

UPDATES FROM THE 2011 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Tuesday 8-9-2011

National Budget:

The budget as presented was passed as presented. At Mid-Winter Conference, the National Board took the position that a \$2.00 increase would be needed to bring the 2012 budget into line. Due to an increase in a number of income line items, National reported that they are operating in the black at this time. The proposed \$2.00 was withdrawn so no increase was requested.

National Bylaws Changes:

There were 6 Bylaw changes offered – only 1 was passed.

Accepted Bylaw Change #1 as follows:

Proposed Bylaw Change regarding Section 415 – Trustees. Added a new sentence to the end of ARTICLE FOUR as follows: “No individual member of the Department shall serve in more than one position on the Board of Trustees.”

Changed to read – “SECTION 415 – TRUSTEES - The elected officers on the Department shall be the Department Board of Trustees; however, a Department Convention is authorized to appoint the outgoing Department Commandant, or a Past Department Commandant to serve a one-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees. No individual Member of the Department shall serve in more than one position on the board of Trustees.”

The remaining 5 were rejected, tabled or withdrawn for re-write by the Body.

National Administrative Changes:

There was 1 Administrative change offered – it was rejected by the Body.

Enclosure Changes:

There were 5 Enclosure 3 (Uniform) changed offered – 2 were accepted.

Accepted –Enclosure 3 change #2 as follows:

On page 3 of ENCLOSURE THREE (3), UNIFORM CODE – MARINE CORPS LEAGUE. The following paragraph was added to V. MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COVERS:

“A. The basic uniform of the Marine Corps League is the unique cover that identifies the Members of the Marine Corps League. Because all other parts of the uniform that are designated in this Enclosure are optional, the cover remains as the only consistent identifier for the Marine Corps League Members, which is why the cover is worn indoors at appropriate Marine Corps League functions. When the Marine Corps League Member is wearing the appropriate cover, as listed below, they are considered to be in uniform.”

The three existing paragraphs in this section will be designated as B, C, and D, respectively and will otherwise remain unchanged.

Accepted - Enclosure 3 Change #5 as follows:

WHITE DUTY BELT (Should be inserted as XI DUTY BELTS)

- A. White Duty Belt may be worn by a member while performing the duty as Sgt at Arms or as a member of a Color Guard/Honor Guard, and only with the Undress Uniform Short Sleeve White, or Long Sleeve White Shirt.

- B. The Duty Belt should be the standard PLAIN WHITE COTTON BELT 3” with Brass Marine Corps waist plate w/ Eagle, Globe and Anchor or WHITE WEB BELT with GOLD (in Color) Marine Corps Buckle, either highly shined or Hamilton gold plated anodized brass with the Eagle, Globe and Anchor. Associate members will wear the plain buckle.

The remaining 3 were rejected, or tabled for re-write.

There were 2 Enclosure 4 Changes offered with 1 passed and 1 withdrawn.

Accepted – Enclosure 4, Change #1.

Addition of National Marine of the Year Ribbon to “ORDER OF PRECEDENCE – RIBBONS”

Places the National Marine of the Year in Position #5, between Distinguished Service Ribbon and Division Marine of the Year Ribbon.

To be awarded by the President, National Marine of the Year Society.

Elections:

The National Slate of Officers were re-elected for the 2012 term with just minor changes at the Division Vice level. Central Division Vice Commandant remains Nik Makaroff.

Illinois:

The Department of Illinois received 23 Detachment awards for membership. I will be either visiting some of those Detachments or presenting them at 2nd Staff Conference this October in Rockford.