

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
ARTICLE II
DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES

Section 1. (A) ENUMERATION. There shall be the following standing Department Committees in The American Legion, Department of Wyoming: Americanism, Athletic, Boys' State; Jr. Shooting Sport, Oratorical Contest, Wyoming High School Rodeo, Children and Youth, E. A. Blackmore Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Economic and Employment, Hospital, Finance, Ways and Means, Legislative, Membership and Post Activities, Religious Emphasis, Public Relations, Newspaper, Sons of the American Legion, Convention, and Constitution and Bylaws.

(B) Additional Committees as may be deemed necessary may be established from time to time upon motion by the Department Convention or the Department Executive Committee.

Section 2 (A) MEMBERSHIP AND TENURE OF DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES. Each committee shall have a rotating membership consisting of three members each unless otherwise directed by the respective committee. The initial appointment will be three members for a term of one year, two years, and three years respectively. After such initial appointment, one member shall be appointed each year for a term of three years, provided, that those replacements necessitated by a person vacating his/her office shall serve the remaining unexpired term. The senior member of each of the above mentioned committees shall automatically serve as chairman of said committee, provided, that upon re-appointment, a member shall start over in the rotation schedule for committee chairmanship; and provided further, that when the office of chairman of the committee is vacated, it shall be filled by the next senior member of that committee and not by his replacement.

(B) For the purpose of defining the term of one year, two years or three years with respect to the tenure of the Committees in the Article, a year shall commence with the first day of September and end with the thirty-first of August, the succeeding year.

(E) THE FINANCE COMMITTEE shall consist of the Department Finance Officer, who shall serve as chairman, the Department Commander, the Department Vice Commander, the Department 2nd Vice Commander, the National Executive Committeeman and the immediate past Department Commander and the Department Adjutant, who shall serve as an ex-officio member without vote, provided that in the event the National Executive Committeeman is also the immediate past Department Commander, the Alternate National Executive Committeeman shall serve as a member of this committee. They shall serve as members of the Department Finance Committee as long as they hold such office and until their successors are selected and qualified.

(B1) FINANCE COMMITTEE. It shall be the duty of the Department Finance Committee to meet before the opening of the Department Convention to arrange for funds for the purpose of discharging the obligations of the Department and to set up a budget based on the financial needs for the ensuing year, to be submitted to and approved by the Department Executive Committee at its meeting immediately before the Department

Convention provided, said committee may meet again at the time of later meetings of the Department Executive Committee during the year and amend or revise the budget.

(B2) No expenditure in any one year shall be made or authorized by the Finance Committee, or approved by the Executive Committee, in excess of current income for that year, except in case of urgent necessity, and in no event in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the reserve funds in addition to current income. Reserve funds is the cash on hand and in the bank or any securities on hand at the beginning of the current fiscal year.

(B3) The Finance Committee shall have the custody of and be responsible for all the securities and investments of the Department and shall keep full and accurate records and accounts of same. It shall also be the duty of the Department Finance Committee from time to time to propose the system to be followed by the Department Headquarters in accounting for the expenditures, and to arrange for and employ a qualified public accountant to make monthly reports, and to audit the books of the Department at least once a year.

FO Julie Rust (C), VC Keith Davidson, DC Ron Wood, NEC/PDC Jake Jacobs, 2VC Doug Uhrig, IPDC Hugo Lenz, Adjutant (non-voting).

Section 3. MANNER OF APPOINTMENT. Unless otherwise provided for in this constitution and by-laws, all Department Committee members shall be appointed by the Department Commander, with and by the consent and approval of the Department Executive Committee within thirty days following the adjournment of the Department Convention: provided that replacements appointed by the Department Commander, between meetings of the Department Executive Committee, need not have the consent and approval of said committee. The Department Commander may call for and receive recommendations, for appointments to Department Committees, from the Post Commanders, District Commanders and Department Officers. These recommendations must be received on the prescribed forms sent out by Department Headquarters for that purpose.

Section 4. (A) DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES. The duty of all Department Committees shall be determined at the time the committee or committees are established, provided, that the Department Executive Committee may from time to time assign duties and responsibilities to Department Committees.

Section 5. Each Department Committee Chairman shall submit at each annual Department Convention, a full report of the activities of his/her committee.