy Lee Birschbach

35 -Region 2 President: Linda Bellis

36 -Region 4 President: Kay Jo Baucom

37 -Region 5 President: Doris Williams

38 as National Secretary, I cast one vote for this slate of officers. Madam President, your elections  
39 are complete.  
40

41 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you. President-elect Fran Holtgreven, would you please name your  
42 secretary and installing officer?  
43

1 **Fran Holtgreven:** My secretary is Judy and my installing officer is you, Madam President.  
2 Barbara.  
3  
4 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you. Uh, let's see. Judy, can you call the role of officers elect, Madam?  
5 Secretary.  
6  
7 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I just did that.  
8  
9 **Barbara Hale Ray (With Officer-Elects repeating each line):** Okay. Everyone, please mute  
10 yourselves except for those whose name were just read. Then say - I'm going to say – Officers-  
11 Elect, please raise your hand over your heart and repeat after me: "I do solemnly promise".  
12 "That I will faithfully discharge" "The duties of the office which I am about to assume".  
13 "According to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Procedures". Okay. "Of the Military Order of the  
14 Purple Heart Auxiliary". "And any bylaws of this National Auxiliary". "To the best of my ability".  
15 "And that I will, at the close of my term". "Deliver all books". "Papers". "Money". "Other  
16 property belonging to this National Auxiliary". "To my successor". "And this I pledge".  
17  
18 **Judy Fiddler:** My honor  
19  
20 **Barbara Hale Ray:** "As a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary".  
21 **Officer Elects:** "As a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary".  
22  
23 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Before we ask if there is any other business to come before this convention, I  
24 would like to address that this convention is being recorded by Zoom with 2 backup recordings.  
25 Transcripts will be available as soon as possible, and Judy will send them out when they are  
26 completed. With that being said, is there any other business that needs to be addressed before I  
27 am pinned with the traditional Past National President Pin, that was fashioned after a pin worn  
28 by the former Past National Presidents.  
29  
30 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Madam President, this is Judy Fiddler: There is something I would like to say to  
31 everyone.  
32  
33 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay.  
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35 **JUDY FIDDLER:** This is going to be hard. Um, I have been doing this job for 12 years, and Fran  
36 will be my 13th president. After this term with Fran, I'm stepping down as National Secretary,  
37 and I'm hoping that somebody will step up and take my position to help Teviah into her term as  
38 president next year. Um, if there's anyone interested, they could please call me. I have a whole  
39 list of what my duties are, and I would be more than happy to help you get started with your  
40 tenure. So, that's the biggest thing I have to say.  
41  
42 **Jan Knapp:** You'd be a great mentor, Judy.  
43

1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I learned a lot from all of the 12 Presidents that I have already served under. And  
2 you would be one of them. You were my third.

3  
4 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Sorry to hear that Judy.

5  
6 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Well. I - it's something I just need to do.

7  
8 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yeah. Yeah. You know, when, when the time has come, you do. If there is  
9 nothing else, uh, I would like to let you know how great it was to serve you as the National  
10 President. Went through some difficult times, but in the end I was able to pull it out.  
11 Gwen, could you please offer the closing prayer?

12  
13 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam Chaplain, you're muted.

14  
15 **Cheryl Perez:** Madam President, I'm sorry. Cheryl Perez, I just um thought about. Don't we need  
16 to vote how the Ways and Means money is going to be distributed for the year? If we don't do it  
17 during the National Convention, then we don't have the the authority to to do anything with it.

18  
19 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Correct.

20  
21 **Barbara Hale Ray:** That is correct. Yes. Okay. We are -were given the information yesterday  
22 about how much money we have from the Ways and Means sales. At this time, I would like to  
23 ask for a motion, so that we can put this money, so it can be used by the Auxiliary.

24  
25 **Cheryl Perez:** Madam President.

26  
27 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Cheryl?

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29 **Cheryl Perez:** As National Membership Officer, I move that the Ways and Means amount - what  
30 was the amount of Ways and Means? What do we? What do we? How much was the Ways and  
31 Means?

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33 **Barbara Hale Ray:** 3,000.

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35 **Cheryl Perez:** How much?

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37 **Barbara Hale Ray:** I think it was 3,000. Is that right, Tev Tracy?

38  
39 **Jan Knapp:** 27 sixty. Oh

40 **Tracy Derr:** \$2,769.75.

41  
42 **Cheryl Perez:** So 2000. 7?

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1 **Tracy Derr:** 2,769 (inaudible)  
2  
3 **Cheryl Perez:** 2,770 and 70?  
4  
5 **Tracy Derr:** Sure.  
6  
7 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Aye.  
8  
9 **Cheryl Perez:** Okay? I move that the 2002 \$2,770 from Ways and Means be used moved into the  
10 HOV fund.  
11  
12 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, do we have anything?  
13  
14 **Terri Shattuck:** I'll second that motion.  
15  
16 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. It has been...  
17  
18 **Terri Shattuck:** PNP Terri Shattuck.  
19  
20 **Barbara Hale Ray:** It has a motioned and second, that this money be moved. Do we have any  
21 discussions before we vote?  
22  
23 **Tracy Derr:** You're saying to HOV, right Cheryl?  
24  
25 **Cheryl Perez:** Correct. Yes. Okay. Good.  
26  
27 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Hearing none. All in favor of the money being moved. Aye?  
28  
29 **Several Members:** Aye  
30  
31 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Nos, nay? The money that we made from Ways and Means will now be  
32 transferred into our HOV account. Remember that money is out there for you to use. We have  
33 several activities that will be coming up in the fall of the year and uh I know all of you would like  
34 to help the veterans, nursing homes, or wherever. So, go ahead and get your basically together  
35 so that you can get some money we need to spend. So that's going to be our thing - is spend  
36 spend.  
37  
38 **Terri Shattuck:** And the applications are online.  
39  
40 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes, and if you have any problems getting your your application, please let  
41 someone know. Any of us should be able to get it for you. Okay.  
42  
43 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** Madam President?

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2 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes?  
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4 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** Anita Hunt-Trevino. Unit 1836. Are we going to be limited to the \$250 for  
5 the application? Is that the limit?  
6  
7 **Tracy Derr:** Yea. HOV. HOV is that limit.  
8  
9 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** Ok. Thank you.  
10  
11 **Tracy Derr:** CDCE is up to 2,000. We don't have any in it at the moment, but we - I will work on  
12 that next week.  
13  
14 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** Ok. Thank you.  
15  
16 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Nancy?  
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18 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Question. In Wisconsin, the Madison VA Middleton, they are looking for a  
19 site for the Fisher House. Is there any? Can we take - that - ask for money for the Fisher House  
20 through one of the sources?  
21  
22 **Linda Varejcka:** Not until it is turned over to the actual VA. The uh, in building it - they have  
23 their own foundation and we can't use any of our foundation money to give to another  
24 foundation. Once the Fisher house is complete and people move in and the keys are turned  
25 over under the jurisdiction of the VA. Then you can use Grant money to help out in that sense.  
26  
27 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Thank you very much.  
28  
29 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay? Any more questions about the the money or how do you get it? Gloria,  
30 did you have?  
31  
32 **Gloria Sanchez:** I don't have a question.  
33  
34 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Alright!  
35  
36 **Linda Varejcka:** Madam President?  
37  
38 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes.  
39  
40 **Linda Varejcka:** To those on the system: go to your VAs. They all have needs lists. This money  
41 can be used at the C-box, at the VAs, at the community living centers. That is your source to find  
42 out the things that they need. They are in need of several items, especially working with the  
43 social workers who work with the homeless and the less fortunate veterans. This is the time of

1 year when the needs become greater. All through the summer, the need for groceries for these  
2 people has been great. Weather is starting to change, so um they'll be looking for clothes items  
3 and things like that. But get a needs list. Work closely with your VA Volunteer Service Officers -  
4 the Volunteer Coordinators - in checking with what. I want to emphasize that even though you  
5 see an item on the needs list, to go ahead and call your volunteer coordinator and make sure  
6 that item still is in need, because sometimes, cause because those needs lists goes out to all  
7 organizations. And I wouldn't want you donating something that someone else has already  
8 submitted a large amount to. So, work closely, if you have any, if you have any VA facilities close  
9 to you. If not, you can still get the list. If you aren't close to a VA, you could still get the needs list  
10 from them, and you can send it. You can order on Amazon and have it delivered right to them,  
11 but always remember to save your receipts and to get the letter that it was received by the VA.  
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13 **Terri Shattuck:** (inaudible) Linda.  
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15 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Linda? Bellis? Go ahead, Linda  
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17 **Linda Bellis:** Madam President, um on the VA needs, do not do a sock drive. A lot of the VAs are  
18 inundated with socks, and I just found out when they ask for underwear, they only want boxer-  
19 type underwear. No more of the - I call them the white DVDs. You know the really snug ones.  
20 They can't even give those away. All the men want boxer shorts and we have a community  
21 where the every 3rd Saturday will go down to the homeless and try to give the white BBDs  
22 away, and no one will take them. So let your units and your department know when they want  
23 underwear. They want boxers. So save your money. Thank you.  
24

25 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you. Great information. Any more things you would like to share?  
26 Okay. Now we are going to virtually retire the colors. However, we'll keep them physically  
27 posted for our next meeting. And now I will be pinned with a Past National Presidency Pin. And  
28 Madam President Holtgreven's husband, Bill, will remove her former cover, and place her  
29 National President, cover upon her head, and Pin her with the National President's Pin right  
30 afterwards, and I'll close the convention.  
31

32 **Colleen Orfanello:** President, do you have Patriot Roy to put the cap on your head?  
33

34 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes. Let me get him. So he's in the shower, ladies.  
35

36 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam President, I'm going to find the video that I - we recorded just in case  
37 something happened with the audio. So, I'm going to find that and if you'd like to move on to  
38 Bill placing Madam President Elect's, I guess Madam President's, cover on, we could do that.  
39

40 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, that's fine.  
41

42 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam President Holtgreven, do you have Bill to remove your cover and  
43 place your President's cover on?

1  
2 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yes, ma'am (Bill places Cover and Pin on Fran Holtgreven)  
3  
4 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Nice. Okay. Had a new president. Okay? Did you find a video? Colleen?  
5  
6 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam President, I'm having a couple - a little difficulty - making it work  
7 right now.  
8  
9 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Okay. This has been a fun year, ladies, I want to thank you for always  
10 being there and allowing us to come in once a month to entertain you, to give you updates,  
11 keep you posted. It was a pleasure doing all those things, looking for items to discuss, to make  
12 you informed. And one thing I would like to make sure you always do is to have your cup of tea.  
13 You have to take that time for yourself. No one's gonna do it for you. So, that cup of tea is very  
14 important.  
15  
16 **Gloria Sanchez:** Thank you for that.  
17  
18 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Oh, you're welcome. Fran. Do you have the President's pin?  
19  
20 **Barbara Hale Ray:** The old one.  
21  
22 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yep.  
23  
24 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Oh, okay.  
25  
26 **Fran Holtgreven:** You sent it to me.  
27  
28 **Barbara Hale Ray:** No, no, no. I didn't know if you put it on.  
29  
30 **Fran Holtgreven:** Bill did.  
31  
32 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. All right. I was going to ask you to show it. So the people that have not  
33 seen it can see it.  
34  
35 **Fran Holtgreven:** Let me take it off.  
36  
37 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** Madam President?  
38  
39 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes, Anita.  
40 **Anita Hunt-Trevino:** Anita, Unit 1836, On behalf of our unit 1836, I'd like to congratulate our  
41 new Madam President Fran Holtgreven and pledge to her our full support from Unit 1836.  
42 We've got your back this coming year, and I know you'll do a fantastic job. Thank you.  
43

1 **Fran Holtgreven:** Thank You, Anita. Thank you.  
2  
3 **Terri Shattuck:** Is next year's? I'm sorry, Terri Shattuck, PNP. Next year's convention is in Reno  
4 from what I understand?  
5  
6 **Jan Knapp:** Yeah.  
7  
8 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yes.  
9  
10 **Tracy Derr:** That's the plan.  
11  
12 **JUDY FIDDLER:** And I believe the dates are July 14th through the 17th or 18<sup>th</sup>. It's going to be a  
13 four-day convention.  
14  
15 **Tracy Derr:** You said 14<sup>th</sup>? I'm sorry. Could you repeat that?  
16  
17 **JUDY FIDDLER:** July 14<sup>th</sup>, 15th 16th and 17th I believe.  
18  
19 **Tracy Derr:** Oh, I have a um. Patriot Wallot brought this back from convention to show you  
20 where we'll be staying. Can everybody see that? (**Presenting hotel brochure on Zoom Screen**).  
21  
22 **Terri Shattuck:** Oh, yay!  
23  
24 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Nugget Casino.  
25  
26 **Tracy Derr:** The Nugget Casino. Just a little.  
27  
28 **Jan Knapp:** Are those the \$30 burgers, Tracy?  
29  
30 **Tracy Derr:** 42.50.  
31  
32 **Jan Knapp:** 42, ah.  
33  
34 **Tracy Derr:** We'll split one, Jan?  
35  
36 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Are you serious?  
37  
38 **Tracy Derr:** Save our dollars for the machines, Jan!  
39  
40 **Jan Knapp:** Exactly. Yeah.  
41  
42 **Tracy Derr:** I've never been to Reno. I'm kind of excited about Reno. Not in the summertime, but  
43 maybe.

1  
2 **Terri Shattuck:** Is is there any information out on that yet? Or just.  
3  
4 **Tracy Derr:** Here's the layout of the actual hotel.  
5  
6 **Barbara Hale Ray:** So, were you serious about the cost of the burgers?  
7  
8 **Tracy Derr:** No, no.  
9  
10 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay.  
11  
12 **Tracy Derr:** We're laughing because, 1st of all, if I'm going to Las Vegas or Nevada, I'm going to  
13 In and Out. It's a drive through. It's the best burger you'll ever have in your life.  
14  
15 **Tracy Derr:** (Inaudible) eat the casino burger.  
16  
17 **Tracy Derr:** But what is that crazy-haired guy with the white? The chef that time?  
18  
19 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Guy Guy Fiere  
20  
21 **Tracy Derr:** Fieri Burgers are really good. So, if there's a Guy Fieri restaurant in the casino, we  
22 could do that.  
23  
24 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Wow!  
25  
26 **Tracy Derr:** Maybe I'll drive. Anybody wants to drive with me, Terri?  
27  
28 **Jan Knapp:** We'll buy a motor home. We already talked about.  
29  
30 **Tracy Derr:** We'll caravan!  
31  
32 **Jan Knapp:** Motorhome. Yeah.  
33  
34 **Tracy Derr:** It's the best drive ever.  
35  
36 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam.  
37  
38 **Terri Shattuck:** Jan.  
39  
40 **Colleen Orfanello:** Past National President, Barbara. I am not. It's not popping up. It's not able  
41 to be seen.  
42  
43 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Oh, okay.

1  
2 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam President, I would like to be able to record you with, um. Can you  
3 place the Pin on yourself?  
4  
5 **Barbara Hale Ray:** I can do that. I was. I can look and see if he's in here, too.  
6  
7 **Becky Amaya:** I have a question. Is it appropriate for us, at her unit, to do that at our next unit  
8 meeting? Record it and pass it on for the record?  
9  
10 **Jan Knapp:** Just for the web web page. Wouldn't it work.  
11  
12 **Colleen Orfanello:** Yes, ma'am, bet Becky, when you're ready for the next unit, please let me  
13 know, and I can give you the host key, or I can be on to record the meeting, and I'll be more than  
14 happy to do it. We did record it in case there was any audio issues. But now I'm having issues  
15 with my recording, and I feel horrible. But I will. We will put it on the website. Becky, you did  
16 bring up important point. I am your webmaster, and I am here for you. So if you have  
17 Zoom Meetings - I know, like you know - Texas 1836, a lot of people hold off Zoom Meetings  
18 monthly. I'm here for you. I will set that up. We have Chaplain Chats quarterly for Zoom. I know  
19 afraid it's going to be announcing this, but on the 3rd Thursday of every month we have Zoom  
20 Meetings for the general population. We have leadership meetings. I'm here for you. So if you  
21 do need a Zoom Meeting set up, please let me know. Webmaster.MOPHA@GMAIL.com  
22  
23 **JUDY FIDDLER:** This is Judy. I just want to let everybody know. Once we close this meeting out,  
24 we are going to go into an NEC meeting and um everyone is welcome to view. The only  
25 participants can be the National Officers, or the National Executive Committee. They're the only  
26 ones that can speak and have a vote on any issues, um but everyone is welcome to stay and um  
27 watch. And following that meeting we have our post NFC Meeting of Finance committee. So -  
28 you're - the same rules apply there. You can view, you just won't have a voice or vote.  
29  
30 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, he's coming. I wanted to show everybody my pin. Can you see it?  
31  
32 **Judy Fiddler:** Yep!  
33  
34 **Tracy Derr:** Oh, that's beautiful!  
35  
36 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you.  
37  
38 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Tracy, you could have one too, someday.  
39  
40 **Tracy Derr:** Well, you know It's funny. Is we - Judy and I talked about strategies like, well, maybe  
41 we could get Linda Bellis to be Treasurer, and then I could run for Junior Vice this year, and then  
42 there's always something going on with Treasurer, and then Judy's leaving. I'm like "I can't do

1 this without you”, Judy. And I had a pact and we were supposed to stay together, and we were  
2 supposed to leave the same year. Be a big, upset that we lose the secretary and the treasurer.  
3  
4 **JUDY FIDDLER:** That’s next year.  
5  
6 **Tracy Derr:** So. So, it's coming. I just don't know when. And you know this is my 10th year as  
7 Treasurer, and I do love it. I just, you know, and and it make you make things your own and your  
8 baby, and you don't want to like let it go. But it does have to go at some point to somebody else.  
9 So, and both Judy and I have always wanted to do the chairs, too. So who knows what's round  
10 the corner, but y'all y'all seem so stressed out, that it makes me not want to do it.  
11  
12 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Well.  
13  
14 **Linda Bellis:** Madam President.  
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16 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes, Linda.  
17  
18 **Linda Bellis:** She is in this. She is the best Treasurer. She has to stay.  
19  
20 **Tracy Derr:** I just love you, ladies.  
21  
22 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yeah, she does.  
23  
24 **Tracy Derr:** You're also good for me, making me feel good about myself.  
25  
26 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thanks to that.  
27  
28 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Thanks to your Daddy. Thanks to your Daddy. Give your daddy credit, girl.  
29  
30 **Tracy Derr:** My dad is so amazing, and I will say that he was the person who talked to me into  
31 this. But it's really Jan's fault because she called him and said “We should have her do this”. So  
32 we'll blame Jan for all these problems that I create. I do love it, and I do love him, and he's here.  
33 He said he would like to say Hi to you guys if – if - he was - he was welcomed at the meeting,  
34 and I because we were doing um officer voting. I didn't know. Dennis, come say hello to the  
35 ladies!  
36  
37 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Bring him out! Bring him out!  
38  
39 **Several Members:** (Inaudible). Bring him out!  
40  
41 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yeah.  
42  
43 **Terri Shattuck:** He's coming out, ladies, I (Inaudible).

1  
2 **Tracy Derr:** I did look up the menu, too, real quick. And one of the restaurants called Rosie's  
3 Café, and burgers are like 15, 16 \$17. So, that's kind of normal-ish in the world we live in.  
4  
5 **Colleen Orfanello:** We do want to do want to explain what Dennis does for us, because the new  
6 people on the phone they don't understand...  
7  
8 **Tracy Derr:** Oh, yeah.  
9  
10 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** How crucial he is.  
11  
12 **Tracy Derr:** So Patriot Wallot is my dad, and he actually manages our investment at E-trade for  
13 us. And he's the one who made us our 24% last year. You wanna sit in my seat?  
14  
15 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** No.  
16  
17 **Tracy Derr:** No? I'll just turn the uh. And so he's always looking for ways to make us money and  
18 he he does it with his heart and soul, and he loves this job that he does. Let me see if I can.  
19 There he is.  
20  
21 **Collective Group:** Hi Dennis and whoos.  
22  
23 **Jan Knapp:** And he'll sing for you, too.  
24  
25 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** Purple Heart Shirt.  
26  
27 **Tracy Derr:** Purple heart shirt.  
28  
29 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Nice.  
30  
31 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** Real men wear pink, you know.  
32  
33 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes, yes.  
34  
35 **Colleen Orfanello:** Thank you so much, Dennis.  
36  
37 **Tracy Derr:** Gotta see the shorts though. Hold on.  
38  
39 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Oh  
40  
41 **Gloria Sanchez:** Oh, he's not.  
42  
43 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Ha!

1  
2 **Gloria Sanchez:** Looking, good looking, good.  
3  
4 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yeah, Looking Good!  
5  
6 **Kay Jo Baucom:** Go.  
7  
8 **Tracy Derr:** You're the man.  
9  
10 **Judy Fiddler:** Nothing will beat that Detroit Tigers suit though.  
11  
12 **Undisclosed Members:** (Inaudible)  
13  
14 **Tracy Derr:** In Dallas. And in 150 degrees in Dallas, and he's in a full suit on a baseball field.  
15  
16 **Terri Shattuck:** It's all about the Tigers, Tracy.  
17  
18 **Tracy Derr:** I love that. And I remember Sherry and I and you were standing down at the ball  
19 field, and she's going to (Inaudible) say hello to me, I love you! He was so annoyed.  
20  
21 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Oh my!  
22  
23 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** Who's that? Sherry?  
24  
25 **Tracy Derr:** Sherry Kramer. Yep. Yep. Would you like to speak about anything?  
26  
27 **Patriot Dennis Wallot?** Our cow milker  
28  
29 Tracy Derr: Our cow milker. Yea. Good ol' Sherry.  
30  
31 Patriot Dennis Wallot: No. I just hopefully, everybody's happy with the percent that we got last  
32 year on your money.  
33  
34 Terri Shattuck: Yes!  
35  
36 Gloria Shattuck: Yes!  
37  
38 **JUDY FIDDLER:** We are.  
39  
40 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** Oh that wasn't too bad!  
41 **Barbara Hale Ray:** No.  
42

1 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** And the money's been transferred to your account so you can spend that  
2 when you want to.  
3  
4 **Tracy Derr:** Tell them about CDs.  
5  
6 **Terri Shattuck:** We're thinking CDs.  
7  
8 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** Yeah, depending on when you want these funds, what you want to do is  
9 you want to ladder the CDs 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, and when one becomes due, then  
10 you just roll it, roll it, roll it to the next level up. That way, you've always got available cash  
11 within a 3 month period. If you ever have to take it out and pay the penalty, it's usually one  
12 quarter's interest. So, we'll say it paid 4%. They're going to charge you 1% to take it out early.  
13 Therefore, all your money's not being penalized. You break it into 3 separate deals. That's only  
14 if you need the money, or you wait till it matures.  
15  
16 **Terri Shattuck:** Awesome. That's a very good explanation. Thank you, Dennis.  
17  
18 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** That's plain stuff for Lucy. Everybody's going to Reno next year?  
19  
20 **Several Members:** Yes!  
21  
22 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** Everybody glad I brought up on the floor, you get 30 grand?  
23  
24 **Collective Group:** Yes/Thank you.  
25  
26 **Barbara Hale Ray:** We appreciate you.  
27  
28 **Colleen Orfanello:** Thank you so much.  
29  
30 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** Very Good.  
31  
32 **Tracy Derr:** Good. It's a huge help for us.  
33  
34 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Ok. I have.  
35  
36 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** Any questions for me about your investments at all.  
37  
38 **Terri Shattuck:** They're doing fine. We're good.  
39  
40 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** Okay.  
41  
42 **Jan Knapp:** It's like asking your kids to make dinner, Dennis.  
43

1 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** What do you mean?  
2  
3 **Tracy Derr:** They won't.  
4  
5 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** Oh.  
6  
7 **Tracy Derr:** Okay, I'll let you do it. They don't want to do the work.  
8  
9 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** Got it. Got it. That was Jan, right?  
10  
11 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah. So you know Jan's voice?  
12  
13 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** That was Jan and Terri's on there. I know Terri.  
14  
15 **Terri Shattuck:** Oh, yeah, yeah, I'm here.  
16  
17 **Tracy Derr:** I see your face.  
18  
19 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Yeah.  
20  
21 **Tracy Derr:** There's Eileen! He loves Eileen.  
22  
23 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** Yeah. Hi my dear.  
24  
25 **Tracy Derr:** And Kay Jo and Gwen!  
26  
27 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** Oh, the one year Eileen gave me that lobster, oyster tray, or something I  
28 auctioned. Off I went. I got no idea what this is, but there it is.  
29  
30 **Tracy Derr:** And there's Gwen.  
31  
32 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** Well hello Glen Gwen.  
33  
34 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah. And there's Fran is our new President, Barbara's our outgoing president. Who  
35 else is on here? Becky Amaya, Darlene Rogers and Judy, Judy, Judy.  
36  
37 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Everybody.  
38  
39 **Tracy Derr:** Dixie Pickert and Nancy Lee Birschbach.  
40  
41 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** Hello, Dixie Pickart! How's your man doing?  
42 **Tracy Derr:** Muted? Maybe. Okay.  
43

1 **Colleen Orfanello:** Patriot Roy is also on.  
2  
3 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes, he is!  
4  
5 **Tracy Derr:** Roy is also on.  
6  
7 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** Okay!  
8  
9 **Tracy Derr:** There's just a lot of us on here, like 55 people on here.  
10  
11 **Undisclosed Member:** (inaudible).  
12  
13 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Fantastic.  
14  
15 **Tracy Derr:** That camera was a good deal for you. Yeah, cameras a good deal. I bought a camera  
16 so he's happy with the camera. Maybe we'll get him to get one.  
17  
18 **Patriot Dennis Wallot:** Alright. Okay, ladies.  
19  
20 **Several Members:** (Saying goodbyes)  
21  
22 **Cheryl Perez,** Madam President?  
23  
24 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes.  
25  
26 **Cheryl Perez:** Cheryl Perez, National Membership Officer. I move that we move the rebate  
27 money into a laddered CD as determined by our treasurer and financial advisor and through the  
28 the National Finance Committee um input too.  
29  
30 **Terri Shattuck:** Madam sec, second it?  
31  
32 **Gloria Sanchez:** Second it too  
33  
34 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Well, which President?  
35  
36 **Cheryl Perez:** Well, Fran is the President now.  
37  
38 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yeah.  
39  
40 **JUDY FIDDLER:** The meeting. The meeting has not closed, so it's still Barbara. Okay.  
41  
42 **Jan Knapp:** Still, Barbara, yeah. Okay.  
43

1 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Let's.  
2  
3 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Fran is only president-elect.  
4  
5 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. We have just heard from um Cheryl Perez and we need to move our -  
6 she wants to move our money - rebate money - rebate money into a CD.  
7  
8 **Terri Shattuck:** Ladder.  
9  
10 **Cheryl Perez:** Laddered.  
11  
12 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Laddered CD. Okay, where it goes in increments. Do we have any discussion  
13 on that?  
14  
15 **Cheryl Perez:** Yes, I would. I would just like to say that. The reason I I bring it up now rather than  
16 wait for the post, NEC and all that is we - the authority is here now to give the authority to do it.  
17 If we wait till the post NFC, and the post NEC, then this needs to be ratified at the next year's  
18 convention. So we can  
19  
20 **Kay Jo Baucom:** So we just need to get the (Inaudible).  
21  
22 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Anything else? With that being said, we are going to - I'm going to call  
23 for a vote. All in favor? Yay?  
24  
25 **Several Members:** Aye  
26  
27 **Barbara Hale Ray:** "Aye?" (Pronounced like Nay but said Aye). It has been motioned and  
28 second that we take our money and make money. Okay.  
29  
30 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Motion carried.  
31  
32 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Huh? Motion carried okay. Motion carried. Alright. Colleen, what did you  
33 want Roy to do? Take my hat?  
34  
35 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam President, I would like for President, I'm sorry - Comman - Patriot  
36 Roy Ray to place the Past National President's Pin upon your lapel.  
37  
38 Thank you, Madam President, congratulations for a job well done!  
39  
40 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Does he take my hat off?  
41  
42 **JUDY FIDDLER:** No, that's yours.  
43

1 **Terri Shattuck:** That's your hat.  
2  
3 **COLLEEN ORFANELLO:** You've earned that cover.  
4  
5 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay.  
6  
7 **Patriot Roy Ray:** Thought that was going in my archive.  
8  
9 **Barbara Hale Ray:** No, it's not. I now declare this meeting adjourned.  
10  
11 **Fran Holtgreven:** Madam President, Madam President, may I make a announcement? Please.  
12  
13 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes.  
14  
15 **Fran Holtgreven:** Before we all leave. I would like to if you leave, and don't attend the NEC  
16 meetings. I would like to let you know that we will be on Zoom the 15<sup>th</sup>, the 3rd Thursday of the  
17 month, and I hope you can join because I'm going to give you what my agenda is for the coming  
18 year. So, let's get a good amount of people so that they can hear this on Zoom and I hope to see  
19 you all the 15th Thank you.  
20  
21 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Madam President, before we close I have something to say. Some of  
22 you will be receiving another gift from me. And I hope that if it's not the right size, I just wanted  
23 you to have it, but I I bought what they had. So I'm closing out my year with the following:  
24 (shows a "We can do it" shirt).  
25  
26 **Linda Varejcka:** Beautiful  
27  
28 **Several Members:** Nice/Thank you  
29  
30 **Barabra Hale Ray:** So you can have a little memo of me.  
31  
32 **Tracy Derr:** I did get that as well, Barbara. Thank you so much. It's so cute.  
33  
34 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Oh, thank!  
35  
36 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Thank you. Thank you.  
37  
38 **Fran Holtgreven:** Thank you.  
39  
40 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Did you get the coin?  
41  
42 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yes.  
43

1 **Tracy Derr:** I did get the coin. It's in my collection. I have a purple heart collection - coin, coin  
2 collection.  
3  
4 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay. Oh.  
5  
6 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Beautiful.  
7  
8 **Tracy Derr:** It was all yeah, all together in one box.  
9  
10 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes. He packed it well.  
11  
12 **Tracy Derr:** I was going say, did he do that for you?  
13  
14 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes.  
15  
16 **Tracy Derr:** Very well.  
17  
18 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Thank you. Do we have anything yet?  
19  
20 **Linda Varejcka:** Barbara, did UPS deliver anything to you yesterday?  
21  
22 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes. Yes. Okay.  
23  
24 **Linda Varejcka:** That's all I needed to know. Thank you.  
25  
26 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Yes, yes. Thank you. Beautiful. Yes, UPS was on time. Yeah. Yeah. And it's  
27 unpacked. Okay, thank you. And I will be calling you, Linda. So, do we have anything else before  
28 I walk out the door on the white horse? Okay, Madam President. This meeting is now adjointed  
29 and I'll be moving away. Thank you.  
30  
31 **Collective Group:** Thank you!  
32  
33 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Gwen? Okay. Gwen?  
34  
35 **Colleen Orfanello:** Where is Gwen?  
36  
37 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** I am here. Can you hear me?  
38  
39 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yes.  
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41 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Alright. Greetings Auxiliary members. This is a mixed emotion feeling, if  
42 you will, because, Barbara - Madam President Barbara - it's also a friend and so is Judy. So just  
43 bear with me for a moment, please, if you will. In the meantime, I have a couple of prayer

1 requests for Sherry Kramer, and also a lady in Wisconsin. Right now, I can't remember her name  
2 but anyone else that has prayer requests in their hearts and mind, and for ourselves. Let's just  
3 keep them in mind. And also a solid moment, please, for those who are not with us and Past  
4 National Presidents. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it,  
5 purposely, And this we have done. Let us bow our heads and hearts in reverence to our God.  
6 Father God, we just give You all the honor and praise for who You are and what You are what  
7 you have done, and what You are doing, and what You are going to do. Your holy words, as to  
8 whom much is given, (Inaudible) required. Lord, we like to think that we've met those  
9 requirements as this Past National President, her leadership team as come through and brought  
10 forth and produce wonderful results. Even those that were at times very challenging, but  
11 through Your Your godly wisdom and Your strength they were able to meet it. And as it is passed  
12 on to the new - new slate of leadership, Lord God, we also ask for that same godly wisdom and  
13 strength to carry them through to meet those challenges that come forth as they seek You, as  
14 we seek You, regardless to what it is. Lord, whether it's in in the organization, organization  
15 challenges, or even in our personal lives, Lord. And we thank you, Lord. We thank You for it all,  
16 because it's through it all, Lord that we are connecting one to another. Thank you for that, Lord.  
17 And as we pass on, Lord God, that that that torch, one to another, yet connected to each other.  
18 may we continue to have what You give, and that is the love, the joy, and the peace, and yes,  
19 Your mercy, Lord as we see our vision for our organization, organization-vision that Your will will  
20 be done according to Your grace and mercy that You will still get the honor out of it, as we serve  
21 our veterans, their families, each other, and the nation, if you will, Lord. Let us also see beyond  
22 the borders of the United States of America. Thank You. Lord, thank You. Thank You. Thank You.  
23 Now, Lord, we just pray that to meet the duties that are set before us as the stores that You  
24 have designated us for, and that we've been elected for. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. To  
25 each member that is present, and those who are not present, may the blessings of the Lord be  
26 upon You and may you go in peace and get some rest, and may His His mercy and love be with  
27 you always from this day forward, and his most holy and precious name of Jesus, we pray, Amen  
28

29 **Several Members:** Amen!

30  
31 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam President Holtgreven, would you like to take a small break so people  
32 can socialize for 5 min before your next - your NEC Meeting?  
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34 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yes, that's a good idea. Thank you.  
35

36 **Colleen Orfanello:** Congratulations to everyone.  
37

38 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Amen!

2024  
Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary

Minutes of the  
91st Virtual National Convention  
**POST Finance Committee Meeting**

August 10, 2024

1 **Terri Shattuck:** Hello, Ladies. I'm going to call this meeting to order and, as you know, Tracy's got  
2 all the figures for us. I am just a little confused on what we may have passed. I guess, in the  
3 convention. I get and the rebates. Somebody needs to clarify that for me.  
4  
5 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Madam Chair can I do? Roll, call? Please.  
6  
7 **Terri Shattuck:** Sure.  
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9 **JUDY FIDDLER:** 1st year, Terri Shattuck.  
10 **Terri Shattuck:** Present.  
11  
12 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Second year, Gloria Sanchez.  
13 **Gloria Sanchez:** Present.  
14  
15 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Third year, Kay Jo Baucom.  
16 **Kay Jo Baucom:** Present  
17  
18 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Four-year Nancy Lee Birschbach.  
19 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Present. Present.  
20  
21 **JUDY FIDDLER:** President Fran Holtgreven.  
22 **Fran Holtgreven:** Present.  
23  
24 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Senior Vice President, Teviah Gilliard.  
25 **Teviah Gilliard:** Present.  
26  
27 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Treasurer Tracy Derr.  
28 **Tracy Derr:** Present  
29  
30 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Secretary, Judy Fiddler. Present.  
31 Madam, chair, there's your roll call. Now. You can hit it.  
32  
33 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay. Tracy, are you still here?  
34  
35 **Tracy Derr:** No?  
36  
37 **Terri Shattuck:** No? You left?  
38  
39 **Tracy Derr:** I'm out.  
40  
41 **Terri Shattuck:** Did not leave.  
42  
43 **Tracy Derr:** I'm here for forever.

1 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay.  
2  
3 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Well, I'm sorry.  
4  
5 **Terri Shattuck:** Good.  
6  
7 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Judy, I have one more thing. We need to elect a new chair.  
8  
9 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay.  
10  
11 **JUDY FIDDLER:** From the voting members.  
12  
13 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay, does anyone have any idea? Any motion?  
14  
15 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** I nominate Terri Shattuck.  
16  
17 **Fran Holtgreven:** I second that.  
18  
19 **Gloria Sanchez:** I second.  
20  
21 **Terri Shattuck:** We have me as the nomination. It's been seconded. Is there any discussion?  
22 Hearing none? All those in favor?  
23  
24 **Collective Group:** Aye  
25  
26 **Terri Shattuck:** Opposed? Motion carries.  
27  
28 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay. Now you can do it.  
29  
30 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay, Tracy, would you please clarify what we're doing with the rebate from our  
31 membership fund this year?  
32  
33 **Tracy Derr:** It was passed. Tracy Derr, National Treasurer. Let me grab my friend, Nancy Lee's  
34 email, which I had handy right here somewhere. Put it in with my words. There it is. It was  
35 decided and passed that 75, 25. So 75% of the 86,715.85 will go to national, and 25% will be  
36 divided amongst units and departments. The split for units and departments would be 30%  
37 units and 20% of that, 25% whole would be for departments. The totals on that would be  
38 \$65,036. 88 to national, 21,678.96 cents for units and departments.  
39  
40 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay. Very good then. And we did decide to layer, or what did you call it?  
41  
42 **Tracy Derr:** Ladder.  
43

1 **Terri Shattuck:** Ladder.

2

3 **Tracy Derr:** I will get with our Chase Bank representative next week and then come up with  
4 whatever plan he feels is the best and then I'll send an email to the finance Committee with  
5 those results. Obviously, I would need a warrant to do that to move money from anywhere to  
6 anywhere. So at that time we would decide it and move forward with how it would be handled.

7

8 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay.

9

10 **Tracy Derr:** So that amount would be \$65,036.88 for the CD because the rest is going to be  
11 distributed in December for rebates. Anything that gets bounced back or not cashed from units  
12 and departments just becomes part of the general fund eventually.

13

14 **Terri Shattuck:** Alright?

15

16 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Can Tracy - you're gonna send us uh a breakdown of of 3 months in that,  
17 and then we decide

18

19 **Tracy Derr:** We'll send a breakdown of everything before I would even do anything.

20

21 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Yeah and

22

23 **Tracy Derr:** I don't have the power to do (inaudible)

24

25 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** (inaudible) we would decide on how much we would put in to each?  
26 Okay?

27

28 **Tracy Derr:** Um. I thought it was decided that we would put the whole amount. Oh yeah. Into  
29 each one. Yeah. Yeah. And I want to go over that with Marion. He's the bank manager that I  
30 work with on what he thinks, and then present it to you all.

31

32 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Okay.

33

34 **Tracy Derr:** So look for a meeting on that.

35

36 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay. Now, my next question to the members of the Finance Committee is what  
37 are we going to do with Ways and Means this year?

38

39 **Tracy Derr:** We voted it. Oh, without a Junior Vice, you mean?

40 **Terri Shattuck:** Without a Junior Vice.

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42 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah, there's no fundraising. I received a lovely email from one of my favorite people  
43 saying that they're not raising their hand for the position, but they'd be happy to help with that.

1 So maybe we could talk further with that person. Let me find the email and read that. I thought  
2 that was very generous, considering this person. Maybe we can guess this person is as big a  
3 volunteer, if not bigger than Terri Shattuck, so I.

4

5 **Terri Shattuck:** I would say Linda

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7 **Tracy Derr:** It is. I thought that was very kind and very, very thoughtful, very thinking of, you  
8 know, us and the organization always, always, Linda. She said, what did she say? I thought that  
9 was Linda.

10

11 **Fran Holtgreven:** I got it here. You want me to read it for you?

12

13 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah, go ahead. I I pulled the wrong email from her.

14

15 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay.

16

17 **Tracy Derr:** Here it is.

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19 **Fran Holtgreven:** Oh, you got it?

20

21 **Tracy Derr:** I got it. I don't know if anyone has stepped up for Junior Vice yet. Those who I  
22 thought would be good, and I've talked to, declined. I know that some organizations not  
23 necessarily having a Junior Vice at times. No, I'm not putting my name in; but, I will let you know  
24 that I would be happy to help with the Ways and Means portion of the job if no one comes  
25 forward. I do not wish to be involved with the budget resolutions, and I could easily help with  
26 Ways and Means, especially since I've told Fran I would help with fundraising next year. Hope  
27 someone comes forward, but I just thought I would let you know my thoughts. If no one comes  
28 forward. IF in capital letters, I will really hate for us to twist the arm of someone that doesn't  
29 want the job and doesn't carry through or drops the ball. Linda V.

30

31 **Terri Shattuck:** Allright.

32

33 **Tracy Derr:** So we have, we have some help. Obviously we should - maybe you make a a Ways  
34 and Means group or solid couple of people it shouldn't fall, maybe all and Linda V. She's very  
35 busy, too. So that is a great question, Terri, and that's the farthest I've gotten with that answer.

36

37 **Gloria Sanchez:** Let me ask a question. Is it possible, which I'm just thinking outside of the box,  
38 that just popped in my head? Is it possible to, maybe the President National President could  
39 appoint like a committee. Could it be a committee? A Ways? And then you could ask for you  
40 know Linda could be a part of that and ask for other members who would be willing to work on  
41 the committee until maybe down the road. We may be able to find someone that would be  
42 willing to step up for the Junior Vice.

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1 **Fran Holtgreven:** I think that's a good idea, Gloria. I had thought of that, too.  
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3 **Kay Jo Baucom:** I would love.  
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5 **Terri Shattuck:** Oh, I will help her.  
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7 **Kay Jo Baucom:** I would love to be on the committee with Linda. (Inaudible)  
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9 **Fran Holtgreven:** Can I be on it too? Well, we got a bunch here. So, you know  
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11 **Barbara Counihan:** Excuse me, ladies, this is Barbara Counihan from Nebraska. I'm not a  
12 member of your committee, of course, but I just want to give you a point of information. At our  
13 Nebraska department meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>, we voted to do a fundraiser for the National Ways  
14 and Means. And we didn't start implementing that until July 1st basically because our treasurer  
15 was out of town. However, to this point, we have raised in excess of \$500 for our National Ways  
16 and Means. So, when we feel that is finalized and we've contacted all of our members in  
17 Nebraska by mail, that they have all contributed what they desired to contribute. Our  
18 Department President, well, Angie, will be sending you a letter, and the funds that we have  
19 raised for now.  
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21 **Terri Shattuck:** Awesome.  
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23 **Gloria Sanchez:** Thank you.  
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25 **Tracy Derr:** Awesome Barbara.  
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27 **Fran Holtgreven:** Thank you.  
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29 **Terri Shattuck:** Barbara, thank you.  
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31 **Barbara Counihan:** You're welcome.  
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33 **Gloria Sanchez:** Thank you.  
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35 **Tracy Derr:** Very good.  
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37 **Terri Shattuck:** So when are you going to get a hold of Linda?  
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39 **Tracy Derr:** Sorry?  
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41 **Gloria Sanchez:** What did you say, Terri?  
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1 **Terri Shattuck:** I said, Fran, are you gonna get a hold of Linda and try to set up some kind of a  
2 committee, or for Ways and Means?  
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4 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yes.  
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6 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay.  
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8 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yes. and anyone that wants to join send me a text email whatever.  
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10 **Gloria Sanchez:** I will!  
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12 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay. Will do. So, I don't think there's anything else that we need to cover. If  
13 anyone's got anything to bring up?  
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15 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yes, ma'am, I do.  
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17 **Terri Shattuck:** Go ahead, Judy.  
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19 **JUDY FIDDLER:** When Teviah goes ahead to start working on her budget next year, we need to  
20 have a line item for funds to transfer all of the secretary stuff to the next secretary. We should  
21 include that in the budget, because it going to be expensive, depending on where I have to ship  
22 this stuff to. When I received everything 12 years ago from Rose Cook in Georgia, her son-in-law  
23 worked for Fed Ex, and we got a big discount on the shipment. It was around \$500 or so then  
24 and I don't know what it's going to cost this year. Mike and I have even thought about driving it  
25 by U-haul to wherever and then flying home. So um, it's an item that needs to go into the  
26 budget for next year.  
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28 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay, so noted. Thank you.  
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30 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Nancy Lee.  
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32 **Terri Shattuck:** Yes, ma'am.  
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34 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** When Barbara Counihan was National Treasurer, and then I became  
35 National Treasurer. She came to my house and she stayed at my house for a night to explain  
36 everything. You know. There's a lot that you know. Yes, you yeah, I'm quite sure Judy has  
37 everything written down in there, but sometimes talking to one person, and then, you know,  
38 and then you're, as Judy showing that person something, oh, this question, that question! It was  
39 so helpful that Barbara was at my house, and we set up the computer and everything. And she  
40 brought the stuff in her vehicle. You know, maybe we should consider that, too. Not only  
41 transporting it, but you know.  
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43 **Barbara Counihan:** Worked out very well, Nancy Lee.

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**Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Yeah, yeah, I, just.

**Tracy Derr:** Has anybody shown an interest? Or do we have a person who recording to do the position? Because it's a lot of information, and I feel like it's a more than a day's conversation and should be some sort of ongoing training for 6 months or so prior to the convention.

**JUDY FIDDLER:** Yeah, that's why I brought it up at the end of the convention, so that there is now 11 and a half months that well, almost a full 11 months, to find somebody and sit with them and show them everything. I have everything written down, so that they know each month, what needs should be done - or needs to be done - and even what is needed for the convention because that was the biggest obstacle I had. I kind of winged it the 1st year, and from that point on, I made it my own mission to do my own thing to get it, get the convention up and running correctly. So

**Tracy Derr:** Highly organized person, Judy.

**JUDY FIDDLER:** Yeah. Well, it's gonna take somebody to be organized as well.

**Tracy Derr:** Definitely need that skill set.

**JUDY FIDDLER:** So. But no, I I've been talking about this for the last few months and we just can't come up with anybody off top of my head, anyway, that we could do this for - or that could take this over. So that's why I pretty much gave you a year notice.

**Gloria Sanchez:** And maybe, after, you know, since Judy did mention that, maybe that some of these ladies who attended the convention will think about it, and we may be able to get someone. But you need some some time, you know. I don't think one is just going to pop up and say, I want to do it now, but they could think about it, and they have someone that would reach out to Judy and say, I'm willing to do this. So, I think we should just kind of wait a little bit. How much? When does Teviah has to start working on her budget You know, because I know, that's the big issue.

**JUDY FIDDLER:** Um, doesn't she have to have it to the foundation by April first, or something?

**Tracy Derr:** I I moved that to March, because that way I get it on time. So, in March we need to be actively working on that budget by it by the 1st of March, and have it done and completed, and then we send it off.

**Gloria Sanchez:** Okay. So maybe give it a

**Tracy Derr:** I mean, we should put this as a position in the on the website to where people could see that this is an open opportunity. And this is the stipend, and this is the details. And please

1 get with Fran, or you know, whomever you designate. But, it is a job. So maybe a job opening  
2 would would be good.  
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4 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Well, it's Teviah's appointment, so I believe the'd get a hold of Teviah if they're  
5 interested.  
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7 **Tracy Derr:** That's right. It's not a voted in position.  
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9 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I'm appointed.  
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11 **Tracy Derr:** I mean, Teviah, you better find somebody, because it's a lot of work that she'll be  
12 doing. It's too much work for one person doing another job.  
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14 **Gloria Sanchez:** I started praying.  
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16 **Tracy Derr:** All pray.  
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18 **Gloria Sanchez:** I pray somebody will step up.  
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20 **Tracy Derr:** Oh! Lord! Have mercy!  
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22 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Judy, how many boxes and supplies is it? As far as.  
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24 **JUDY FIDDLER:** You know those big totes? There's probably 6 of those. Um, I have a tote that's  
25 got memorabilia stuff in it, and then I have this whole baker's rack that is full of shipping stuff,  
26 the installation reports, old CBLs,  
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28 **Tracy Derr:** Supplies.  
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30 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Supplies in the grey case like.  
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32 **Terri Shattuck:** That's a house.  
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34 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I I have a whole room right here. It'll I have the flags that has to be taken to  
35 convention every year now too. Um, I have a cart. Um, yeah. And the computer goes at the  
36 same time because it's a purple heart computer that was donated a couple of years ago since  
37 the old dell that the foundation gave us finally died. So.  
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39 **Terri Shattuck:** That's a house.  
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41 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** No, I think in the job description, it should also show, you know. Say, you  
42 know, you're getting this much, you know some people might be willing to do it, but they all  
43 have a just a 1 1 bedroom apartment.

1 **Judy Fiddler:** Well.  
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3 **Fran Holtgrev:** That's what I was wondering, Judy, what are you going to do with that space  
4 then?  
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6 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I'm going to make it a playroom.  
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8 **Terri Shattuck:** What are you gonna play?  
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10 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Well, that's for me to you to know, and you not to find out. But yeah.  
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12 **Tracy Derr:** Lin Linda Bellis is my (inaudible)  
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14 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Cheryl and I talked about this before. She thought maybe some of this stuff  
15 could be scanned. I could look into the cost of somebody scanning. The one whole tote is all of  
16 the minutes from the conventions from the 1960s.  
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18 **Gloria Sanchez:** Wow!  
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20 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Some of them are the minutes from the conventions in 1960.  
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22 **Terri Shattuck:** It's a really good idea. Yeah.  
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24 **JUDY FIDDLER:** And if we if.  
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26 **Tracy Derr:** Scan, and then you hire, shred it and and then Shred-It comes. It's only a couple of  
27 hundred bucks, and then they can shred everything that you know you've scanned, but you  
28 would want to keep a hard, and then also it could go into we could do a dropbox folder for it,  
29 and that would be just accessed by the Secretary and President. Whatnot. But you really have to  
30 lock those dropbox files down to access to view only, or your records could get altered. So.  
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32 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Right. I  
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34 **Tracy Derr:** It's just another training, or you know, conversation, but that's a Scan-It and a Shred-  
35 It might be the answer. Scan it, upload to drop box, do it annually every year's new information,  
36 and then a shred.  
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38 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Right.  
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40 **Tracy Derr:** But those are still costs that you're looking at at least \$500 for, and that doesn't take  
41 care of the flags and the pieces and the supplies and the hard things that actually.  
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1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Getting, but getting rid of those boxes would be a big space saver. There are, I do  
2 have. Well, I can't say I've got more boxes because two of them I use for filing for our current  
3 units that are still open or paperwork needed for National, like our – yeah - that thing.  
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5 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah.  
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7 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Our certificate from the IRS. All that stuff is in one of those 2 boxes. So that stuff  
8 I would never scan and and shred because it's all current.  
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10 **Tracy Derr:** We'd disperse it.  
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12 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yeah, with all the other stuff. There's finance reports from the sixties. There's, I  
13 think, some from before, maybe the late 80s. There was a lot of stuff lost when Nancy Claire  
14 passed away. Because her family didn't realize she needed to pass that on to the next secretary,  
15 and I believe that would have been on to Sharon Carlton. So, um, Sharon was trying to recreate  
16 information. And that's why the one year we put out. We need the information off your charter  
17 so that we can put - get back some of our history. So.  
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19 **Tracy Derr:** What'd be the number would the number would be to put in that budget? A  
20 thousand?  
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22 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I don't know. Because if I don't know where we're we're going to...  
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24 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah.  
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26 **JUDY FIDDLER:** The take things to - I I can't give you an idea until.  
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28 **Terri Shattuck:** I think its  
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30 **Tracy Derr:** I guess we can table it and then think about it as we maybe get something posted  
31 on the website and for the position. And then once we find a person, maybe that's when we  
32 start really looking.  
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34 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Work with the number.  
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36 **Tracy Derr:** House. Yeah, but and we have till March, and we hopefully better have somebody in  
37 line for the position before then.  
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39 **Gloria Sanchez:** Also, Linda Bellis has put something in the chat, you know. Maybe whoever you  
40 know, when we get to that point that have a conversation with maybe the Fed Ex in their area or  
41 UPS and find out if maybe they would give us.  
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43 **Tracy Derr:** Yes.

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2 **Gloria Sanchez:** Oh, yes.  
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4 **Tracy Derr:** Military Discount.  
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6 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yes, some kind of discount, if not free, but that probably won't happen. But  
7 anyway, at least a discount. So and I agree, we need to just table it, maybe for a couple of  
8 months and get it, you know, up on the website, the position is vacant and maybe somebody.  
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10 **Tracy Derr:** I didn't know.  
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12 **Gloria Sanchez:** Jump at it, and.  
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14 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay, Judy. Is this something? The scanning process? Is this something that you  
15 could start.  
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17 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I really don't have a scanner. Well, I do. I have a scanner on the computer.  
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19 **Tracy Derr:** It's a lot of paperwork, and if you are doing, if you don't have a business-type  
20 scanner where multi pages quickly.  
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22 **Kay Jo Baucom:** Yes.  
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24 **Tracy Derr:** They'll just be loading, loading, and then you've got to find it on a file and move it to  
25 a folder, and then it's if you don't have the type of equipment that's gonna move quick. I really  
26 wouldn't commit to doing it personally, just because.  
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28 **Terri Shattuck:** Ok, let me ask another question.  
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30 **Tracy Derr:** eight hours a day.  
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32 **Kay Jo Baucom:** (Inaudible)  
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34 **Terri Shattuck:** Tracy, let me ask another question. Are there businesses that do that  
35 professionally?  
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37 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah, you could go to yeah - Kinkos. Oh, not Kinkos. Is Kinkos even a thing? Kinko's  
38 Fed Ex, or Staples, or.  
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40 **Gloria Sanchez:** Kinkos can do it. Yeah.  
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42 **Tracy Derr:** Oh, my God, I'm like looking at Colleen's dog.  
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1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yeah, we have a discount card with Office Depot.  
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3 **Kay Jo Baucom:** Okay, can just?  
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5 **Terri Shattuck:** Check, into that.  
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7 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah, they do that.  
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9 **Kay Jo Baucom:** Can I just throw?  
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11 **Terri Shattuck:** And see what your charges are, so we can kind of maybe set something up to  
12 have it started anyway.  
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14 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Right, yeah.  
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16 **Tracy Derr:** Way we gotta do that. Either way, that's got to happen right? So.  
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18 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yes.  
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20 **Tracy Derr:** We can move forward with that.  
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22 **Kay Jo Baucom:** Can I just throw this out there, Ronnie and I would be willing to fund it, because  
23 it's not in the budget right now. Ronnie and I would donate whatever the cost is to do that, so  
24 we can go ahead and get started. You just investigate. Tell me what's needed, and Ronnie and I  
25 will make that donation to the Auxiliary. Then we don't have to wait and we're blessed right  
26 now that we can do that. So, I would love to be able to say, Judy, go ahead. Here, Tracy, whoever  
27 whatever we need to do to get that started, we can go ahead and do it, and it can tell me what  
28 the bill is. I can send the money to you, Tracy, or I can pay directly. However, that needs to work.  
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30 **JUDY FIDDLER:** If if.  
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32 **Kay Jo Baucom:** If that's agreeable with everyone.  
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34 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Well, thank you.  
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36 **Gloria Sanchez:** Thank you. Kay Jo.  
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38 **Tracy Derr:** Thank you.  
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40 **Terri Shattuck:** Thank you, Kay Jo.  
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42 **Fran Holtgreven:** Thank you. I just looked it up and.  
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1 **Tracy Derr:** It just takes an ask, doesn't it?  
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3 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Is this something that we need to take to the NEC for approval before I.  
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5 **Terri Shattuck:** You know I wouldn't think so.  
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7 **Tracy Derr:** I'm actually doing.  
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9 **Terri Shattuck:** You're not destroying anything. You're just.  
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11 **Tracy Derr:** Oh, you can record right? We're just putting them digitally.  
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13 **Kay Jo Baucom:** And.  
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15 **Terri Shattuck:** Right.  
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17 **Gloria Sanchez:** Right.  
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19 **Tracy Derr:** Right. With a hard flash drive, and then but we'll put that up on Dropbox. But we  
20 should keep the flash drive, and next secretary should keep the flash drive. Right?  
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22 **Tracy Derr:** Okay?  
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24 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Well, that right now. That's how I have the minutes from our last 10 or so  
25 condensed.  
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27 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah.  
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29 **JUDY FIDDLER:** It's all on disk. It can be downloaded into the computer whenever we need to  
30 look something up. Or and I think.  
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32 **Terri Shattuck:** Somebody just put it on the chat box that the founder of Fed Ex is an MOPH  
33 recipient.  
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35 **Colleen Orfanello:** A Purple Heart Recipient  
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37 **Terri Shattuck:** Is he part of our organization?  
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39 **Colleen Orfanello:** No, ma'am.  
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41 **Terri Shattuck:** Why not cause?  
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43 **Tracy Derr:** We have to work on it.

1 **Gloria Sanchez:** You have to work on it, Terri. You contact him.  
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3 **Terri Shattuck:** I can do that.  
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5 **Tracy Derr:** Where's he? Where does he live?  
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7 **Terri Shattuck:** Who is he? I'm going to see him.  
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9 **Colleen Orfanello:** Virginia. He's 103 years old.  
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11 **Terri Shattuck:** That's okay. I don't care.  
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13 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yeah, he.  
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15 **Terri Shattuck:** Here, like.  
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17 **Tracy Derr:** So he's more easily persuaded is what you're saying right now.  
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19 **Terri Shattuck:** So where does he live there, Colleen? Was it you that put that up?  
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21 **Colleen Orfanello:** Yes, ma'am, he lives in Virginia, and he was gracious to help us with our  
22 National Convention last year.  
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24 **Terri Shattuck:** Oh!  
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26 **JUDY FIDDLER:** See, I I have all the minutes from the last 10 conventions in here.  
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28 **Terri Shattuck:** Correct. See, that's ever so much better than Totes and Totes, and Totes of paper.  
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30 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Oh, well, the 1st convention I think that I got I have is 2012, and they sent me  
31 the order paid for 2 sets and those the stack is probably 15 to 18 inches tall and heavy, because  
32 it's it's paper.  
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34 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah.  
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36 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yeah, see, I I have like Norfolk and I have them all in a little pouch.  
37  
38 **Terri Shattuck:** You know. I think I got them too.  
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40 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yeah. So when we started putting them on disk to sell for 5 bucks to cover the  
41 convention cost or the mailing cost, I have each desk and I even have the 2020 virtual that  
42 Cheryl did so. So um, but there's no more room in here. So the next thing was it started going  
43 on to the flash drive. So.

1 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah. Okay. Well, Judy, can you investigate that and maybe get directly back to  
2 Kay Jo?  
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4 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yeah.  
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6 **Terri Shattuck:** Or call another meeting or something, and we can decide, or she can decide, or  
7 somebody can decide.  
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9 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yes, ma'am.  
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11 **Terri Shattuck:** All right. Is there anything else that has to come to this meeting?  
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13 **Fran Holtgreven:** I have a question.  
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15 **Terri Shattuck:** Yes, ma'am.  
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17 **Fran Holtgreven:** Do I have to go to uh Chase Bank and sign something?  
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19 **Tracy Derr:** Oh, so no, the next process would be that I remove Barbara from um Chase. And  
20 then you're already on. We already did you last year. She's still fine. I have to add Teviah so  
21 Teviah will be added, and then she'll have to go to her nearest chase branch once that takes  
22 place. First I have to get a letter from Judy. When I get that letter, then I'll take that showing that  
23 we've had a change in officers, and then I take it to my banker, and then he processes  
24 everything, and then Teviah will just have to show up at her local chase bank with her ID and  
25 then from there they'll set her on the account, and we remove Barb, and that's how it works  
26 every year.  
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28 **Fran Holtgreven:** (Inaudible)  
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30 One thing I didn't know was that when we transferred to E-trade- cause you know how we've  
31 moved the banks for whatever reasons we're now E-trade - I noticed the last few statements  
32 have still had Diane Petrini's name on them. So I called Etrade. And I said, why is Diane Petrini's  
33 name still on this? And they said that it transferred that way. She's still on from when she was  
34 President.  
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36 **Terri Shattuck:** Oh my goodness.  
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38 **Tracy Derr:** We've never. Diane was the only president that requested to be on there. No one.  
39 We've never had it, as a rule. I mean, it's in the purple hearts name, so it's not like I could go in  
40 there and take money out and do anything with it anyway. But Diane wanted to be on. She also  
41 follows stock market really a lot. So she wanted access to see and watch what was happening.

1 So I called him, and he said we have to send an affidavit. We have to prepare an affidavit and  
2 have it sent to her. She has to sign it and have it notarized in person, then it has to be sent back  
3 to E trade, and then they can remove her.

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5 **Terri Shattuck:** I think we need to do that.

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7 **Tracy Derr:** Well for sure. So I'm just letting you know that that's something that's going to be  
8 happening. But my question is, do we do this every year, and put the next President on?

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10 **Terri Shattuck:** Because Dennis takes care of the E-trade. I think we need to leave him to.

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12 **Tracy Derr:** True, but I mean I'm I'm just as just as I would say this to anybody else in any  
13 different position. God forbid! Something happened, and Dennis is the person who's able to  
14 enter and make transactions and sales. He, he personally couldn't withdraw the money. The  
15 only money can only go into the Purple Heart Bank. That's how it's set up. Our purple heart  
16 checking account at Chase is where it comes and goes to. That's the only account. But um if  
17 something happened to me, I asked them. I said, Well, what if something happened to me, or  
18 what? If something happened to Diane? The money only goes to the organization, and whoever  
19 is in charge of the organization would have to send death certificates, and then it would go into  
20 the Purple Heart account. So I do know that that's solid. But I didn't know, as a finance  
21 committee, if we wanted to put each new incoming president on there, or just leave it as it is, it  
22 seems like a lot of work.

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24 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah. Because then every year you have to do this affidavit for notarizing.

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26 **Tracy Derr:** Banking. Yeah, banking rules with investment accounts are really strict and crazy. So  
27 it's up to you guys what you want me to do. We haven't done anything in the last few years. It's  
28 not even been a conversation, but.

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30 **Terri Shattuck:** We would put your name on it with Dennis?

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32 **Tracy Derr:** I'm on there now.

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34 **Gloria Sanchez:** What names on there now? The Purple Heart. I'm on there as the steward of  
35 the account. I'm not. It's not my account. It's a nonprofit Military Order of the Purple Heart  
36 Auxiliary account. I'm just the 1st person who can make decisions, changes, transfers, um  
37 deposits, sales. And then we added a Patriot Wallot as the as a person who can do transactions  
38 in favor of us. And then Diane, when she was in, just had her name as a second to be able to  
39 view. But I don't know.

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41 **Terri Shattuck:** I don't think it's necessary.

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1 **Gloria Sanchez:** And I I remember when that happened, Tracy, because you had talked to me  
2 about it. So I think that what we need to do is work on getting Diane's name off of it, and then  
3 leave it the way with Dennis and Tracy's name on it, you know, because that's a lot of work to go  
4 through, because if something happens to that person like God forbid they pass away. Now you  
5 got all that to deal with. I think that.

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7 **Tracy Derr:** I would have to get. I would have to get a death certificate.

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9 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yes.

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11 **Tracy Derr:** For that person. And I, you know I'm not. It's a lot of weirdness, but.

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13 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Do you think that person should be on the Finance Committee? Maybe?

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15 **Terri Shattuck:** No, I think it needs to be Dennis and Tracy.

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17 **Gloria Sanchez:** Tracy. Yeah.

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19 **JUDY FIDDLER:** We need a second person from the Auxiliary like just to view. But we.

20  
21 **Tracy Derr:** 4 year?

22  
23 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yeah.

24  
25 **Tracy Derr:** So at least, then it goes every 4 years.

26  
27 **Gloria Sanchez:** You never.

28  
29 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah.

30  
31 **Terri Shattuck:** It's necessary. I don't.

32  
33 **Gloria Sanchez:** Isn't that.

34  
35 **Terri Shattuck:** I don't see.

36  
37 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah, we haven't even talked about it. It's happened one time.

38  
39 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yeah.

40  
41 **Tracy Derr:** In how many years, and when it was at PNC and Ameritrade, it was only the  
42 Auxiliary and then me as the person who is the representative. That's how it's been. But I'm I'm  
43 just putting it on on the plate because it needs to be shared so.

1  
2 **Terri Shattuck:** I don't see what the purpose is of putting somebody on there just to view it.  
3  
4 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yes.  
5  
6 **Terri Shattuck:** You come into.  
7  
8 **Tracy Derr:** The statements are loaded. Yeah, the statements are uploaded every month into the  
9 dropbox. So.  
10  
11 **Terri Shattuck:** We can view it every, all the finance committee can view it.  
12  
13 **Tracy Derr:** Right here.  
14  
15 **Terri Shattuck:** Put somebody.  
16  
17 **Tracy Derr:** Your finance committee can view current year finance reports right? And then the  
18 other people who are off the committee get removed from previous years.  
19  
20 **Terri Shattuck:** Right.  
21  
22 **Tracy Derr:** Cause. It's not, you know, something we want everybody putting theirself into.  
23  
24 **Terri Shattuck:** Right. So I think that's the way we need to leave it is with Dennis and Tracy, and  
25 then, if any of us want to view it, we can go to the dropbox. You should be going to the dropbox  
26 every month, anyway just to keep track of what's going on, where we're going, or what's coming  
27 up, and what's being paid out? And what have you.  
28  
29 **Tracy Derr:** And Colleen had brought up a good point through the year, too, that you know the  
30 dropbox could serve more than just the finance committee. We could do separate groups. It's  
31 just a, it would be me. Because my well, it's not. It's purple hearts. It's the purple hearts  
32 dropbox that's who pays for it. I took my personal one off of there. You just do separate folders  
33 for different groups. So if there's ever a group that needs me to set up a folder and then give  
34 them the control of it, and then I remove myself for that folder.  
35  
36 **Terri Shattuck:** Sounds confusing.  
37  
38 **Tracy Derr:** You know.  
39  
40 **Terri Shattuck:** That sounds way, too confusing.  
41  
42 **Tracy Derr:** But it is a resource, and it is.  
43

1 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah.  
2  
3 **Tracy Derr:** It is a resource that the auxiliary pays for. So I see Colleen's point on it, too, like.  
4  
5 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah, but it's.  
6  
7 **Tracy Derr:** Should use what we have versus getting anything new. And if it's something I'm not  
8 opposed to the doing the work to set it up. If it benefits any one of us.  
9  
10 **Gloria Sanchez:** Okay, Tracy, I thought, I remember maybe when Nancy was the Treasurer back  
11 in the day that we used to get that information, you know if somebody wanted like a paper  
12 copy, maybe instead of sending it up for other people other than the Finance Committee to do  
13 it, maybe once a year at a convention, or whatever you could maybe have hard copies of it or go  
14 through it. You know something like that.  
15  
16 **Tracy Derr:** Of what? I'm sorry I'm lost.  
17  
18 **Gloria Sanchez:** The investment account. If that's what someone wants.  
19  
20 **Tracy Derr:** Oh, well, there's a there's a copy every. Yes, I did. I did provide. I used to provide a  
21 lot of stuff at the conventions in the beginning. And then people said "It's too much stuff, and  
22 we don't want our bank accounts, and we don't want our investment account information to be  
23 shared", because there was also some turbulence with different members and different patriots,  
24 and trying to get our bank information. And how much money do we have? And so I think we  
25 put in a little bit tighter lock on it. But everybody in the Finance Committee has access, and if if  
26 anybody needed to, or wanted to see it through the President, we absolutely would find out  
27 why that was necessary, and then share that with them, for sure.  
28  
29 **Terri Shattuck:** I don't think it needs to be just going out.  
30  
31 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yeah, no, I agree with it. I mean, because I don't even.  
32  
33 **Tracy Derr:** But not just telling you why it changed.  
34  
35 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yeah, I understand. I don't even know why you would want to know it, because  
36 you share that information with us. So its not like  
37  
38 **Terri Shattuck:** Right, right.  
39  
40 **Gloria Sanchez:** So I'm not. I'm just like, wonder why somebody wanted.  
41  
42 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah, because.  
43

1 **Tracy Derr:** I've seen ladies of other patriots actually come to our meeting and wait until they  
2 get the back the reports and then leave, and you don't see them again. They're just taking the  
3 papers back to the.  
4  
5 **Terri Shattuck:** Remember.  
6  
7 **Tracy Derr:** To the whatevers. Yeah.  
8  
9 **Gloria Sanchez:** I don't know.  
10  
11 **Tracy Derr:** And God bless them! Let them do what they want. We're very, we're very up and up  
12 and straightforward, and there's nothing anybody can do to us. I don't think.  
13  
14 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** As long as there's - Nancy Lee - as long as there's 2 names on the that E  
15 account, E trade, that's all you really need.  
16  
17 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah.  
18  
19 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Is it possible that you could send me  
20  
21 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** the financial thing that shows everything, you know, like.  
22  
23 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah, you'll be included in the dropbox. Okay, that'll be next week. I'll send you. But I  
24 think.  
25  
26 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Break the breakdown like Cheryl said. There's a thousand dollars for  
27 membership, and.  
28  
29 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah, that's all in the.  
30  
31 **Terri Shattuck:** It's in there.  
32  
33 **Tracy Derr:** It's all in the dropbox. Yeah.  
34  
35 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Okay, okay, so, how?  
36  
37 **Tracy Derr:** How we, how we received our money. What? At one point somebody said, "how do  
38 we get all this money? Where'd all this money come from? You give a report, and I want to see  
39 everything". So then I did this whole fleshed out spreadsheet of once we got money from  
40 Kentucky. They closed. It was \$1,546. It all added up to our bottom line. The "We got you  
41 Covered" money like all that stuff added up to our total. And then so it's it's what is called the  
42 bank balance report. In the dropbox, you're gonna get the Chase statement monthly. You're  
43 gonna get the E-trade statement monthly. You're gonna get our budget balance monthly and

1 you're gonna get our bank balance monthly. And that's it. 4 reports that gives us a picture of  
2 everything. You will be added to this 2024 25 Finance Committee dropbox as a viewer next  
3 week when I do all of this stuff.  
4

5 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** When do I? What time of the month is the best to go into.  
6

7 **Tracy Derr:** I try to have it done by the 15th of every month. We've we've updated a convention,  
8 I don't know, so you'll you'll receive a notification in your email.  
9

10 **Gloria Sanchez:** You get? Yeah.  
11

12 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Thank you!  
13

14 **Terri Shattuck:** It'll say, your dropbox been updated. Yeah.  
15

16 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Tracy, I'm not on that dropbox. I never get a notification telling me that I've got  
17 anything in the dropbox.  
18

19 **Terri Shattuck:** I think it's just the Finance Committee.  
20

21 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I am part of the.  
22

23 **Tracy Derr:** But I thought you were in there. Hold the phone.  
24

25 **Terri Shattuck:** Oh, it's pouring now.  
26

27 **Tracy Derr:** I'll add you, but I'll text you and let you know.  
28

29 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay.  
30

31 **Fran Holtgreven:** Tracy. I'm not getting that neither.  
32

33 **Tracy Derr:** I'm going there right now. G going on my phone though my building's an old brick  
34 building. So you gotta give me a minute.  
35

36 **Terri Shattuck:** It is absolutely pouring buckets of cats and dogs.  
37

38 **Tracy Derr:** It's raining up north?  
39

40 **Terri Shattuck:** Yes.  
41

42 **Tracy Derr:** Not here.  
43

1 **Terri Shattuck:** Raindrops.  
2  
3 **Gloria Sanchez:** Well the sun is shining here. Terri should come.  
4  
5 **Tracy Derr:** Right. I'm here.  
6  
7 **Terri Shattuck:** Shining here a little bit. It was a minute ago  
8  
9 **Terri Shattuck:** I should be looking for a rainbow.  
10  
11 **JUDY FIDDLER:** The bear needed a shower.  
12  
13 **Tracy Derr:** Oh, I saw (Inaudible) the bear this morning on the Mio, Fairview, Luzerne, Facebook  
14 thing! Did you see the bear?  
15  
16 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah.  
17  
18 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah, of course I can't log in in here.  
19  
20 **Terri Shattuck:** He's not been at my house in the last couple of weeks, though. I don't think. I  
21 haven't seen any evidence of him, Judy. He could have been.  
22  
23 **Tracy Derr:** I'm looking.  
24  
25 **Terri Shattuck:** We can tell. We can see you're looking.  
26  
27 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam Chairman, this is Colleen. While Tracy's looking, I sent you a copy of  
28 the Transcript from the Finance Committee a few days ago.  
29  
30 **Terri Shattuck:** You did.  
31  
32 **Colleen Orfanello:** Yes, ma'am.  
33  
34 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay.  
35  
36 **Colleen Orfanello:** I'm hoping I did. This is my 1st time doing the transcription, so I didn't know  
37 if the Finance committee could read it over. I just sent it to Nancy Lee, so she's updated, but I  
38 didn't know if anyone could just read it over in case you wanted to put it on your dropbox.  
39  
40 **Terri Shattuck:** Where? When did you send it to me?  
41  
42 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yeah, colleen, did you send it to all the finance committee, or just the chair?  
43 Cause I didn't get it.

1  
2 **Colleen Orfanello:** I think it's for everybody but let let me check.  
3  
4 **Gloria Sanchez:** I didn't get it.  
5  
6 **Terri Shattuck:** Cause I never got it. Hun?  
7  
8 **Gloria Sanchez:** I didn't get it, either.  
9  
10 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I did. I've already printed it off.  
11  
12 **Gloria Sanchez:** Maybe she just sent it to you again.  
13  
14 **Terri Shattuck:** Maybe she just sent it to you, cause I hadn't seen it.  
15  
16 **Gloria Sanchez:** And  
17  
18 **Colleen Oltmann:** I'm I'm gonna send it to you guys right now, if you don't mind.  
19  
20 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay.  
21  
22 **Colleen Oltmann:** While we're waiting for Tracy, see? So, Terri, I'm going to send it to you.  
23 Gloria.  
24  
25 **Gloria Sanchez:** What about it?  
26  
27 **Colleen Orfanello:** It's Cheryl, too. Right? Cheryl.  
28  
29 **JUDY FIDDLER:** No.  
30  
31 **Gloria Sanchez:** Not Cheryl.  
32  
33 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Well, that would be her minutes, though.  
34  
35 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Oh, well, yeah.  
36  
37 **Colleen Orfanello:** Cheryl, Tracy.  
38  
39 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay. Kay Jo.  
40  
41 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yeah.  
42  
43 **Terri Shattuck:** Nancy Lee and Cheryl. yeah.

1 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Gloria.  
2  
3 **Tracy Derr:** Ladies, can you.  
4  
5 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah.  
6  
7 **Tracy Derr:** Can you hear me?  
8  
9 **Terri Shattuck:** Yes.  
10  
11 **Tracy Derr:** Okay. People who have access view access. Barbara Hale Ray. Sorry. Cheryl Perez,  
12 FranHoltgreven.MOPHA@gmail Fran Holtgreven fran@moph.gmail. Glori, Kay Jo, MOPH  
13 Auxiliary Sec at Yahoo. Terri,  
14  
15 **Terri Shattuck:** I can't.  
16  
17 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yahoo?  
18  
19 **Terri Shattuck:** (Inaudible).  
20  
21 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I'm gmail.  
22  
23 **Tracy Derr:** Oh, okay. Well, that is the answer to that.  
24  
25 **Gloria Sanchez:** Tracy, what, what email do you have for me?  
26  
27 **Tracy Derr:** Hold on, I went out of it. So MOPHAsec@  
28  
29 **JUDY FIDDLER:** No MOPH AUX.  
30  
31 **Tracy Derr:** Aux.  
32  
33 **JUDY FIDDLER:** SEC.  
34  
35 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah. Gmail. At gmail.com.  
36  
37 **Tracy Derr:** Okay, Fran, would you like a different email? Did she say she couldn't get in?  
38  
39 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yeah it's Fran dot MOPHA at gmail  
40  
41 **Colleen Orfanello:** And ladies. I just sent you the wrong thing, so I'm sending it, resending it.  
42  
43 **Gloria Sanchez:** Tracy, and what you've got email from?

1 **Tracy Derr:** Hold on. I gotta get out of that box to go back. It's very laggy, cause I got the zoom  
2 open.  
3  
4 **Gloria Sanchez:** Oh, okay.  
5  
6 **Tracy Derr:** Older, one.  
7  
8 **Terri Shattuck:** Got it colleen.  
9  
10 **Colleen Orfanello:** It's the wrong. It's the it's the wrong thing, Tracy. I'm gonna send it, I mean,  
11 Madam Chair. I'm gonna send it right now.  
12  
13 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay. Oh, the sun's out now, ladies.  
14  
15 **Tracy Derr:** Oh!  
16  
17 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** Look for the rainbow.  
18  
19 **Tracy Derr:** That is one thing about there, Terri, is the rain just comes and goes so quick  
20 sometimes.  
21  
22 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah.  
23  
24 **Tracy Derr:** Okay. Gloria, Gloria.  
25  
26 **Terri Shattuck:** Isn't that a song?  
27  
28 **Tracy Derr:** Gloria! Gloria!  
29  
30 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Disco from the seventies.  
31  
32 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yes.  
33  
34 **Terri Shattuck:** Oops. I didn't know that.  
35  
36 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yes, it is.  
37  
38 **Tracy Derr:** No, I can't see it. Oh, here we go, Gloria um GSanchez15 at Gmail.  
39  
40 **Gloria Sanchez:** No, that's not it, that's not. It's GJSanchez.  
41  
42 **Tracy Derr:** Sorry. G. It does say GJSanchez SAN CHEZ 1 5@gmail.com.  
43

1 **Gloria Sanchez:** Okay, that's correct. Yes.  
2  
3 **Tracy Derr:** Alright, so maybe it doesn't notify you. I I.  
4  
5 **Terri Shattuck:** I get notification of it.  
6  
7 **Tracy Derr:** I get notifications. So I'm gonna go back. So at any rate, I will - when I create a new  
8 folder for uh Fran - I will be inviting you all to that new folder.  
9  
10 **Terri Shattuck:** Thank you.  
11  
12 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yes.  
13  
14 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay, is there anything else that we need to discuss?  
15  
16 **Tracy Derr:** We don't have the the budget for the New Year's already approved. So we don't  
17 have to talk about that here. Right? Okay.  
18  
19 **Terri Shattuck" Nope**  
20  
21 **Gloria Sanchez:** Okay, Colleen. Excuse me a minute. Madam Chair, colleen, I just got your email.  
22  
23 **Colleen Orfanello:** Yes, ma'am, thank you. But I, the 1st one originally, I said, was the was a a  
24 something else, and then so I sent you the real one. Just a few moments ago.  
25  
26 **Terri Shattuck:** So.  
27  
28 **Colleen Orfanello:** I don't know what your rules are, but I'll be more than happy to edit them.  
29 And that's the actual verbiage. I don't know if you have to keep it on dropbox, or what, or I  
30 don't know what I'm supposed to do with it now. I've never done this before with transcripts.  
31  
32 **Tracy Derr:** So then that would be all I got.  
33  
34 **JUDY FIDDLER:** With the transcripts, colleen, if you, as long as you send them to me. I'm going  
35 to print off a copy, but I'm also going to download them in the computer. And once I have them  
36 all, I'm going to transfer it onto a thumb drive so that we have it.  
37  
38 **Colleen Orfanello:** Thank you. I'm going to remove the red font and put everything in black,  
39 bolded for the names to make it easy, Madam Secretary.  
40  
41 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah, cause red doesn't copy. Well.  
42  
43 **Gloria Sanchez:** No.

1  
2 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay? So, One question I do have, did we put money into the Junior Vice Travel  
3 and the budget.  
4  
5 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yes.  
6  
7 **Tracy Derr:** I have \$2,000, President, \$1,500, senior, and 1,000 Junior Vice.  
8  
9 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay. So Fran, I would be able to pull that 1,000 if she wanted to send somebody  
10 somewhere, or if her travel expenses went over, she could pull out of that 1,000, could she not?  
11  
12 **Tracy Derr:** Yes, as long as we don't go over the 4,500.  
13  
14 **Terri Shattuck:** Right.  
15  
16 **Tracy Derr:** Definitely the 700 goes to Linda for the NAC. So the 4,500 she can choose to send  
17 her whomever she would like, wherever, correct?  
18  
19 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay  
20  
21 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yes, that's yes, that's the way it's been in the past.  
22  
23 **Terri Shattuck:** Alright!  
24  
25 **Tracy Derr:** You know that Fran?  
26  
27 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yes.  
28  
29 **Terri Shattuck:** Kind of why I brought that up.  
30  
31 **Tracy Derr:** Fran, you just send me wherever you are.  
32  
33 **Fran Holtgreven:** Pardon me, say that again.  
34  
35 **Tracy Derr:** If you want to send me somewhere, just send me wherever you like.  
36  
37 **Fran Holtgreven:** Well, you might not like it.  
38  
39 **Tracy Derr:** Oh  
40  
41 **Terri Shattuck:** Fran?  
42  
43 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yeah.

1  
2 **Terri Shattuck:** I know Guam's having a really hard time with their unit.  
3  
4 **Gloria Sanchez:** Oh, no, Terri.  
5  
6 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah.  
7  
8 **Gloria Sanchez:** No Terri, no Terri, no.  
9  
10 **Terri Shattuck:** Please let me go there!  
11  
12 **Gloria Sanchez:** Only if I can go with you!  
13  
14 **Kay Jo Baucom:** That sounds like a retreat, retreat.  
15  
16 **Gloria Sanchez:** We all go.  
17  
18 **Fran Holtgreven:** I'll go.  
19  
20 **Tracy Derr:** I think you can do it on a thousand.  
21  
22 **Terri Shattuck:** Hey? Yeah.  
23  
24 **Fran Holtgreven:** Have to pay your own way. That's it.  
25  
26 **Gloria Sanchez:** Not a problem.  
27  
28 **Terri Shattuck:** I'm sure Teresa will put us all up.  
29  
30 **Tracy Derr:** Oh!  
31  
32 **Gloria Sanchez:** I'll pay my own way just to go.  
33  
34 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay. Okay. Well, you know, I talked to last year's commander. When he went  
35 he went over after Pearl Harbor Day to talk to them. And he said those ladies were really  
36 interested and do a lot of things and I said, Well, we haven't got any installation reports or  
37 anything from them for a while, and he said, They're inter internet connection is bad.  
38  
39 **Terri Shattuck:** No excuse.  
40  
41 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yeah, I know.  
42  
43 **Terri Shattuck:** I've been their Region Liaison for oh! 4 or 5 years.

1  
2 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay.  
3  
4 **Terri Shattuck:** I have called. I have text, I have emailed, I have sent letters, and I get no  
5 response.  
6  
7 **Fran Holtgreven:** Oh!  
8  
9 **Terri Shattuck:** From none of them. That's why I should go there.  
10  
11 **Gloria Sanchez:** I think we want to go, Fran.  
12  
13 **Fran Holtgreven:** I better, I better. Yeah, I better go with you, though, to keep you out of trouble.  
14  
15 Gloria Sanchez: Retreat. Retreat. I think we all go just pay for yourself.  
16  
17 **Kay Jo Baucom:** I'm saying.  
18  
19 **Gloria Sanchez:** We are ready to go. Yeah, yeah.  
20  
21 **Kay Jo Baucom:** We all go.  
22  
23 **Gloria Sanchez:** 3  
24  
25 **Kay Jo Baucom:** It's we're better to get.  
26  
27 **Fran Holtgreven:** Husband my husband's saying he wants to go, even.  
28  
29 **Terri Shattuck:** No husbands.  
30  
31 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yeah. And Linda Bellis is saying, a new person should go. We gonna have a  
32 retreat.  
33  
34 **Tracy Derr:** I know.  
35  
36 **Gloria Sanchez:** Let's just have a retreat.  
37  
38 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay, I think that sounds good. Who wants to make a motion?  
39  
40 **Terri Shattuck:** Call Amanda. She's a travel agent. Okay? Anything else that needs to come up on  
41 this meet this meeting, ladies?

1 **Tracy Derr:** I have a question for It is semi finance committee related. So we know that we're  
2 going to Reno. But did the order vote on the next few spit places for convention, so that we can  
3 have it in our mind. No?  
4  
5 **Gloria Sanchez:** Colleen's shaking her head. No.  
6  
7 **Fran Holtgreven:** Well.  
8  
9 **Terri Shattuck:** They have not for (Inaudible).  
10  
11 **Tracy Derr:** Maybe they do it at Reno.  
12  
13 **Terri Shattuck:** That's kind of short.  
14  
15 **Tracy Derr:** It's like 3 years, and.  
16  
17 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah.  
18  
19 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Used to. Then it went to like 2 years, and now nobody submitted anything this  
20 year to go. Okay?  
21  
22 **Terri Shattuck:** (Inaudible)  
23  
24 **Fran Holtgreven:** All right.  
25  
26 **Gloria Sanchez:** Has been in the past. Didn't a state, you know, they would say. You know they  
27 would like to host it, and they submit that to the Order.  
28  
29 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah.  
30  
31 **Gloria Sanchez:** So, maybe.  
32  
33 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Nobody, nobody submitted I.  
34  
35 **Fran Holtgreven:** No one. I talked to to the commander uh, Robert, and he said, nobody has  
36 offered anything. They didn't bring any offers to the table at the convention.  
37  
38 **Terri Shattuck:** That's crazy, cause it takes a while to arrange stuff like that. Huh.  
39  
40 **Gloria Sanchez:** But they need to get busy, because, you know, you need to know.  
41  
42 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Well, Terry, you said the other day, what about Frankanmouth?  
43

1 **Tracy Derr:** I said that, yeah.  
2  
3 **Fran Holtgreven:** I know.  
4  
5 **Tracy Derr:** True  
6  
7 **Terri Shattuck:** I don't think Frankenmouth has the space.  
8  
9 **Tracy Derr:** I don't think they do either, but it would. I thought about that after I said it, because  
10 the 2 places would be Bavarian, and then Zenders you could split them. But then the meeting  
11 space wouldn't be good. And I thought about Ann Arbor at Weber's and Ann Arbor such a  
12 beautiful town, too. Weber's has really great meeting space. There's a whole downstairs full of  
13 rooms. but.  
14  
15 **Terri Shattuck:** There's also in Grand Rapids. I know we put a bid in for Grand Rapids at one year,  
16 and they rejected it. But, I don't know. Maybe Jan.  
17  
18 **Tracy Derr:** Or Bay City?  
19  
20 **Gloria Sanchez:** Well, Tracy, talk to your dad. Get him into it.  
21  
22 **Tracy Derr:** Think that the time before, when there were 3 bids put in, I think the last time a bid  
23 was done, or the time before we tried for Michigan, and we weren't, we weren't voted on.  
24  
25 **Terri Shattuck:** Rejected.  
26  
27 **Tracy Derr:** And its funny, because Michigan's weather in the summer – beautiful. The hottest  
28 day would be, and it wouldn't last long, as maybe in the nineties, and a little humid, but the  
29 generally it's in the eighties, and it's gorgeous right now. No humidity. I think it's 75 outside. It's  
30 August.  
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32 **Gloria Sanchez:** Well, I think, since you all tried and didn't get selected, it's time for you to try  
33 again.  
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35 **Tracy Derr:** It's not up to us, I think.  
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37 **Terri Shattuck:** We'll have to.  
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39 **Tracy Derr:** Patriots in the Department of Michigan.  
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41 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah, and that.  
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43 **Tracy Derr:** That's a great commitment.

1 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yeah.  
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3 **Tracy Derr:** But we would all work hard to make it happen, but I don't like Grand Rapids at all. I  
4 would not be a fan of that. No offense.  
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6 **Fran Holtgreven:** I'm not too happy with Ann Arbor neither.  
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8 **Tracy Derr:** No. It is (Inaudible).  
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10 **Fran Holtgreven:** I'm a buckeye.  
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12 **Tracy Derr:** Oh, sorry that you have that mentality. I don't know what to tell you.  
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14 **Fran Holtgreven:** Judy, Judy, where are you?  
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16 **JUDY FIDDLER:** I'm here.  
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18 **Tracy Derr:** Colleen? Can you (Inaudible)?  
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20 **Terri Shattuck:** Judy.  
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22 **(FNC Members):** Talking over each other laughing/joking)  
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24 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yeah, Fran doesn't know that we have a wall beyond that runs right across the  
25 Michigan Ohio State line. Michigan has to stay north of that line, and Ohio stays south of that  
26 line.  
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28 **Tracy Derr:** Why couldn't it be a regional thing, too, where Ohio and Michigan shared the the.  
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30 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Ohio would never do it. We have begged the Department of Ohio to hold a  
31 convention. Oh, it's too much work. We don't have enough people. Blah blah blah! So that  
32 would be out.  
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34 **Gloria Sanchez:** Terri? Speak, dear? Why are you raising your hand?  
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36 **Terri Shattuck:** It's my turn?  
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38 **Terri Shattuck:** Fran, we have held a Department Convention in Frankmouth at the Clarion Inn.  
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40 **Tracy Derr:** Well, wasn't there a convention at um Mackinaugh Island? The Grand Hotel on  
41 Mackinaugh Island? Yeah.  
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43 **Terri Shattuck:** Yeah. Yeah. Mackinaugh Island and the Grand.

1 **Tracy Derr:** Outrageously expensive. My step, my stepdaughter.  
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3 **Terri Shattuck:** You know.  
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5 **JUDY FIDDLER:** But aren't they on purple? Aren't they a purple heart.  
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7 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yeah. Yes they are;  
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9 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Community now they are. We might.  
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11 **Terri Shattuck:** Dan and Tammy worked on Mackinac Island Convention, and they got us  
12 awesome deals.  
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14 **Tracy Derr:** Yeah. It's a beautiful space.  
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16 **Gloria Sanchez:** To go there so bad.  
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18 **Terri Shattuck:** Is absolutely gorgeous, and it is haunted.  
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20 **Tracy Derr:** It is.  
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22 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam Chair, this is Colleen, your webmaster, is it? Okay? If I strike this from  
23 the transcript? (Note: It wasn't striken)  
24  
25 **Gloria Sanchez:** Yes, there's no.  
26  
27 **Tracy Derr:** Can we end this now, please?  
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29 **Terri Shattuck:** Need to. You can strike a plane for Guam.  
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31 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yeah, we'll close the meeting, and then we'll we'll we can still talk.  
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33 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay.  
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35 **Gloria Sanchez:** Is, is.  
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37 **Tracy Derr:** I got nothing else.  
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39 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay, then we'll close this meeting. Gloria, can you give us a short closing  
40 prayer?  
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42 **Gloria Sanchez:** Okay. Okay, let me see if I can think of something here right quick. Okay.  
43 Everyone would bow their heads. Dear, Heavenly Father, as we prepare to bring this meeting to

1 a close, I thank you, Lord, for the great participation that we've had, and as we leave this zoom  
2 call, Lord, I think, pray, that you be with each one of us, and keep us safe, and keep us healthy,  
3 as we continue to do the work that we have volunteered to do, and we thank you for our  
4 veterans, and that also. Lord, I'm going to ask that You pray, I pray that someone will speak up  
5 and would like to be the secretary, because that is an extremely important (Inaudible) that  
6 individual. So I ask all of this in Jesus, name Amen.  
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8 **Several Members:** Amen  
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10 **Terri Shattuck:** Okay. I now close this meeting. It is 2:03pm Eastern Time

2024  
Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary  
Minutes of the  
POST 91st Virtual National Convention  
National Executive Committee Meeting  
August 10, 2024

1 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay, it is 11:24am Central time. I am calling the NEC to order. Can we start  
2 with a prayer first? Gwen. Madam Chaplain.

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4 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Yes. So, I will ask you to take 3 cleansing breaths. Father God, as we start  
5 afresh with this new slate of officers, we ask You to be with us as we seek Your guiding wisdom  
6 that you would grant us favor in this area as as we go forward, and to move upward in making  
7 the right decisions for our organization, to bless those that have just loved us, and to bless us as  
8 we continue on in the business of this day. In Your most holy and precious name. We pray.  
9 Amen

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11 **Fran Holtgreven:** Thank you, Madam Chaplain. Um, Linda Varejcka, will you please um have us  
12 in um - not roll call- excuse me – uh

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14 **Judy Fiddler:** Pledge

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16 **Fran Holtgreven:** The pledge? Could we all stand, please if you can?

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18 **Linda Varejcka and collective group:** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of  
19 America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible for liberty  
20 and justice for all. Toot

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22 **Fran Holtgreven:** Thank you, Linda. Judy?

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24 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yes, ma'am.

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26 **Fran Holtgreven:** Will you please take roll call?

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28 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yes.

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30 **JUDY FIDDLER:** President Fran Holgreven?

31 **Fran Holtgreven:** Present.

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33 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Senior Vice President Teviah Gilliard?

34 **Teviah Gilliard:** Present

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36 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Chaplain Gwendolen Gilliard?

37 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Present.

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39 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Secretary Judy Fiddler? Present. Treasurer Tracy Derr?

40 **Tracy Derr:** Present.

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42 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Membership Officer Cheryl Perez?

1 **Cheryl Perez:** Present.  
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3 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Region 2 President Linda Bellis?  
4 **Linda Bellis:** Present.  
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6 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Region 4 President Kay Ko Baucom?  
7 **Kay Jo Baucom:** Present.  
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9 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Region 5 President Doris Williams?  
10 **Doris Williams:** Present.  
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12 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Parliamentarian Jan Knapp?  
13 **Jan Knapp:** Present.  
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15 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Sergeant at Arms Linda Varejcka?  
16 **Linda Varejcka:** Present.  
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18 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Department Presidents: Pennsylvania Sandy Verbos? Michigan Deborah Allen?  
19 Minnesota Sheryl Osburn? Nebraska Angela Foster?  
20 **Angie Foster:** Present.  
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22 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Ohio Cassandra Christner? Wisconsin Barb Cherone?  
23 **Darlene Rogers:** Present, Darlene Rogers. Senior Vice.  
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25 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Florida Betty Ann Brunton?  
26 **Betty Brunton:** Sorry, present.  
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28 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Georgia Mary Ann Barkley? Department President from Mississippi Vanessa  
29 Duet? Colorado Rita Cusack?  
30 **Rita Cusack:** Present.  
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32 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Louisiana Colleen Orfanello?  
33 **Colleen Orfanello:** Present.  
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35 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Texas Vera Anderson? PNPs: Patricia Sharp? Lucille Kinney? Elaine Mons? Bonnie  
36 Dummler? Joan Walsh? Carol Lance? Judith Spalding? Nancy Lee Birschbach?  
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38 **Nancy Lee Birschbach:** Present  
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40 **Judy Fiddler:** Jane Stoell? Gwendolyn Gilliard?  
41 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Present.  
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43 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Karen Haltiner?

1 **Karen Haltiner:** Present.  
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3 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Barb Cherone? She's present. Barbara Canode? Jan Knapp?  
4 **Jan Knapp:** Present.  
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6 **Judy Fiddler:** Eileen Oltmann?  
7 **Eileen Oltmann:** Present.  
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9 **Judy Fiddler:** Terri Shattuck  
10 **Terri Shattuck:** Present.  
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12 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Gloria Sanchez?  
13 **Gloria Sanchez:** Present.  
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15 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Diane Petrini? Cheryl Perez?  
16 **Cheryl Perez:** Present.  
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18 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Amanda Fleener? Colleen, Orfanello?  
19 **Colleen Orfanello:** Present.  
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21 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay. Kay Jo Baucom?  
22 **Kay Jo Baucom:** Present.  
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24 **JUDY FIDDLER:** And Barbara Hale Ray? She left us?  
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26 **Terri Shattuck:** She said she was leaving.  
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28 **Several Members:** (laughter inaudible)  
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30 **Judy Fiddler:** Ok Madam President, there's your roll call.  
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32 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay. Thank you.  
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34 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam Secretary, there's a message from Jennyne Bilsky. 1919 is available.  
35 Present.  
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37 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Well, she's not on the NEC, so she did not need to answer a roll call.  
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39 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay. Barbara probably got on that white white horse of hers, and is out  
40  
41 **Judy Fiddler:** Gallivanting  
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43 **Fran Holtgreven:** I mean - in the mountains, gallavating in the mountains. So.

1 **Gloria Sanchez:** Madam President, This is Gloria. She's gone! I just saw her wave.  
2  
3 **Fran Holtgreven:** Oooh. Yeah.  
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5 **Barbara Hale Ray:** I'm sorry I had my mute on. But yeah. I'm here. Present.  
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7 **Fran Holtgreven:** Present. Yeah, we thought we thought you were out galavanting around on  
8 your white horse.  
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10 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Not yet.  
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12 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay.  
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14 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Maybe it's her black stallion.  
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16 **Fran Holtgreven:** Oh! Judy, Judy.  
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18 **Judy Fiddler:** We can have fun. We can have fun.  
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20 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay, getting on with this, I am going to tell you my appointments for the year.  
21 Membership is Past National President Cheryl Perez. Secretary, as we know, is Judy Fiddler,  
22 Historian is Rosa Rodriguez. Sergeant at Arms is Linda Varejcka. VAVS, CDCE, is Linda varejcka.  
23 The grant administration – administrater – for the VAVS, CDCE and HOV is Linda Varejcka.  
24 Marshall is Dixie Pickart. The chaplain is Past National President Gwendolyn - Gwendolyn  
25 Gilliard. Americanism is Linda Varejcka. The Webmaster is Past National President Colleen  
26 Orfanello. I also would like for the Region Presidents - I would like to appoint Terri Shattuck as  
27 liaison for Region 1 and Region 6. Also, for Region 3, the liaison will be Patricia Hail. This year,  
28 I'm adding some new committees. One is a comun - communication - committee. Here is  
29 going to be a "comiky" - I cannot talk today - committee who is going to try to get people in our  
30 units and departments - they're going to try to lead them into - getting our name out to  
31 newspapers, the social medias, um and also to televisions television. Um, the chair of this unit -  
32 of this committee - excuse me, will be Terri Shattuck, Past National President. And the reason I  
33 picked her is because she is already doing this in her area. She has the expertise, and she just  
34 can lead and tell everyone how she does this. She puts a article in the newspaper all the time.  
35 She's just a real go-getter, so she is the chair. Sandra Verbos is on this committee. Patricia Hail,  
36 Betty Brunton, Barbara Hale Ray Past National President, and and I will also be attending these  
37 meetings. The next committee that I added this year is the General Fundraising Committee. It  
38 looks like right now we're doing really good, but when I made up my committees we were really  
39 really struggling. I believe that if we do not doing general fundraising that can go into our  
40 general fund in a few years we're going to be back in the same situation we were this year. So  
41 on the General Fundraising committee, Linda Bellis will be the chair. She is a real go-getter. So  
42 that is why I chose her. Linda Varejcka, Herlinda Sifuentes, Barbara Cherone, Past National  
43 President and Tracy Derr has been added because she is the Treasurer. On the Bylaws

1 Committee. Since we do not have a Junior Vice, that position is vacant. I have added  
2 another person on to the - to the - committee to take um place of the Junior Vice. The  
3 Committee – uh Bylaws Committee will be Teviah Gilliard, myself, Jan Knapp, Past National  
4 President, and Nancy Lee Birschbach. I am going - would like to make Nancy Lee Birschbach the  
5 chair of this um so she will be in position to get the meeting started and to let when the  
6 meetings are going to be - the time and place. The Finance Committee, as you all know, well,  
7 guess I don't really need to go into that, because we have uh already went through that. Uh,  
8 This year, my main goal – goals - it's going to be a challenge. So, my theme this year is “Rise to  
9 the Challenge”. I have a few challenges here. I chose this because we have had many challenges,  
10 and we're going to continue to have them. The balloon, the hot air balloon, always reminds me  
11 of things rising; so this year, “Rise to the Challenge”, means to confront and overcome difficult  
12 situations and obstacles, with courage, determination, responsibility, availability, and hard work.  
13 The following challenges I feel are crucial. Of course, the 1st one is helping our veterans. That is  
14 what we are here to do. The second, I believe, is general fundraising for operating costs. The  
15 third is membership. We need people in this organization. The fourth is to improve  
16 communications and public publicity, and that is why I formed - I formed the communication  
17 committee. We need to get ourselves out and be recognized, and I believe this would also help  
18 membership. The fifth is resolutions and bylaws. We need them updated. Like Jan and Cheryl  
19 said, this is an ongoing job. We really need to get these out. We have many things to change.  
20 We have a lot that say Ladies Auxiliary. We need to go through them and change them. And this  
21 year, Jan and Cheryl have been doing that and I know they will help with this next year, along  
22 with the other members who are on the Bylaws committee. Um, we need to embrace changes.  
23 We need to try new things. We need to take risks and we need to step  
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25 **Undisclosed Member:** “Inaudible”.

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27 **Fran Holtgreven:** Out of our comfort zones. I just got a message.  
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29 **Undisclosed Member:** “Inaudible”. So sweet. Thank you, thank you.  
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31 **Fran Holtgreven:** Cheryl. Yes, Cheryl is on the bylaws committee. I'm sorry if I missed saying her  
32 name. So going on, we need feedback from all auxiliary members. We need feedback from all  
33 auxiliary members. We need to be in touch with all the units and departments more.  
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35 **Barbara Hale Ray:** Okay, well, thank you, too. Okay.  
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37 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay. Everyone I don't care if you're just an attendee of a unit meeting. We  
38 need to hear your voice. The unit President needs to hear your voice. The Department needs to  
39 know your voice and National, so speak up. Even if you don't agree with something we're doing,  
40 give us new ideas. We want to hear from you. Um, so that's about it. Plus I do have more  
41 challenges. But I thought these here were some to start with and um the last one is we need to  
42 take time for ourselves.

1 **Fran Holtgreven:** But we need to do this and have fun. But we need to remember that we have  
2 to do these challenges. Or we will not have a National Auxiliary, And if we don't have a national  
3 auxiliary, we won't have the units or the departments, to be able to do what we want to do and  
4 help the patriots and the veterans, and that is our main concern. So are there any questions or  
5 discussions?  
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7 **Undisclosed Member:** Can't tell you.  
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9 **Fran Holtgreven:** Nancy Lee.  
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11 **Nancy Lee Birchbach:** On our reports, we have publicity and community service, and you didn't  
12 name a person in charge of that.  
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14 **Fran Holtgreven:** At this time the webmaster is going to take charge of that and I am going to  
15 help and possibly learn how to do this. That's another thing we need. Thank you for bringing  
16 this up, Nancy Lee. I combined it into Webmaster this year. It is still I was told that Amanda  
17 Fleener did not want to do it, and I was notified late last night that she may want to do it still,  
18 that but when I made up my appointments I had not heard anything and she is not in an active  
19 unit, and our bylaws say that to be on a committee or anything like that you need, or you know,  
20 in charge of something like that, you need to have membership in an active unit. So, at this time  
21 that is why I did not have that on appointed office. Are there any other questions, comments,  
22 ideas? Remember, I need the NEC to speak up and yes, Doris.  
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24 **Doris Williams:** I'd like to know what you expect. What are you expecting from the Region  
25 Presidents this year?  
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27 **Fran Holtgreven:** This year I expect them to reach out to all their units and departments, and  
28 make sure that all their forms are sent in on time, their EIN, their installation reports. And, if  
29 possible, I would like you have a Zoom Meeting as a region can conference to see exactly  
30 if they need help if they have any questions, and then to relay it to the national officers.  
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32 **Cheryl Perez:** Madam President.  
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34 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yes.  
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36 **Cheryl Perez:** Cheryl Perez National Membership Officer. I would just like to clarify on the vote  
37 we passed yesterday about the rebates. The reason that I wanted to exclude the bad addresses  
38 in the rebate. I spend a lot of time trying to clean up the roster and find those bad addresses,  
39 and a lot of times these members have been deceased for years. So, um I just my thought  
40 behind that is, you don't get a rebate on a bad address, but the unit and the department, go  
41 and look and research, and try to make an outreach and get that bad address to active or  
42 deceased, so outreach, and get it to active, and then you get the rebate back on it back on it.  
43 But some of these units have quite a few bad addresses. They've been bad addresses for years

1 and years and years, and hopefully it will spur the units and departments to do a little bit of  
2 roster cleaning for that. Um, which also brings me to another thought. You did not do a  
3 membership development fund chair for that. In the past I have done it, there's a thousand  
4 dollars in that fund. So, when units close or units want to do an outreach, it is money that's  
5 available to be reimbursed to the unit for stamps and postage and the printing for a letter. It's  
6 we used to have like 4 or 5,000. It wasn't being used. I used it quite extensively when I was  
7 Senior Vice President and um the 1st year as National Membership officer to outreach to NMLs.  
8 I never got around to doing the DMLs. That's something a department could do. We have  
9 reached the point where we have more in DML and NML. Than we do in active units, and it's  
10 going to keep happening as units close, and if a unit is closing. You know, I always have been  
11 recommending that you send a letter to all your members on the roster let to make a vote to  
12 close, or if they want to stay open, then you need 3 people to step up and take those office  
13 positions or to vote to close it? And do they want to transfer to another unit or DML or NML?  
14 It's a way to reach out to them, and at least get a little bit of your roster clean. So that's it. So  
15 your regular member count, is going to be changing a little bit for the rebates, because those  
16 bad addresses will be removed, and if you have any questions or need help with outreaching to  
17 bad addresses, I can give you some tips on how I research and what I do. Okay. Thank you.

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19 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay. Cheryl on that, are you saying that I should make a committee to do  
20 this? Or should I just have reach out to the units and departments, and have them do their own.

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22 **Cheryl Perez:** We've had a membership development fund since Diane's year when Diane was  
23 President. So there is money in that fund, and the purpose of that money was to help out units  
24 and departments outreach to clean up their rosters. It's not for like going out and doing a flyer  
25 to get new members or anything like that. That membership development fund is to help  
26 develop - the your units. What you've already got there and get a better roster, a cleaner roster.  
27 We've always had it. We have a thousand dollars in it right now in that fund, so that without  
28 somebody to, and nobody's requested it in like 2 or 3 years, anyhow. That's why we took it  
29 down to 1,000 a couple of years ago. But it is there. It is mentioned every year that it's there,  
30 unless it's forgotten like it almost was forgotten this year. Um, and it always they've always just  
31 had me as the membership officer, you know. The request comes to me. The receipts come to  
32 me, you know. I put the warrant that it's okay to the treasurer and the secretary and the  
33 President to reimburse the unit or department for what they've done. So it's it's already there.  
34 It's just it's it. We have standing committees, which are your national executive committee, your  
35 bylaw and your national finance. And then all these other ones are what's called - they're only  
36 there for a year. They're almost like an ad-hoc. So they they expire when the President bleeds  
37 out, and the new President needs to do any other kind of committee and and Membership  
38 Development Committee, just like your general fundraising committee, that's not a standing  
39 committee in the bylaws. It only goes year to year, and if it's not renewed, then it goes away.

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41 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay, thank you. Yes, I believe we really need to have a committee for that.  
42 And would you be chair of that committee?

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1 **Cheryl Perez:** Okay. But for me, it's not, I'm not going to be on a committee to like do  
2 everything. I mean, it's it just kind of runs the way it is. So if a unit or department wants to do  
3 an outreach letter. Then, yes, they can, you know. Let me know. And we could talk about what  
4 they need to do and then they can do it, and we'll do it. But if it's a committee to like, have  
5 meetings every month, or whenever, and talk, that - I'm not - I have enough to do already. I  
6 can't oversee something like that, but I can oversee the fund and the distribution, and make  
7 sure that somebody wants to use it that they have the proper - they know the proper  
8 documentation they need to get reimbursed.

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10 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay, I understand that. Yes, um if the units and departments could work out  
11 to you, I guess that's what I meant. The chair. But um.

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13 **Cheryl Perez:** Yes, but well. For example, Florida has a unit that's going to be closing. Um, I  
14 recently talked with Kay Jo about a unit in North Carolina um about dual form letters. You mail it  
15 out and then uh, you know, it's it just helps clean up the your rosters, and it get some people  
16 active again, or at least people you haven't been in touch with 10 years, but because the unit  
17 hasn't been doing anything, they at least hear from you. Maybe we get an email and we can get  
18 them on our our constant contact list, or whatever. But yeah.

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20 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay. So.

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22 **Cheryl Perez:** Good for outreach. Letter outreach to units. Yes.

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24 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay. So I will add that to my um challenges of getting the units and  
25 departments to reach out and clean up their roster then, and if they have any questions they  
26 can contact you. Is that okay?

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28 **Cheryl Perez:** Yes.

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30 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay, thank you. Thank you, Cheryl. Okay, are there any other questions?  
31 Ideas?

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33 **Judy Fiddler:** Madam President, this is Judy. Um, your monthly leadership meeting is going to be  
34 the second Monday of each month. What time did you want to start meeting? Currently, it's  
35 been 5, 4, 3, 2, and you wanted to go a little later.

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37 **Fran Holtgreven:** Uh Yes. Can we make it 6, 5, 4, 3?

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39 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Yeah.

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41 **Colleen Orfanello:** And, Madam President, may I just clarify; that's for the leadership position.  
42 It's just a few people for leadership, not for everyone, because there's certain it's a a specialized  
43 meeting.

1 **Fran Holtgreven:** Right. So yes, Judy. We'll make it 6 Eastern, 5 Central, 4 mountain, 3  
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3 **Karen Haltiner:** Pacific.  
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5 **Fran Holtgreven:** Pacific.  
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7 **JUDY FIDDLER:** Okay. Thank you.  
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9 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yes, Karen.  
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11 **Karen Haltiner:** Uh, Madam President, the list of the ladies that you give us. You know, like who  
12 you're Chairman are. Is that going to be published somewhere, like Linda Varejcka?  
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14 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yeah, there's a  
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16 **Karen Haltiner:** Okay, great cause that way. If we have a question on certain, we can go to those  
17 ladies.  
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19 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yes, okay. That's another thing I want to bring up, um. I am going to send letter  
20 to all Region Presidents um to get this out. Where are our web pages? Where they can find out  
21 all the answers, well, not all the answers, but find out answers to their questions, and I want to  
22 promote the Zoom Meetings more. Um, I believe the Zoom Meetings every 3rd Thursday. I  
23 know a lot of people really don't want to attend them, but this year my challenge is to get more  
24 information out: how we can help the veterans, and how we can help ourselves.  
25  
26 **Colleen Orfanello:** Madam President, this is Colleen Orfanello, your webmaster, I do want to let  
27 everyone know on the call that the website will be updated. However, I will not be in town next  
28 week. And I won't have access to Internet. So, President Holtgreven and I will get together and  
29 revise the website, the forms and everything will still be on the website as it is. But the but the  
30 website's going to be suited for her liking. But I know we have forms coming up. Don't worry.  
31 That page will remain untouched, for now.  
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33 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay. Thank you. Are there any other questions, ideas, comments?  
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35 **Jan Knapp:** This is Jan Knapp. Madam President, on Unit 127, I do have a question about the  
36 changing of our forms page. You know, that's a public forum, and it's like kind of looks like we  
37 don't even know what we're doing. It's spelling out. Oh, do this, do that when it's actually on  
38 the form itself. I don't know. I think we should maybe take a look um at that that that will be  
39 obviously your job. Thank you.  
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41 **Fran Holtgreven:** Thank you, Jan. That's a good idea. Nancy Lee?  
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43 **Nancy Lee Birchback:** When you have your Zoom Meeting? I think you need to stress, you know,

1 as far as that the departments, need to have the 990, the installation and the Finance report to  
2 get a rebate. You know, if you don't have those 3 reports, your department will not get the  
3 rebate and units need to do the life verification, and that would be a good place for them to see  
4 once you know the bad addresses and start working on that. I'm the Department Secretary,  
5 Treasurer for Wisconsin. Um, I've been going through all 4 units looking at - I have the their year  
6 as far as when they were born - I've been keeping track of that and I type in their name.  
7 Let's say I'll put in Nancy Lee Birschbach obituary and I click on that, Google it, and I found a lot  
8 of unit. I think this last year I found 2022 ladies that passed away in our department, and I'm the  
9 one that did it. I did it for all 4 units. So, that's something, you know, maybe somebody in the  
10 department can do that to help out these units. And you know. And instead of Cheryl trying to  
11 find all these ladies that are deceased.

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13 **Jan Knapp:** Yes, yes.

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15 **Fran Holtgreven:** Yes, I agree and I feel.

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17 **Cheryl Perez:** I agree. Cheryl Perez National Membership officer, and I'll and also when it is -  
18 when somebody is listed on our deceased list online - I always go and check to make sure,  
19 because names and cities can be the same. So I I have to have 2 or 3 data points before I I make  
20 sure that that was our member, so I always go through everybody that's been reported and  
21 check, and there's been a few times I've had to say. I don't think that's the same person. Um, so  
22 I've just been doing genealogy for over 30 years. I have a you know. I'm good at going down the  
23 rabbit hole and finding those things so yeah, Nancy, that you did a great job this year. Thank  
24 you.

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26 **Fran Holtgreven:** Okay. Any other comments? Questions? Okay, I don't see any. So I would like  
27 to thank you all for attending. Please reach out to me for anything you need. You all probably  
28 have better answers than me, um, but I'm going to really need all your help. I have a lot that I  
29 would like to do this year, and I I truthfully know I had the past commander tell me that when  
30 we were talking, that he says, you know you aren't going to get all that done. He said. "It looks  
31 good on paper." I said, "Yes, but I really want to try." He said, "You aren't going to get it done".  
32 So, but I'd like to show him we can.

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34 **Jan Knapp:** You know what I.

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36 **Fran Holtgreven:** We can do it.

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38 **Jan Knapp:** Know what I say to my husband, Fran, when he says that? I say, watch me.  
39 Yeah. You need to say.

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41 **Fran Holtgreven:** Linda.

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43 **Linda Varejcka:** And, Madam President, it's...

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**Linda Bellis:** Yeah.

**Linda Varejcka:** Teamwork. We can all get together. We can all work together, and it's teamwork. It's not, should not be the responsibility of one to do it all. Delegate, and it's teamwork of working together for our organization. I don't know what I would do without my MOPHA friends that I have made over these past years. I love you all, and I love working with you.

**Terri Shattuck:** We love you too, Linda.

**Fran Holtgreven:** And we love you too.

**Linda Bellis:** Madam President, Linda Bellis. I think the commander forgot. We're women. We get stuff done. We don't. No.

**Jan Knapp:** (Inaudible).

**Fran Holtgreven:** So Linda.

**Linda Varejcka:** And one more thing. Fran and I talked about this. I haven't said anything to Colleen yet, but if any of you used to take the Taste of Home magazine, and when you got the magazine it would say, Look through the book for a toothpick and if you find this toothpick, let us know and you'll get a prize. Well, I'm going to ask Colleen each month, to hide a little figure someplace in our General Orders and it won't always be my article. It could be Fran's. It could be Region 2. It could be region 4. It could be any place but those that find the article, they just think about the item they just need to let me know, and I will draw for a winner, and there will be a little prize each month. Now it's not gonna be anything huge because of postage. It may be a pin, it may be a bookmark, it may be a towel. I don't know, but I want to make sure that all of you are reading General Orders from the top to the bottom and because there's a lot of good information in there in the General Orders. The night that we have, that it's only an hour long. We can't possibly fit everything, so people need to read. They need to communicate to their departments, their units. Reach out to every member.

**Fran Holtgreven:** Thank you, Linda. I agree, and that is what we need to do. Reach out to every member. It's not just a few of us. We're all in this together and

**Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Amen.

**Fran Holtgreven:** Started thinking about what my theme was going to be and it came up to be "The year of the challenge will be BEE - the time - together we can - rise to the challenge". So I took the the last few PNPs and put their time, their not time - their themes into mine because I just feel so - I just - we have to keep this organization going. And, my God, I don't want watch.

1 Pardon my language, but, so. Are there any other questions or comments? Okay? Um, if not, is  
2 there any other business that anyone wants to bring up before I close the meeting? Wup, Gwen.

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4 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Yes. Just a loving, friendly reminder that the Chaplain Zoom will continue. It  
5 also will include inspirational comments before the prayer. At the beginning and at the end, and  
6 I will be asking some of the chaplains to participate as they have done in the past, and it will be  
7 greatly appreciated. As you have already mentioned, we are a team, and we're to inspire and  
8 encourage each other as well as our veterans and family members. Thank you.

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10 **Fran Holtgreven:** Thank you, Gwen. Okay, if there's no other comments, anything, I am going to  
11 close this NEC meeting at 12:02pm. And Gwen, will you give us a closing prayer? Please.

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13 **Gwendolyn Gilliard:** Yes, Father God, thank you so much. And we're going to ask everyone to  
14 bow their heads and hearts again in prayer. Father God, Almighty Father, You have been present  
15 with us, and heard all of our vocal prayers, all of our heart prayers, all of our soul prayers, and  
16 we're just so thankful that you are always present with us and hear even our thought prayers,  
17 Lord, when sometimes we think that you're not there. But you have said that you're always  
18 present with us, no matter what. Thank you, Lord. And we just humble ourselves again before  
19 you as we continue to move forward, Lord, within our organization and, Almighty Father. As we  
20 go from this meeting, we just ask you to go with us, to guide and direct us in the path of  
21 righteousness. May Your blessings be upon us! Remain with us! Keep us to to our organization,  
22 ourselves and to you. Grant us the peace, joy, ad happiness within your spirit, within, your  
23 wisdom, within your grace and mercy now and forevermore, blessing each household in Jesus'  
24 holy name. Amen.

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26 **Several Members: Group:** Amen.

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28 **Fran Holtgreven:** It's 12:04pm Central time. I now close the NEC meeting, and we will go on to  
29 the NFC.