

**RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS,
AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
ADOPTED
BY
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
89TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION**

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To fulfill the requirements of **Standing Rule VIII, Number 12**, and to remind Department Presidents of their responsibilities as stated in said rule, we transmit herewith the final adopted resolutions, recommendations and the amendments to the National Constitution and Bylaws that were enacted at the 2009 National Convention. Standing Rule VIII, 12 reads:

“Department Presidents will receive a copy of all Recommendations and Resolutions adopted at each National Convention immediately after said convention. It is the duty of the Department President to see that all Department Officers and Department Chairmen be advised of these changes immediately.”

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National Junior Activities Committee Resolution

WHEREAS, The American Legion Auxiliary Junior Activities Patch Program promotes patriotism by educating its Junior Members while earning patches in Americanism, Poppy, VA&R, Community Service, Fitness, Leadership, Field Service, Education and other programs; and

WHEREAS, Junior Members should be challenged while completing the requirements of all patches; and

WHEREAS, Presently the age groups are:

Level 1: Ages Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

Level 2: Ages Sixth Grade through Eighth Grade

Level 3: Ages Ninth Grade through Twelfth Grade (or 18 years old); and

WHEREAS, Levels 1 and 2 have such a huge age and grade gap; and

WHEREAS, Kindergarten through Third Grade are considered primary grades, and Fourth Grade through Eighth Grade are considered middle grades; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of all concerned that the age and grade gap of Level 1 and Level 2 be changed to correct the age and grade gap, with Level 3 remaining the same; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the American Legion Auxiliary in National Convention assembled in Louisville, Kentucky, August 21-27, 2009, that Level 1 and Level 2 be changed as follows:

Level 1: Ages Kindergarten through Third Grade

Level 2: Ages Fourth Grade through Eighth Grade

Level 3: Ages Ninth Grade through Twelfth Grade (or 18 years old)

RESOLVED, That all requirements for all Levels remain the same.

RESOLVED, That this change become effective with the 2009-2010 Auxiliary year.

National Magazine Content Resolution

WHEREAS, The national magazine is the only publication every member receives and they need information about our programs; and

WHEREAS, The strategic plan calls for:

- Continually ensuring American Legion Auxiliary programs are relevant and to provide incoming leadership with ideas and information to assist in programming decisions; and
- Developing volunteer and staff leadership at all levels of the organization by investing in a variety of resources and to provide annual relevant training and resource plans to enhance the skills of the volunteer leaders at the nation, state, and unit levels; and

WHEREAS, The national magazine previously contained program Mini Plans of Work and articles from National Chairmen to encourage and help members work the Auxiliary programs in their Units; and

WHEREAS, This was valuable information and ideas for members, Unit and Department Chairmen, and a way for members to hear from Nation Chairmen; therefore, be it

***RESOLVED*, By the American Legion Auxiliary in national convention assembled in Louisville, Kentucky, August 22-27, 2009, That the fall issue of the National American Legion Auxiliary magazine, will contain Mini Plans of Work (Action) of at least 450 words for each program; and, be it further**

***RESOLVED*, That each subsequent issue will contain articles of a minimum 600 words regarding at least four of the programs by the National Chairmen; and, be it finally**

***RESOLVED*, That this resolution will become effective with the 2010 – 2011 administrative year.**

Release of Known Donor Information from Previous Direct Mailings

WHEREAS, The National Organization has discontinued sharing revenue from most of the affinity programs; and

WHEREAS, The National Organization has authorization rights to the known donor list(s) from previous direct mail solicitations; and

WHEREAS, many Departments are in need of revenue and may wish to participate in direct mail solicitations to increase their income sources; and

WHEREAS, participation in direct mail solicitation would be more efficiently and economically accomplished if previous known donor lists were available; now therefore be it

***RESOLVED*, by the American Legion Auxiliary in National Convention assembled in Louisville, Kentucky, August 21-27, 2009, that upon request from a Department, the National organization will authorize release to the Department the “Department’s list” of known donors from the direct mail solicitations with any associated costs from the vendors to be born by that Department; and be it further**

***RESOLVED*, That this resolution become effective with the 2010-2011 administrative year or sooner**

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE V, SECTION 2 AMENDED TO READ:

Section 2. All Past National Presidents in good standing in the local Units shall be members for life of the National Executive Committee, with all rights except the right to vote.

NATIONAL BYLAWS, ARTICLE III, SECTION 7 AMENDED TO READ:

Section 7. National Historian: It shall be the duty of the National Historian to complete the historical records of the National Organization and to make a report to the National Convention. She shall prepare a written account of the year's activities for reference in the compilation of future National History books. Quarterly reports are due within 30 days of end of quarter for the first three quarters of the administrative year. Failure to submit reports will result in a termination of travel authorizations. The completed report is to be filed in National Headquarters, no later than December 31 following the National Convention, copy to be sent to the National President with whom she served. The Past National Historian pin will be presented provided the first three quarterly reports have been filed as required.

NATIONAL BYLAWS, ARTICLE V, AMENDED TO READ:

Section 4. There shall be the following Administrative Committees: Audit.

Section 5. There shall be an Audit Committee under Administrative Committees that shall consist of three members appointed annually by the National President and ratified by the NEC. The first operating year of the committee, one member will be appointed to serve a term of three (3) years or until her successor is appointed; one member will be appointed to serve a term of two (2) years or until her successor is appointed; and, one member will be appointed to serve a term of one (1) year. Thereafter, one member will be appointed annually to serve a term of three (3) years or until her successor is appointed.

The Audit Committee shall be responsible for providing oversight assistance to the National Executive Committee in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to accounting and reporting practices, reliable systems of internal control, the corporate responsibility program, and the quality and integrity of the Auxiliary's financial reporting. Audit Committee members will be financially literate and chairperson of the committee will have the necessary background to be considered an "audit committee financial expert" in matters dealing with accounting and auditing.

STANDING RULES, 1. NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, SECTION 5 AMENDED TO READ:

Section 5. The candidate(s) for National President for the ensuing year, with the cooperation of the National President and National Secretary, shall plan a membership theme and program and if possible in correlation with that of The American Legion for the following year; and these plans should be presented to the Departments no later than June 1 of the same year, enabling the Departments to coordinate their membership objectives and program to those of the National Organization.