

May 28, 2024

American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Georgia

Dear Delegates to the 2024 Convention,

Herein are three resolutions focused on improving the governing documents of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia in its quest to uphold best practices in governance and to turn focus to the mission of our organization with clarity and to attain greater alignment with the National organization's governance protocols.

The first resolution updates Article V of the Bylaws focused on COMMITTEES. This is greatly needed at a time when turning focus on mission matters. Proposed revisions include clarifying and noting all core standing committees and refers to the Standing Rules for an overview of each committee. Further, it aligns the Risk & Compliance as a three-year term to align with the Finance and Human Resources Committees and adds clarifying language for the latter two. Last it provides updates suggested by the National ALA parliamentarian related to meetings not held in person.

The second resolution updates Standing Rules on COMMITTEES to support the Bylaw and ensures all committees are included where some are now missing, and some are incomplete.

The first and second resolutions are presented to you by NEC and Past Department President Susan Hall, Past Department President and 10<sup>th</sup> District President Anita Owens, and First Vice President Cheryl Waybright.

The third resolution is a critical step to removing redundancy and conflict withing the governing documents as well as removing expired language and adding language determined as needed but missing as well as bringing clarity to authorities and amendments and references Georgia state law for the conduct of remote meetings and action without a meeting.

These areas of improvement are driven by the National ALA Parliamentarian who, at the most recent National Leadership Conference, guided all Department Secretaries and incoming Department Presidents to closely review and move forward with updates to comply to best practices, and in most cases, directives from the National organization. As prescribed, this resolution is a courtesy, and changes provided in a typical amendment-three-column format for informational purposes. The resulting governing documents will be a model to our units and districts not only for what, but how to take action to update their respective aged documents.

This last resolution is presented to you by NEC and Past Department President Susan Hall, First Vice President Cheryl Waybright, and the Department Secretary/Treasurer, Patty Hawkins.

We fully expect these resolutions will further solidify the 2023-2024 theme of "Supporting the Foundation of Our Veterans" by bringing greater clarity to all leaders and further streamline operations so we may focus on what matters – mission related activities – in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Waybright  
First Vice President 2023-2024

Patty Hawkins  
Secretary/Treasurer

Susan Hall  
NEC 2022-2025  
Past Department President (2021-2022)

Anita Owens  
District President, 10<sup>th</sup> District 2023-2024  
Past Department President (2017-2018)

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA**  
 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION - Duluth, Georgia June 28 - 30, 2024  
**RESOLUTION: BYLAWS ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES: Revision and Addition**

WHEREAS, ARTICLE VII RESOLUTIONS of the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia requires that resolutions be submitted to the Resolutions Committee three weeks prior to the Convention and must be presented to the Department Convention for action and that all resolutions presented to the Department Convention must be read twice, with at least twelve (12) hours elapsing between readings; and,

WHEREAS, ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS of the Bylaws of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia require approval of the Department Convention by the vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat to amend the Bylaws provided all conditions of quorum and reading the amendment are met; and,

WHEREAS, BYLAWS ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES needs revision to align with the National ALA recommended organization and listing of core standing committees which impacts Section 1 and necessitates the addition of proposed new Sections 2 and 3; and

WHEREAS, BYLAWS ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES needs a new Section 4 to state that members and chairpersons of a department committee shall always be in good standing in their unit; and

WHEREAS, BYLAWS ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES Section 2 shall become Section 5 and include language that Finance Committee members must have a verifiable background in financial management and that members of the Finance Committee may not concurrently serve on the Risk & Compliance or the Human Resources Committees; further; the section is clarified for timing of appointment and charge of the committee; and

WHEREAS, BYLAWS ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES Section 3 shall become Section 6 and include language to state a chairperson and two members, and include the charge of the committee and, that no member of the Human Resources Committee may concurrently serve on the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, BYLAWS ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES needs a new Section 7 to align the Risk & Compliance Committee in the same organizational fashion as Human Resources and Finance; and


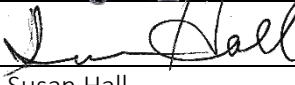
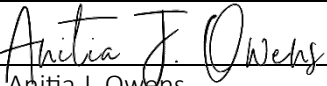
WHEREAS, BYLAWS ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES Section 4 shall become Section 8 with revision to align with best practices recommended by the National ALA and to note compliance with Georgia state law; and  
**now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, That BYLAWS ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES shall now read as listed on the next two pages; and**

**FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Standing Rule related to Department Committees shall be updated by separate resolution.**

Submitted by:

Date: **May 14, 2024**

1.	Signed:		Unit #:	160
	Name:	Cheryl Waybright	Position Title:	Department 1 <sup>st</sup> VP
2.	Signed:		Unit #:	336
	Name:	Susan Hall	Position Title:	NEC, PDP & Finance
3.	Signed:		Unit #:	233
	Name:	Anitia J. Owens	Position Title:	PDP & Finance

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**BYLAWS ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Pursuant to the Article on Duties of Officers, the Department President may appoint committees as the Department President deems advisable to further the mission of the organization, subject to ratification by the Department Executive Committee. When a vacancy occurs on a committee, the Department President shall appoint a member to serve the remainder of the unexpired term, all subject to confirmation by the Department Executive Committee.

Section 2. There shall be the following core Department Standing Committees: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Children & Youth, Americanism, National Security, Leadership, Membership, Constitution & Bylaws, Finance, Human Resources, Risk & Compliance, and such other mission and member/organizational support committees as provided in the Standing Rules.

Section 3. The composition, terms, and purpose of the Department Standing Committees and other Department Committees shall be as provided in the Standing Rules. Amendments to the composition, terms, or purpose of such department committees may be determined only by a two-thirds vote of the Department Executive Committee.

Section 4. Members and Chairpersons of a Department Committee shall be in good standing in their unit.

Section 5. The Finance Committee is comprised of a Chairperson and two (2) members each serving a staggered three-year term. The Leading Candidate for Department President shall appoint one member each year in April to serve a three-year term who shall become Chairperson of the Finance Committee in his/her third consecutive year. Appointees to the Finance Committee must have a verifiable background in financial management. The Finance Committee is charged with the preparation of the yearly budget; ensuring the expenditure of funds is within the allocated budget by means of systematic and monthly reviews of financial statements; and reporting performance against revenue and expense targets each quarter to the Department Executive Committee. Chairpersons of all committees shall submit an estimate of any needed funds for their committee before the Finance Committee begins preparation of the yearly budget. No member of the Finance Committee may concurrently serve on the Risk & Compliance or the Human Resources Committees.

Section 6. The Human resources Committee is comprised of a Chairperson and two (2) members each serving a staggered three-year term. The incoming Department President shall appoint one member each year to serve a three (3) year term who shall become Chairperson of the Human Resources Committee in his/her third consecutive year. Appointees to the Human Resources Committee must have a verifiable background in Human Resources. The Human Resources Committee is charged with annually recommending the hiring of a Secretary/ Treasurer approved by the Department Executive Committee and other duties assigned by the Department President. Because it is inappropriate and illegal for Human Resources matters to be handled by a department Finance Committee, no member of the Human Resources Committee may concurrently serve on the Finance Committee.

Section 7. The Risk & Compliance Committee is comprised of a Chairperson and two (2) members each serving a staggered three-year term. The incoming Department President shall appoint one member each year to serve a three-year term who shall become Chairperson of the Risk & Compliance Committee in his/her third consecutive year. Appointees to the Risk & Compliance Committee must have a verifiable background in organizational effectiveness and an understanding of risk management and the ALA's compliance program. The Risk & Compliance Committee is charged with safeguarding the organization, ensuring it has and follows proper procedures for oversight, internal controls and a system for checks and balances. No member of the Risk & Compliance Committee may concurrently serve on the Finance Committee or the Human Resources Committee.

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Section 8: Committee Meetings: If it is not conducive for a Committee to meet in person to handle the business of the Committee, the Committee may conduct the meeting through remote communications and further, the Committee may take action without a meeting if coordination of a meeting in-person or by remote communications is deemed detrimental to the timing of a decision provided such action is conducted by the majority of the Committee. Meeting through remote communication and action taken without a meeting must follow best practices of the National ALA and in accordance with Georgia state law.

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Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Section 1. The Department President shall appoint the following committees; Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Cavalcade of Memories, Children &amp; Youth, Community Service, Constitution &amp; By-Laws, Education, Finance, Girls State, Junior Activities, Legislative, National Security, Past President's Parley, Poppy, Poppy Anchor Construction and Dedication, Poppy Launching, Public Relations, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. Each shall function as a standing committee. The President shall appoint other committees as deemed advisable. All appointments are subject to the ratification of the Department Executive Committee.</p>	<p>Section 1. <b>Pursuant to the Article on Duties of Officers,</b> <del>the Department President may</del> shall appoint <del>the following committees as the</del> <b>Department President deems advisable to further the mission of the organization, subject to ratification by the Department Executive Committee. When a vacancy occurs on a committee, the Department President shall appoint a member to serve the remainder of the unexpired term, all subject to confirmation by the Department Executive Committee.</b>  <del>Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Cavalcade of Memories, Children &amp; Youth, Community Service, Constitution &amp; By-Laws, Education, Finance, Girls State, Junior Activities, Legislative, National Security, Past President's Parley, Poppy, Poppy Anchor Construction and Dedication, Poppy Launching, Public Relations, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. Each shall function as a standing committee. The President shall appoint other committees as deemed advisable. All appointments are subject to the ratification of the Department Executive Committee.</del></p>	<p>Section 1. Pursuant to the Article on Duties of Officers, the Department President may appoint committees as the Department President deems advisable to further the mission of the organization, subject to ratification by the Department Executive Committee. When a vacancy occurs on a committee, the Department President shall appoint a member to serve the remainder of the unexpired term, all subject to confirmation by the Department Executive Committee.</p>
	<p><b>Section 2. There shall be the following core Department Standing Committees: Veterans Affairs &amp; Rehabilitation, Children &amp; Youth, Americanism, National Security, Leadership, Membership, Constitution &amp; Bylaws, Finance, Human Resources, Risk &amp; Compliance, and such other mission and member/organizational support committees as provided in the Standing Rules.</b></p>	<p>Section 2. There shall be the following core Department Standing Committees: Veterans Affairs &amp; Rehabilitation, Children &amp; Youth, Americanism, National Security, Leadership, Membership, Constitution &amp; Bylaws, Finance, Human Resources, Risk &amp; Compliance, and such other mission and member/organizational support committees as provided in the Standing Rules.</p>

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	<p><b>Section 4. Members and Chairpersons of a Department Committee shall be in good standing in their unit.</b></p>	<p>Section 4. Members and Chairpersons of a Department Committee shall be in good standing in their unit.</p>
<p>Section 2. The finance committee is composed of three (3) members. One member shall be appointed each year to serve a three (3) year term. The incoming Finance Committee shall meet each year prior to the Department Convention Executive Committee meeting. They shall be charged with the preparation of the yearly budget and supervise the expenditure of funds under that budget. Chairpersons of standing committees shall submit an estimate of any needed funds for their committee plans before preparation of the yearly budget. The President shall appoint a member to serve for three years, beginning as the third member of the Finance Committee and moving up until the third year when the appointed member shall serve as Chairperson.</p>	<p><del>Section 2. The Finance Committee is comprised of a Chairperson and two (2) three (3) members each serving a staggered three-year term. The Leading Candidate for Department President shall appoint one member shall be appointed each year in April to serve a three (3) year term who shall become Chairperson of the Finance Committee in his/her third consecutive year. Appointees to the Finance Committee must have a verifiable background in financial management. The President shall appoint a member to serve for three years, beginning as the third member of the Finance Committee and moving up until the third year when the appointed member shall serve as Chairperson.</del> The incoming Finance Committee shall meet each year prior to the Department Convention Executive Committee meeting. They <b>Finance Committee is shall be charged with the preparation of the yearly budget; ensuring the expenditure of funds is within the allocated budget by means of systematic and monthly reviews of financial statements; and reporting performance against revenue and expense targets each quarter to the</b></p>	<p>Section 5. The Finance Committee is comprised of a Chairperson and two (2) members each serving a staggered three-year term. The Leading Candidate for Department President shall appoint one member each year in April to serve a three-year term who shall become Chairperson of the Finance Committee in his/her third consecutive year. Appointees to the Finance Committee must have a verifiable background in financial management. The Finance Committee is charged with the preparation of the yearly budget; ensuring the expenditure of funds is within the allocated budget by means of systematic and monthly reviews of financial statements; and reporting performance against revenue and expense targets each quarter to the Department Executive Committee. Chairpersons of all committees shall submit an estimate of any needed funds for their committee before the Finance Committee begins preparation of the yearly budget. No member of the Finance Committee may concurrently serve on the Risk &amp; Compliance or the Human Resources Committees.</p>

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<p>Section 3. The human resources committee is composed of five (5) members. The members of the committee shall serve for three (3) consecutive years. The chairperson of the Human Resources Committee must have a verifiable background in Human Resources.</p>	<p>Section <del>3</del><b>6</b>. The <del>Human resources</del> <b>Human Resources</b> Committee is comprised of <del>a Chairperson and two (2) five (5)</del> <b>members each serving a staggered three-year term. The incoming Department President shall appoint one member each year to serve a three (3) year term who shall become Chairperson of the Human Resources Committee in his/her third consecutive year.</b> <del>The members of the committee shall serve for three (3) consecutive years. The chairperson of</del> <b>Appointees to the Human Resources Committee must have a verifiable background in Human Resources. The Human Resources Committee is charged with annually recommending the hiring of a Secretary/ Treasurer approved by the Department Executive Committee and other duties assigned by the Department President. Because it is inappropriate and illegal for Human Resources matters to be handled by a department Finance Committee, no member of the Human Resources Committee may concurrently serve on the Finance Committee.</b></p>	<p>Section 6. The Human resources Committee is comprised of a Chairperson and two (2) members each serving a staggered three-year term. The incoming Department President shall appoint one member each year to serve a three (3) year term who shall become Chairperson of the Human Resources Committee in his/her third consecutive year. Appointees to the Human Resources Committee must have a verifiable background in Human Resources. The Human Resources Committee is charged with annually recommending the hiring of a Secretary/ Treasurer approved by the Department Executive Committee and other duties assigned by the Department President. Because it is inappropriate and illegal for Human Resources matters to be handled by a department Finance Committee, no member of the Human Resources Committee may concurrently serve on the Finance Committee.</p>

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<p>Section 4: Committee Meetings: If it is not conducive for the Committee Members to meet in person to handle business that arises outside of Conference and Conventions, they shall be allowed to conduct the meeting through electronic sources such as Zoom, Conference calls, etc.</p>	<p><del>Section 4:</del> <b>Section 48:</b> Committee Meetings: If it is not conducive for <del>the</del> <b>the</b> Committee Members to meet in person to handle <del>the business of the Committee,</del> <b>the business of the Committee,</b> that arises outside of Conferences and Conventions, they <del>Committee may</del> <b>Committee may</b> shall be allowed to conduct the meeting through <del>remote communications</del> <b>remote communications</b> electronic sources such as Zoom, Conference calls, etc. <b>and further, the Committee may take action without a meeting if coordination of a meeting in-person or by remote communications is deemed detrimental to the timing of a decision provided such action is conducted by the majority of the Committee. Meeting through remote communication and action taken without a meeting must follow best practices of the National ALA and in accordance with Georgia state law.</b></p>	<p>Section 8: Committee Meetings: If it is not conducive for a Committee to meet in person to handle the business of the Committee, the Committee may conduct the meeting through remote communications and further, the Committee may take action without a meeting if coordination of a meeting in-person or by remote communications is deemed detrimental to the timing of a decision provided such action is conducted by the majority of the Committee. Meeting through remote communication and action taken without a meeting must follow best practices of the National ALA and in accordance with Georgia state law.</p>



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WHEREAS, ARTICLE VII RESOLUTIONS of the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia requires that resolutions be submitted to the Resolutions Committee three weeks prior to the Convention and must be presented to the Department Convention for action and that all resolutions presented to the Department Convention must be read twice, with at least twelve (12) hours elapsing between readings; and,

WHEREAS, ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS of the Bylaws of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia require approval of the Department Convention by the vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat to amend the Bylaws provided all conditions of quorum and reading the amendment are met; and,

WHEREAS, The National ALA in 2022 guided departments to include the composition and purpose of all committee in its Standing Rules; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Georgia in October 2022 did update its Standing rules to include composition and purpose of some but not all its committees; and

WHEREAS, BYLAWS ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES if the resolution proposed to revise ARTICLE V COMMITTEES is approved, that resolution requires the Standing Rule related to Department Committees shall be updated by separate resolution; and



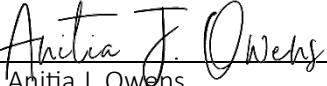
WHEREAS, STANDING RULE 30 COMMITTEES as written is incomplete and missing key statements recommended by the National ALA in its STANDING RULE VII COMMITTEES and thus, needs revision to align with the National ALA recommended organization and listing of committees pertinent and or customary to the Department of Georgia; and,

**now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, That STANDING RULE 30 COMMITTEES shall now read as listed on the next three pages.**

Submitted by:

Date: **May 14, 2024**

1.	Signed:		Unit #:	160
	Name:	Cheryl Waybright	Position Title:	Department 1 <sup>st</sup> VP
2.	Signed:		Unit #:	336
	Name:	Susan Hall	Position Title:	NEC, PDP & Finance
3.	Signed:		Unit #:	233
	Name:	Anitia J. Owens	Position Title:	PDP & Finance

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**STANDING RULE 30 – COMMITTEES**

- A. As provided in the Department Bylaws, in addition to the core Department Standing Committees – Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Children & Youth, Americanism, National Security, Leadership, Membership, Constitution & Bylaws, Finance, Human Resources and Risk & Compliance – there shall be the following department committees: Gorgia Girls State, Poppy, Community Service, Education, Junior Member Activities, Legislative, Strategic Planning, Unit Development & Revitalization (UDR), Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF), Awards & Recognition, Public Relations, and Scrapbook. The summary purpose of each department committee is specified in this section.
- B. As provided in the Department Bylaws, the Chairpersons of all department committees shall be appointed by the incoming Department President and confirmed by the Department Executive Committee.
- C. As provided in the Department Bylaws, when a vacancy occurs in a Chairperson position, the Department President shall appoint a member to serve the unexpired term subject to confirmation by the Department Executive Committee. Chairpersons serve until their successors are appointed.
- D. As provided in the Department Bylaws, the Department President shall be considered an ex-officio member, additionally, of all committees.
- E. As provided in the Department Bylaws, the Department President may appoint other special or ad hoc committees necessary for the good of the organization during an administrative year. Special Committees shall be appointed subject to confirmation and ratification by the Department Executive Committee.
- F. Each standing committee shall be as described in this section, and any amendments thereto shall be by action of the Department Executive Committee.
- G. Each Committee Chairperson shall serve a one-year term unless otherwise provided. Department Presidents may re-appoint Chairpersons if deemed necessary.
- H. Each Committee Chairperson shall: 1) represent the Department at all National and/or Division Committee videoconferences and provide information back to the Department, Districts and Units ensuring information from National and Division leaders reaches the membership in a timely manner; 2) prepare the Department’s annual, and other reports as required to National for the Committee before May 15<sup>th</sup> with an updated copy of the annual report presented at the annual department convention; 3) submit the final annual report in writing by the due date in July for the annual Book of Reports; 4) judge all submittals for all Department awards according to the Rules & Regulations and provide certificates as required in the Rules & Regulations; 5) shall submit as appropriate the department, unit/s, or member/s for National awards or scholarships by the dates set by the National ALA. Committee Chairpersons may be called by ALA National Leadership to attend and represent the Department at National meetings or events.
- I. Department Core Standing Committees
  - a. The VA&R (Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation) Committee shall be comprised of a Chairperson and two (2) members selected by the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall serve as the Department Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representative and shall serve as or appoint the Department’s VA&R Creative Arts Festival Liaison. The purpose of the VA&R Committee is to promote programs and services that assist and enhance the lives of veterans and their families, ensuring restoration and/or transition to normally functioning lives.
  - b. The Children & Youth Committee shall be comprised of a Chairperson and two (2) members selected by the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall serve as the Department Liaison to The Child Welfare Foundation. The purpose of the Children & Youth Committee is to work collaboratively

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with The American Legion to promote programs that protect, care for, and support children and youth, especially those of our military and veterans.

- c. The Americanism Committee shall be comprised of a Chairperson and two (2) members selected by the Chairperson. The purpose of the Americanism program is to promote patriotism and responsible citizenship.
  - d. The National Security Committee shall be comprised of a Chairperson and two (2) members selected by the Chairperson. The purpose of the National Security Committee is to promote a strong national defense.
  - e. The Leadership Committee shall be comprised of the Department First Vice President serving as the Chairperson and two (2) members selected by the Chairperson. The purpose of the Leadership Committee is to better equip members to serve in leadership positions for confidence and skill.
  - f. The Membership Committee shall be comprised of the Department Second Vice President serving as the Chairperson and two (2) members selected by the Chairperson. The purpose of the Membership committee is to promote the benefits of membership and to promote retaining and recruiting a diverse active membership to carry out the American Legion Auxiliary mission and programs.
  - g. The Constitution & Bylaws Committee shall be comprised of a Chairperson and two (2) members selected by the Chairperson. The purpose of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee is to inform and educate members of the American Legion Auxiliary on the importance and power of having properly written and regularly reviewed and updated governing documents at all levels of the organization.
  - h. As provided in the Department Bylaws, the Finance Committee shall be comprised of a Chairperson and two members. The purpose of the Finance Committee is to prepare an annual budget, provide oversight of budgeted funds, and report monthly noting any variances to budget.
  - i. As provided in the Department Bylaws, The Human Resources Committee shall be comprised of a Chairperson and two members. The purpose of the Human Resources Committee is to annually recommend the Secretary/Treasurer for confirmation by the Department Executive Committee and other duties assigned by the Department President.
  - j. As provided in the Department Bylaws, the Risk & Compliance Committee shall be comprised of a Chairperson and two members. The purpose of the Risk & Compliance Committee is to provide risk assessment and oversight assistance to the Department Executive Committee in fulfilling its responsibilities to safeguarding the Department ensuring it has and follows proper accounting and reporting practices, reliable systems of internal control, corporate responsibility inclusive of insurance coverages, the quality and integrity of the Department's financial reporting, and to encourage units and districts to regain and retain proper compliance status with the IRS, the Georgia Secretary of State, the National and Department ALA organizations.
- J. Department Committees – Mission Outreach
- a. Georgia Girls State, Inc.: the Department of Georgia has a subsidiary 501(c)(4) entity governing documents with its own Board of Directors a Director (AKA Chairperson appointed by the Department President) and an Assistant Director and board members confirmed by the Department Convention. Georgia Girls State, Inc. is operated in accordance with all National ALA rules on Department Subsidiary Organizations. The purpose of ALA Georgia Girls State, Inc. is to promote and provide an outstanding government-in-action learning program for high school girls who have completed their junior year. The Georgia Girls State board selects capable individuals to attend and actively participate in the execution of the week-long education program.

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**RESOLUTION: Update Governing Documents per National ALA Recommendations**

WHEREAS, ARTICLE VII RESOLUTIONS of the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia requires that resolutions be submitted to the Resolutions Committee three weeks prior to the Convention and must be presented to the Department Convention for action and that all resolutions presented to the Department Convention must be read twice, with at least twelve (12) hours elapsing between readings; and,

WHEREAS, ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS of the Constitution and ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS of the Bylaws, both of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia require proposed amendments be sent thirty (30) days prior to the Convention and thus, require approval of the Department Convention by the vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat to amend; and,

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is organized into Departments chartered by its National Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary National organization offers best practice guidance to Departments on many subjects, governing documents being one; and

WHEREAS, the professional Parliamentarian of the ALA National organization provided guidance to the 2024 Department National Leadership Conference attendees that best practices in Department governance is to ensure governing documents

- are free of duplicate and conflicting language; and
- do not have expired language that no longer applies to current operations; and
- ensure all officers are included in the Constitution or Bylaws for election, term, and duties; and
- ensure the authority for amendments and subsidiaries is clear; and
- ensure guidance for discipline is clear, fundamentally fair, and follows protocols established; and
- ensure language on remote meetings or action without a meeting aligns with Georgia state law; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Georgia governing documents contain duplicate, conflicting, and expired language, do not include all officers as appropriate, lack clear authority and discipline guidance, and do not appropriately reference Georgia state law; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Georgia governing documents are revised based on guidance from the National organization; and

now therefore be it

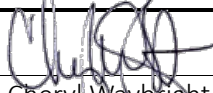
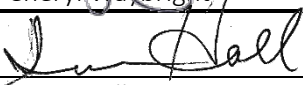
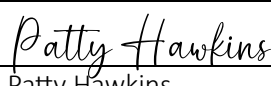
**RESOLVED, That the Department of Georgia Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules be modified to follow the above recommended best practices, and**

**FURTHER RESOLVED, these modifications be considered as prescribed by the National American Legion Auxiliary and updated immediately.**

*Please note, a standard three column revision table is attached including Current Wording, Proposed Amendment, and If Adopted Will Read.*

Submitted by:

Date: May 21, 2024

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	Name: Cheryl Waybright	Position Title:	Department 1 <sup>st</sup> VP
2.	Signed: 	Unit #:	336
	Name: Susan Hall	Position Title:	NEC, PDP & Finance
3.	Signed: 	Unit #:	294
	Name: Patty Hawkins	Position Title:	Department Secretary

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**ITEM 1 - A.** *Rationale: Constitution Article IX Section 1 and Bylaws Article XIII Section 1 are recommended to be coordinated with one another; minor edits are shown below and include the specific days as calendar days.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IX- AMENDMENTS</b></p> <p><b>Section 1.</b> This Constitution may be amended at any Department Convention by vote of two-third of the total authorized representation thereof provided the proposed amendments shall have been submitted through the Department Secretary to the various Units and members of the Department Executive Committee by mailing (or emailing) same to them at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the next Department Convention; provided further, it may be amended by unanimous vote at any Department Convention without notice; and provided further, that all proposed amendments shall be read at a regular session of the Convention at least twelve (12) hours before the vote is taken.</p> <p><b>BYLAWS ARTICLE XIII- AMENDMENTS</b></p> <p><b>Section 1.</b> The Bylaws of the Department may be amended at any Department Convention by the vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that proposed amendment shall have been submitted through the Department Secretary to the several Units and members of the Executive Committee by mailing same to them at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the next Department Convention, provided further, it may be amended by unanimous vote at any Department Convention without notice and further provided that all proposed amendments shall be read at a regular session of the Convention at least twelve (12) hours before the vote is taken.</p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IX- AMENDMENTS</b></p> <p><b>Section 1.</b> This Constitution may be amended at any Department Convention by vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat<del>of</del> provided the proposed amendments shall have been submitted through the Department Secretary to the <del>various</del> Units, <del>and</del> members of the Department Executive Committee, <b>and Department Chairpersons</b> by mailing <del>{or emailing}</del> same to them at least thirty (30) <b>calendar</b> days prior to the convening of the next Department Convention; provided further, it may be amended by unanimous vote at any Department Convention without notice; and provided further, that all proposed amendments shall be read at a regular session of the Convention at least twelve (12) hours before the vote is taken.</p> <p><b>BYLAWS ARTICLE XIII- AMENDMENTS</b></p> <p><b>Section 1.</b> <del>These</del> Bylaws of the Department may be amended at any Department Convention by the vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that proposed amendment shall have been submitted through the Department Secretary to the <del>several</del> Units, <del>and</del> members of the <b>Department</b> Executive Committee, <b>and Department Chairpersons</b> by mailing <b>or emailing</b> same to them at least thirty (30) <b>calendar</b> days prior to the convening of the next Department Convention; <del>;</del> provided further, <del>it</del><b>they</b> may be amended by unanimous vote at any Department Convention without notice; <b>and provided</b> further <del>provided</del> that all proposed amendments shall be read at a regular session of the Convention at least twelve (12) hours before the vote is taken.</p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS</b></p> <p><b>Section 1.</b> This Constitution may be amended at any Department Convention by vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat provided the proposed amendments shall have been submitted through the Department Secretary to the Units, members of the Department Executive Committee, and Department Chairpersons by mailing or emailing same to them at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the convening of the next Department Convention; provided further, it may be amended by unanimous vote at any Department Convention without notice; and provided further, that all proposed amendments shall be read at a regular session of the Convention at least twelve (12) hours before the vote is taken.</p> <p><b>BYLAWS ARTICLE XIII- AMENDMENTS</b></p> <p><b>Section 1.</b> These Bylaws may be amended at any Department Convention by the vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that proposed amendment shall have been submitted through the Department Secretary to the Units, members of the Department Executive Committee, and Department Chairpersons by mailing or emailing same to them at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the convening of the next Department Convention; provided further, they may be amended by unanimous vote at any Department Convention without notice; and provided further that all proposed amendments shall be read at a regular session of the Convention at least twelve (12) hours before the vote is taken.</p>

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**ITEM 1 - B.** *Rationale: Constitution ARTICLE IX Section 3 and Bylaws Article XIII Section 3 are recommended to be coordinated with one another and the language of both must include a statement identifying the authority for overseeing amendments by the National organization.*

If Adopted, Will Read	If Adopted, Will Read	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE IX- AMENDMENTS</b>                      Section 3. Amendments proposed and adopted by the National Convention shall automatically become effective in this Department.</p> <p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE XIII- AMENDMENTS</b>                      Section 3. Amendments to the National Constitution and By-Laws adopted by the National Convention action shall automatically become effective in this Department.</p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE IX- AMENDMENTS</b>                      Section 3. Amendments proposed and adopted by the National Convention shall automatically become effective in this Department <b>of Georgia and shall be overseen by its Department Executive Committee.</b></p> <p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE XIII- AMENDMENTS</b>                      Section 3. Amendments <b>proposed and to the</b> National Constitution and By-Laws adopted by the National Convention <del>action</del> shall automatically become effective in this Department <b>of Georgia and shall be overseen by its Department Executive Committee.</b></p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE IX- AMENDMENTS</b>                      Section 3. Amendments proposed and adopted by the National Convention shall automatically become effective in the Department of Georgia and shall be overseen by its Department Executive Committee.</p> <p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE XIII- AMENDMENTS</b>                      Section 3. Amendments proposed and adopted by the National Convention shall automatically become effective in the Department of Georgia and shall be overseen by its Department Executive Committee.</p>

**ITEM 1 - C.** *Rationale: Constitution ARTICLE VI Department Convention is absent language to address when notice or “a call” is sent in advance of a convention of delegates. The duties of the Secretary/Treasurer include ‘send out all calls’ to meetings but do not state a timeline. Proposed amendments to governing documents must be sent thirty (30) days in advance. RONR advises “to avoid uncertainty about what period in advance is reasonable, the specific number of days’ notice required should be prescribed in the bylaws.” In the case of the ALA Department of Georgia, all language related to Department Convention is contained in Article VI. Therefore, a proposed section is recommended to be added to address this.*

If Adopted, Will Read	If Adopted, Will Read	If Adopted, Will Read
	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE VI – DEPARTMENT CONVENTION</b>  <b>Section 10. The Secretary shall issue the Official Call to the Annual Department Convention to the Units, members of the Department Executive Committee, and Department Chairpersons by mailing or emailing same to them at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the convening of the Department Convention. The number of days is computed by counting all calendar days (including holidays and weekends), excluding the day of the meeting but including the day the notice is sent.</b></p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE VI – DEPARTMENT CONVENTION</b>  <b>Section 10. The Secretary shall issue the Official Call to the Annual Department Convention to the Units, members of the Department Executive Committee, and Department Chairpersons by mailing or emailing same to them at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the convening of the Department Convention. The number of days is computed by counting all calendar days (including holidays and weekends), excluding the day of the meeting but including the day the notice is sent.</b></p>



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<b>ITEM 2.</b> <i>Rationale: The authority for overseeing the Standing Rules and policies of the Department of Georgia needs to be clearly stated</i>		
<b>Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>If Adopted, Will Read</b>
<p><b>STANDING RULES</b></p> <p><b>PREFACE</b>                      Standing Rules are rules and regulations for the guidance of an assembly and require only a majority vote to <b>ADOPT</b>. To amend them takes either a majority vote with previous notice or, without notice, a two-thirds vote <b>OR</b> a majority of the entire membership of the voting body. (RONR 11th edition)</p>	<p><b>STANDING RULES</b></p> <p><b>PREFACE</b>  <del>Standing Rules are rules and regulations for the guidance of an assembly and require only a majority vote to <b>ADOPT</b>. To amend them takes either a majority vote with previous notice or, without notice, a two-thirds vote <b>OR</b> a majority of the entire membership of the voting body. (RONR 11th edition).</del></p> <p><b>Standing Rules have the same importance as the Constitution &amp; Bylaws to provide guidance to the Department of Georgia and as applicable, its Units and Districts. In addition to these Standing Rules, Supplementary Department Policies may be adopted. Authority to adopt or amend Standing Rules and Supplementary Department Policies rests with the Department Executive Committee and may be amended as frequently as needed by a two-thirds vote of the Department Executive Committee, or, if notice of at least fifteen (15) days has been given, by a majority vote. Standing Rules and Supplementary Department Policies may be adopted or amended at any Department Executive Committee meeting.</b></p> <p><b>The Current Edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern on all points not covered in the governing documents of the Department of Georgia or otherwise.</b></p>	<p><b>STANDING RULES</b></p> <p><b>PREFACE</b>                      Standing Rules have the same importance as the Constitution &amp; Bylaws to provide guidance to the Department of Georgia and as applicable, its Units and Districts. In addition to these Standing Rules, Supplementary Department Policies may be adopted. Authority to adopt or amend Standing Rules and Supplementary Department Policies rests with the Department Executive Committee and may be amended as frequently as needed by a two-thirds vote of the Department Executive Committee, or, if notice of at least fifteen (15) days has been given, by a majority vote. Standing Rules and Supplementary Department Policies may be adopted or amended at any Department Executive Committee meeting.</p> <p>The Current Edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern on all points not covered in the governing documents of the Department of Georgia or otherwise.</p>

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**ITEM 3.** *Rationale: Is it required by the National organization that language about eligibility and classes of membership align. Recommend minor updates to align with the National Constitution.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b> <b>ARTICLE III- ELIGIBILITY</b></p> <p>Section 2. There shall be two classes of membership, Senior and Junior,</p> <p>a) Senior membership shall be comprised of members eighteen (18) or over the age of eighteen (18); provided, however, that a spouse under the age of eighteen (18) years, who is eligible under Section 1 of this article shall be classed as a Senior member,</p> <p>b) Junior membership shall consist of that group under the age of eighteen (18) years, whose activities shall be supervised by the Senior membership. Upon reaching the age of eighteen (18) years, junior members shall automatically be admitted into senior membership with full privileges,</p> <p>c) Dues of both classes shall be paid annually or for life.</p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b> <b>ARTICLE III- ELIGIBILITY</b></p> <p>Section 2. There shall be two classes of membership, Senior and Junior,</p> <p>a) Senior membership shall be comprised of members <del>eighteen (18) or over the aged of</del> <b>eighteen (18) and older</b>; provided, however, <b>a member that a spouse under the age of eighteen (18) years, who is eligible under Section 1 of this article and who is under the age of eighteen (18) and married</b> shall be classed as a Senior member.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Junior membership shall <b>be composed</b> <del>consist</del> of <del>members that group</del> under the age of eighteen (18) years, whose activities shall be supervised by the Senior membership. Upon reaching the age of eighteen (18) years, <del>j</del><b>Junior members</b> shall automatically be admitted into senior membership with full privileges.</p> <p><b>c)</b> Dues of both classes shall be paid annually or for life.</p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b> <b>ARTICLE III- ELIGIBILITY</b></p> <p><i>Section 2.</i> There shall be two (2) classes of membership, Senior and Junior.</p> <p>a) Senior membership shall be composed of members aged eighteen (18) and older; provided, however, a member eligible under Section 1 of this article and who is under the age of eighteen (18) years and married shall be classified as a Senior member.</p> <p>b) Junior membership shall be composed of members under the age of eighteen (18) years, whose activities shall be supervised by the Senior membership. Upon reaching the age of eighteen (18) years, Junior members shall automatically be admitted into Senior membership with full privileges.</p> <p>c) (c) Dues of both classes shall be paid annually or for life.</p>

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**ITEM 4.** *Rationale: BYLAWS ARTICLE II Section 2 is duplicate (and incomplete) to CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV Section 2. Recommend removal of the duplicate Bylaw section and modify the Constitution Section for greater clarity for annual appointment and voice.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE IV- DEPARTMENT OFFICERS</b>                      Section 2. The Secretary/Treasurer is hired by the Department Human Resources Committee subject to confirmation by the Department Executive Committee (DEC).</p> <p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE II- ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b>                      Section 2. There shall be a Department Secretary/Treasurer nominated by the Human Resources Committee annually.</p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE IV- DEPARTMENT OFFICERS</b>                      Section 2. <b>Hiring of</b> the Secretary/Treasurer <b>who has voice, but no vote</b> is <del>hired</del> <b>recommended annually</b> by the Department Human Resources Committee subject to <b>annual</b> confirmation by the Department Executive Committee (DEC).</p> <p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE II- ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b>                      Section 2. There shall be a Department Secretary/Treasurer nominated by the Human Resources Committee annually.</p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE IV- DEPARTMENT OFFICERS</b>                      Section 2. Hiring of the Secretary/Treasurer who has voice, but no vote is recommended annually by the Department Human Resources Committee subject to annual confirmation by the Department Executive Committee (DEC).</p> <p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE II- ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b>  <i>Section 2 eliminated; renumbering is required.</i></p>

**ITEM 5.** *Rationale: BYLAWS ARTICLE II Section 6 is duplicate to CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV Section 3. Recommend removal of the duplicate Bylaw section and modify the Constitution Section as noted below. Further, ARTICLE IV Section 3 is about officers, not committee members therefore requirements for committee members shall be listed in that section of the bylaws (separate 2024 resolution).*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE IV- DEPARTMENT OFFICERS</b>  <b>Section 3.</b> All Department officers, members of the Department Executive Committee and Standing Committee Chairpersons, shall be in good standing in their Units.</p> <p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE II- ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b>  <b>Section 6.</b> All Department Officers shall be in good standing within their Units.</p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE IV- DEPARTMENT OFFICERS</b>                      Section 3. All Department <del>Officers,</del> <b>including all members of the</b> members of the Department Executive Committee <del>and Standing Committee Chairpersons,</del> shall be <b>members</b> in good standing in their Units.</p> <p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE II- ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b>  <del>Section 6.</del> All Department Officers shall be in good standing within their Units.</p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE IV- DEPARTMENT OFFICERS</b>                      Section 3. All Department Officers, including all members of the Department Executive Committee, shall be members in good standing in their Units.</p> <p><i>Section 6 is eliminated, and no section follows; therefore, no renumbering is required.</i></p>

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**ITEM 6.** *Rationale: This Constitution Section defines HOW and is duplicate of BYLAWS ARTICLE II Section 5. Recommend removal of the “how” in the duplicate Constitution section and offer updates to the Bylaws Article. Standing Rule 21 on this subject provides additional details about announcements and certification for running for office and is not considered a duplicate.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE IV- DEPARTMENT OFFICERS</b>  <b>Section 4.</b> In the event there are no candidates running and announced by April 1st for the office of either the Department Historian or Department Chaplain, the Present can appoint someone to serve in this capacity with approval by the Department Executive Committee.</p> <p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE II - ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b>  <b>Section 5.</b> In the event there are no candidates running and announced by April 1st for the office of either the Department Historian or Department Chaplain, the Present can appoint someone to serve in this capacity with approval by the Department Executive Committee.</p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE IV- DEPARTMENT OFFICERS</b>  <del><b>Section 4.</b> In the event there are no candidates running and announced by April 1st for the office of either the Department Historian or Department Chaplain, the Present can appoint someone to serve in this capacity with approval by the Department Executive Committee.</del></p> <p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE II - ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b>  <b>Section 5.</b> In the event there are no candidates running and announced by April 1st for the office of either the Department Historian or Department Chaplain, <b>and if no candidates are nominated or elected from the Convention floor, the incoming President</b> can appoint someone to serve in this capacity with approval by the Department Executive Committee.</p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE IV- DEPARTMENT OFFICERS</b></p> <p><i>Section 4 is eliminated, and no section follows; no renumbering is required.</i></p> <p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE II - ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b>  <b>Section 5.</b> In the event there are no candidates running and announced by April 1st for the office of either the Department Historian or Department Chaplain, and if no candidates are nominated or elected from the Convention floor, the incoming President can appoint someone to serve in this capacity with approval by the Department Executive Committee.</p>

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<b>ITEM 7.</b> <i>Rationale: The Secretary/Treasurer is an officer of the corporation and by virtue of that position is a member of the Department Executive Committee but is not included in this Section. Recommend including the Secretary/Treasurer in this section.</i>		
<b>Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>If Adopted, Will Read</b>
<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE V- DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>                      Section 1. Between Department Conventions, the administrative power shall be vested in the Department Executive Committee, which shall be composed of the Department President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Chaplain, Historian, District Presidents, Past Department of Georgia Presidents, and the National Executive Committeeperson or her/his Alternate.</p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE V- DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>                      Section 1. Between Department Conventions, the administrative power shall be vested in the Department Executive Committee, which shall be composed of the Department President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Chaplain, Historian, <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>, District Presidents, Past Department of Georgia Presidents, and the National Executive Committeeperson or her/his Alternate.</p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE V- DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>                      Section 1. Between Department Conventions, the administrative power shall be vested in the Department Executive Committee, which shall be composed of the Department President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Chaplain, Historian, Secretary/Treasurer, District Presidents, Past Department of Georgia Presidents, and the National Executive Committeeperson or her/his Alternate.</p>

<b>ITEM 8.</b> <i>Rationale: BYLAW ARTICLE VI Section 8 is about Department Convention and delegates TO the Department Convention. It contains no reference to elections held at the Department Convention. Section 8 duplicates Section 1 of CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VIII which is about National Convention. The Department of Georgia has Department Convention Rules which are read at and adopted by each Department Convention which therefore should be referenced in this ARTICLE about Department Convention. Recommend removing existing Section 8 and changing Section 8 to refer to the annual Department Convention Rules. Further, the HOW to be moved to BYLAWS ARTICLE II Elections (see ITEM15).</i>		
<b>Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>If Adopted, Will Read</b>
<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE VI- DEPARTMENT CONVENTION</b>                      Section 8. Department delegates and alternates to the National Convention shall be nominated and elected by the Department Convention. Each Department shall be entitled to the number of delegates as prescribed by the National Constitution and Bylaws.  <i>Note, recommendation is to move to BYLAWS, Elections as this is the ACTION of electing SEE ITEMS 9 and 15.</i></p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE VI- DEPARTMENT CONVENTION</b>                      Section 8. <del>Department delegates and alternates to the National Convention shall be nominated and elected by the Department Convention. Each Department shall be entitled to the number of delegates as prescribed by the National Constitution and Bylaws.</del> <b>The Department Convention shall be conducted in accordance with the Department of Georgia Convention Rules which shall be read at the opening of the Convention and adopted for that Convention.</b></p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b>  <b>ARTICLE VI- DEPARTMENT CONVENTION</b>                      Section 8. The Department Convention shall be conducted in accordance with the Department of Georgia Convention Rules which shall be read at the opening of the Convention and adopted for that Convention.</p>

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**ITEM 9.** *Rationale: These two sections pertaining to delegates representing the Department of Georgia at the National Convention need clarity and should not include HOW Delegates TO the National Convention are elected, that should be covered under the bylaws section on elections. Recommend clarity adjustments and including reference to the Department of Georgia Policy on National Convention. This will help reduce duplication.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b> <b>ARTICLE VIII – NATIONAL CONVENTION</b></p> <p>Section 1. Department delegates and alternates to the National Convention shall be nominated and elected by the Department Convention. Each Department shall be entitled to the number of delegates as prescribed by the ALA National Standing Rules.</p> <p>Section 2. Delegates include the out-going Department President, who will be Chairperson of the Delegation, the in-coming Department President, and the Department Secretary/Treasurer.</p> <p>Section 3. Other delegates and Alternates to which the Department is entitled shall be elected at the District Conventions, and district nominations submitted to the Department 15 days prior to the Department Convention and Elected at the Department Convention.</p> <p><i>Note, recommendation is to move the details of HOW to BYLAWS, Elections – the recommended rewrite is to confirm, yes, there are OTHER delegates aside from those listed in Section 2 – the HOW is for the bylaws. SEE ITEM 15.</i></p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b> <b>ARTICLE VIII – NATIONAL CONVENTION</b></p> <p>Section 1. <del>Department De</del>legates and Alternates to the National Convention <b>from the Department of Georgia</b> shall be <del>nominated and</del> elected by the Department Convention <b>up</b>. <del>Each Department shall be entitled</del> to the number of delegates as prescribed by the ALA National Standing Rules.</p> <p>Section 2. Delegates <b>from the Department of Georgia to the National Convention</b> include the <b>Department of Georgia</b> out-going <del>Department</del> President, who will be Chairperson of the Delegation, the in-coming <del>Department</del> President, and the <del>Department</del> Secretary/Treasurer.</p> <p>Section 3. Other delegates and Alternates to which the Department <b>of Georgia</b> is entitled shall be <b>nominated by District Conventions and</b> elected at <del>the District Conventions, and district nominations submitted to the Department 15 days prior to the Department Convention and Elected at the</del> Department Convention.</p> <p><b>Section 4. The contingent representing the Department of Georgia Convention shall follow the Department of Georgia Policy on the National Convention.</b></p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b> <b>ARTICLE VIII – NATIONAL CONVENTION</b></p> <p>Section 1. Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention from the Department of Georgia shall be elected by the Department Convention up to the number of delegates prescribed by the ALA National Standing Rules.</p> <p>Section 2. Delegates from the Department of Georgia to the National Convention include the Department of Georgia out-going President, who will be Chairperson of the Delegation, the in-coming President, and the Secretary/Treasurer.</p> <p>Section 3. Other delegates and Alternates to which the Department of Georgia is entitled shall be nominated by District Conventions and elected at the Department Convention.</p> <p>Section 4. The contingent representing the Department of Georgia Convention shall follow the Department of Georgia Policy on the National Convention.</p>

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<p><b>ITEM 10.</b> <i>Rationale: BYLAWS ARTICLE II is more than the election of officers. Consider changing the title of the Article to Elections and consider opening the article by stating elections are governed by convention rules rather than the statement occurring later in the article.</i></p>		
Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE II- ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b>                      Section 4. The election of officers and delegates shall be governed by convention rules.</p> <p>Section 1. The election of the following officers shall be by secret ballot; Department President, Department First Vice President, Department Second Vice President, Department Historian and Department Chaplain. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. When there is but one (1) candidate for any office, the nominee shall be elected by voice vote.</p>	<p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE II- ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS</b>                      Section 4 <del>1.</del> <del>The e</del><del>Elections of officers and delegates</del> shall be governed by <del>C</del>onvention <del>R</del>ules of the <b>ALA Department of Georgia.</b></p> <p>Section <del>1</del> <b>2.</b> The election of the following <b>Department of Georgia</b> officers shall be <b>conducted annually at the Department Convention</b> by secret ballot; President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Historian and Chaplain. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. When there is but one (1) candidate for any office, the nominee <del>shall</del> <b>may</b> be elected by voice vote.</p>	<p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE II- ELECTIONS</b>                      Section 1. Elections shall be governed by Convention Rules of the ALA Department of Georgia.</p> <p>Section 2. The election of the following Department of Georgia officers shall be conducted annually at the Department Convention by secret ballot; President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Historian and Chaplain. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. When there is but one (1) candidate for any office, the nominee may be elected by voice vote.</p>
<p><b>ITEM 11.</b> <i>Rationale: The Secretary/Treasurer is not elected but appointed and confirmed by the DEC. Recommend striking this as previously noted in ITEM 4 and replace with the missing details about the election of the NEC.</i></p>		
Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Section 2. There shall be a Department Secretary/Treasurer nominated by the Human Resources Committee annually.</p>	<p>Section <del>2</del> <b>3.</b> <del>There shall be a Department Secretary/Treasurer nominated by the Human Resources Committee annually.</del> <b>The election of the National Executive Committeeperson and Alternate shall be conducted every three years Department Convention by secret ballot. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. When there is but one (1) candidate, the nominee may be elected by voice vote. The National Executive Committeeperson and Alternate must be a Past President of the Department of Georgia and may serve at most, two consecutive terms.</b></p>	<p>Section 3. The election of the National Executive Committeeperson and Alternate shall be conducted every three years Department Convention by secret ballot. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. When there is but one (1) candidate, the nominee may be elected by voice vote. The National Executive Committeeperson and Alternate must be a Past President of the Department of Georgia and may serve at most, two consecutive terms.</p>

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**ITEM 12.** *BYLAWS ARTICLE III Section 10 is a HOW, not a duty; therefore, can be deleted as the content is in recommended ITEMS 9 and 10 and therefore recommend deleting ARTICLE III Section 10. Recommend deleting Standing Rule 31 as it is now incorporated as noted in ITEM 10.*

<p><b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF OFFICERS</b> Section 10. All officers shall be elected annually except the National Executive Committeeperson and Alternate, whose term of office shall be in accordance with the National Constitution and Bylaws, and the Department Secretary/Treasurer, who shall be appointed by the duly elected Human Resources Committee, subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee.</p> <p><b>STANDING RULE</b> <b>31</b> At our June 2022 Department Convention Meeting: Resolution No. 2 was passed that ALA Department of Georgia will elect an NEC and an Alternate for a three-year term beginning with the 2023-2024 year. Candidate must be a Past Department President to be eligible. There is a maximum of two terms that can be served.</p>	<p><b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF OFFICERS</b> <del>Section 10. All officers shall be elected annually except the National Executive Committeeperson and Alternate, whose term of office shall be in accordance with the National Constitution and Bylaws, and the Department Secretary/Treasurer, who shall be appointed by the duly elected Human Resources Committee, subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee.</del></p> <p><b>STANDING RULE</b> <del><b>31</b> At our June 2022 Department Convention Meeting: Resolution No. 2 was passed that ALA Department of Georgia will elect an NEC and an Alternate for a three-year term beginning with the 2023-2024 year. Candidate must be a Past Department President to be eligible. There is a maximum of two terms that can be served.</del></p>	
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**ITEM 13.** *Rationale: BYLAWS ARTICLE II, Section 3 contains information about vacancies which duplicate and conflict with BYLAWS ARTICLE III Section 13 which does not belong under DUTIES. Recommend vacancy language be removed from ARTICLE II Section 3 and ARTICLE III Section 13 be moved to ARTICLE II and not conflict with the language being struck from Article II Section 3. Further, ARTICLE II, Section 3 has similar language to ARTICLE III, Section 12. Recommend ARTICLE III, Section 12 be eliminated, and necessary language be incorporated into ARTICLE II Section 3.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE II- ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b></p> <p>Section 3. Such officers shall serve commencing upon the adjournment of the Department Convention during which they were elected and until the next convention upon election of new officers. Vacancies in these offices occurring between Department Conventions shall be appointed to the Department Executive Committee.</p> <p><b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE III- DUTIES OF OFFICERS</b></p> <p>Section 12. All officers shall be installed on the last day of the Convention and with the Department Executive Committee shall assume the duties of their respective offices.</p> <p><b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE III- DUTIES OF OFFICERS</b></p> <p>Section 13. A vacancy existing in an office in the Department for any cause other than the expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the Department Executive Committee.</p>	<p><b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE II- ELECTIONS</b></p> <p>Section <del>3</del> <b>4</b>. Such officers shall <del>serve</del> <b>assume the duties of their respective offices</b> commencing upon the adjournment of the Department Convention during which they were elected and until the next convention upon election of new officers. <del>Vacancies in these offices occurring between Department Conventions shall be appointed to the Department Executive Committee.</del> <b>All officers, including the certified District Presidents, shall be installed on the last day of the Convention.</b></p> <p><del>Section 12. All officers shall be installed on the last day of the Convention and with the Department Executive Committee shall assume the duties of their respective offices.</del></p> <p><i>(Note Section 5 of this ARTICLE is covered in ITEM 5 and existing Section 6 is a duplicate and covered in ITEM 4 - CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV - DEPARTMENT OFFICERS Section 3. New Section 6 below is from Article III Section 13, moved to Article II.)</i></p> <p>Section <del>13</del> <b>6</b>. A vacancy existing in an office in the Department <b>occurring between Department Conventions</b> for any cause other than the expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term by <b>appointment by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Department Executive Committee.</b></p>	<p><b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE II- ELECTIONS</b></p> <p>Section 4. Such officers shall assume the duties of their respective offices commencing upon the adjournment of the Department Convention during which they were elected and until the next convention upon election of new officers. All officers, including the certified District Presidents, shall be installed on the last day of the Convention.</p> <p>Section 5. In the event there are no candidates running and announced by April 1st for the office of either the Department Historian or Department Chaplain, and if no candidates are nominated or elected from the Convention floor, the incoming President can appoint someone to serve in this capacity with approval by the Department Executive Committee.</p> <p>Section 6. A vacancy existing in an office in the Department occurring between Department Conventions for any cause other than the expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Department Executive Committee.</p>

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**ITEM 14.** *Rationale: BYLAWS ARTICLE III, Section 11 is not a duty of office but is related to election, vacancy, and term, which falls under elections. Recommend realignment and move this item to BYLAWS ARTICLE II.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE III- DUTIES OF OFFICERS</b></p> <p>Section 11. No elective Department Officer shall be eligible for re-election except under extraordinary circumstances approved by the Department Executive Committee.</p>	<p><del>BYLAWS ARTICLE III- DUTIES OF OFFICERS</del> <b>ARTICLE II - ELECTIONS</b></p> <p>Section <del>11</del> 7. No elective Department Officer shall be eligible for re-election except under extraordinary circumstances approved by the Department Executive Committee.</p>	<p><b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE II- ELECTIONS</b></p> <p>Section 7. No elective Department Officer shall be eligible for re-election except under extraordinary circumstances approved by the Department Executive Committee.</p>

**ITEM 15.** *Rationale: The HOW of conducting Elections of Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention should be listed in BYLAWS ARTICLE II, not in CONSTITUTION ARTICLES VI or VII as covered in ITEMS 8 and 9.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><i>Language below provided as courtesy – it is already handled in prior items.</i></p> <p><del>CONSTITUTION</del> <del>ARTICLE VI- DEPARTMENT CONVENTION</del></p> <p>Section 8. Department delegates and alternates to the National Convention shall be nominated and elected by the Department Convention. Each Department shall be entitled to the number of delegates as prescribed by the National Constitution and Bylaws.</p> <p><del>CONSTITUTION</del> <del>ARTICLE VIII- NATIONAL CONVENTION</del></p> <p>Section 3. Other delegates and Alternates to which the Department is entitled shall be elected at the District Conventions, and district nominations submitted to the Department 15 days prior to the Department Convention and Elected at the Department Convention.</p>	<p><b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE II - ELECTIONS</b></p> <p><b>Section 8. Delegates and Alternates from the Department of Georgia to the National Convention in addition to those listed in Constitution Article VII Section 2 up to the maximum number to which the Department is entitled shall be first be elected at the twelve (12) District Conventions as nominees to serve in these roles. The District shall submit those names to the Department Secretary fifteen (15) days prior to the Department Convention. Those Delegates and Alternates attaining the highest number of votes are thereby elected to complete the contingent from the Department of Georgia.</b></p>	<p><b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE II- ELECTIONS</b></p> <p>Section 8. Delegates and Alternates from the Department of Georgia to the National Convention in addition to those listed in Constitution Article VII Section 2 up to the maximum number to which the Department is entitled shall be first be elected at the twelve (12) District Conventions as nominees to serve in these roles. The District shall submit those names to the Department Secretary fifteen (15) days prior to the Department Convention. Those Delegates and Alternates attaining the highest number of votes are thereby elected to complete the contingent from the Department of Georgia.</p>

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**ITEM 16.** *Rationale: Georgia Girls State, Inc, a subsidiary of the ALA Department of Georgia, must annually elect members to the Board of Directors. As prescribed in the governing documents of Georgia Girls State, Inc., elections to its board of directors are conducted at the ALA Georgia Department Convention. Currently the Department’s governing documents do not include this action. Recommend an article be added.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
	<b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE II- ELECTIONS</b> <b>Section 9. The Department Convention shall elect members to the Georgia Girls State Board of Directors as prescribed in the governing documents of Georgia Girls State, Inc.</b>	<b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE II- ELECTIONS</b> Section 9. The Department Convention shall elect members to the Georgia Girls State Board of Directors as prescribed in the governing documents of Georgia Girls State, Inc.

**ITEM 17.** *Rationale: Standing Rule 17 duplicates ARTICLE III Section 2. Recommend removing Standing Rule and modify the Bylaw section.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE III- DUTIES OF OFFICERS</b> Section 2. It shall be the duty of the out-going President to compile and edit the Book of Reports.  <b>STANDING RULE</b> 17. The Book of Reports shall be assembled by the out-going President with price to be held as reasonable as possible, based on the cost of printing.	<b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE III- DUTIES OF OFFICERS</b> Section 2. It shall be the duty of the out-going President to compile and edit the Book of Reports <b>as cost effectively as possible and in accordance with the Policy – Book of Reports.</b>  <b>STANDING RULE</b> <del>17. The Book of Reports shall be assembled by the out-going President with price to be held as reasonable as possible, based on the cost of printing.</del>	<b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE III- DUTIES OF OFFICERS</b> Section 2. It shall be the duty of the out-going President to compile and edit the Book of Reports as cost effectively as possible and in accordance with the Policy – Book of Reports.  <i>Rule 17 is eliminated, renumbering is required.</i>

**ITEM 18.** *Rationale: BYLAWS ARTICLE III is missing the duties of the National Executive Committeeperson. Recommend the duties of the National Executive Committeeperson be included as Section 8.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE III- DUTIES OF OFFICERS</b>  <i>NOTE Current Sections 8 and 9 will have to be renumbered to 10 and 11. Current Sections 10-13 are included in recommendations Article II and are to be eliminated or moved.</i>	<b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE III- DUTIES OF OFFICERS</b> <b>New Section 8. The National Executive Committeeperson shall fulfill the responsibilities of the National Executive Committee and shall articulate the organization’s mission, goals, and accomplishments to the public and to the Committeeperson’s Department.</b>	<b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE III- DUTIES OF OFFICERS</b> Section 8. The National Executive Committeeperson shall fulfill the responsibilities of the National Executive Committee and shall articulate the organization’s mission, goals, and accomplishments to the public and to the Committeeperson’s Department

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<b>ITEM 19.</b> <i>Rationale: Meetings held remotely and action without a meeting must be included and align with Georgia state law.</i>		
<b>Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>If Adopted, Will Read</b>
<p><b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE IV – DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Section 2. Meetings: The Department Executive Committee shall meet at the Department Convention City immediately preceding the holding of the Annual Department Convention and within twenty-four hours after the adjournment of the Annual Department Convention and at such other times as a meeting thereof shall be called by the President or any five members of the Department Executive Committee. If it is not conducive for the Department Executive Committee to meet in person to handle business that arises outside of Conferences and Convention, they shall be allowed to conduct the meetings through electronic sources such as Zoom, Conference calls, etc.</p>	<p><b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE IV – DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Section 2. Meetings: The Department Executive Committee shall meet at the Department Convention City immediately preceding the holding of the Annual Department Convention and within twenty-four hours after the adjournment of the Annual Department Convention and at such other times as a meeting thereof shall be called by the President or any five members of the Department Executive Committee. If it is not conducive for the Department Executive Committee to meet in person to handle business that arises outside of Conferences and Convention, <del>they shall be allowed to conduct the meetings through electronic sources such as Zoom, Conference calls, etc.</del> <b>Department Executive Committee may conduct the meeting through remote communications and further, the Department Executive Committee may take action without a meeting if coordination of a meeting in-person or by remote communications is deemed detrimental to the timing of a decision provided such action is conducted by the majority of the Department Executive Committee. Meeting through remote communication and action taken without a meeting must follow best practices of the National ALA and in accordance with Georgia state law.</b></p>	<p><b>BYLAWS</b> <b>ARTICLE IV – DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Section 2. Meetings: The Department Executive Committee shall meet at the Department Convention City immediately preceding the holding of the Annual Department Convention and within twenty-four hours after the adjournment of the Annual Department Convention and at such other times as a meeting thereof shall be called by the President or any five members of the Department Executive Committee. If it is not conducive for the Department Executive Committee to meet in person to handle business that arises outside of Conferences and Convention, the Department Executive Committee may conduct the meeting through remote communications and further, the Department Executive Committee may take action without a meeting if coordination of a meeting in-person or by remote communications is deemed detrimental to the timing of a decision provided such action is conducted by the majority of the Department Executive Committee. Meeting through remote communication and action taken without a meeting must follow best practices of the National ALA and in accordance with Georgia state law.</p>

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**ITEM 20.** *Rationale: Standing Rule 11 duplicates this Bylaw Section. Recommend removing Standing Rule and modify the Bylaw section.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE IV – DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>                      Section 3. All Past Department of Georgia Presidents, in good standing in their local Units shall be members for life of the Department Executive Committee with vote.</p> <p><b>STANDING RULE</b>  <b>11</b> All Past Department of Georgia Presidents in good standing shall be members of the Department Executive Committee with vote.</p>	<p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE IV – DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>                      Section 3. All Past Department of Georgia Presidents <b>shall be members</b> in good standing in their local Units <b>and</b> shall be members for life of the Department Executive Committee with vote.</p> <p><b>STANDING RULE</b>  <del>11 All Past Department of Georgia Presidents in good standing shall be members of the Department Executive Committee with vote.</del></p>	<p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE IV – DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>                      Section 3. All Past Department of Georgia Presidents shall be members in good standing in their local Units and shall be members for life of the Department Executive Committee with vote.</p> <p><i>Rule 11 is eliminated, renumbering is required.</i></p>

**ITEM 21.** *Rationale: There is conflict in that the math is incorrect in the calculation of the quorum for a DEC meeting.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE IV – DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>                      Section 6. Quorum: Fourteen shall constitute a quorum of the Department Executive Committee to include no less than 7 District Presidents or their Alternates, the President, and the Secretary (or an appointed clerk in place of the Secretary); the final seven being made up of officers or Past Department of Georgia Presidents.</p>	<p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE IV – DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>                      Section 6. Quorum: Fourteen <b>(14)</b> shall constitute a quorum of the Department Executive Committee to include no less than <b>seven (7)</b> District Presidents or their Alternates, the <b>Department of Georgia</b> President <b>(1)</b>, and <del>the</del> Secretary <b>(1)</b> or an appointed clerk in place of the Secretary. <del>†The final</del> <b>five (5)</b> <del>seven</del> being made up of <b>other elected</b> officers or Past Department of Georgia Presidents.</p>	<p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE IV – DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>                      Section 6. Quorum: Fourteen (14) shall constitute a quorum of the Department Executive Committee to include no less than seven (7) District Presidents or their Alternates, the Department of Georgia President (1) and Secretary (1) or an appointed clerk in place of the Secretary. The final five (5) being made up of other elected officers or Past Department of Georgia Presidents.</p>

**ITEM 22.** *Rationale: Direction to Districts is necessary related to Fidelity Bond as Districts are not eligible for the Blanket Fidelity Bond offered by National to Units nor are Districts covered by a Fidelity Bond for the Department officers with access to Department financial accounts. Recommend a guiding section be added.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
	<p><b>ARTICLE VI- DISTRICT ORGANIZATION</b>  <b>Section 3. Districts shall determine needs and obtain their own Fidelity Bond as the Districts deem appropriate.</b></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE VI- DISTRICT ORGANIZATION</b>                      Section 3. Districts shall determine needs and obtain their own Fidelity Bond as the Districts deem appropriate.</p>

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**ITEM 23.** *Rationale: BYLAW ARTICLE VII Section 2 places the power of ordering the surrender of a Unit charter in the hands of only the Department President rather than the Department Executive Committee. Recommend clarity of action and power to the DEC.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>ARTICLE VII- UNIT ORGANIZATION</b> Section 2. Any Unit falling to meet the obligation imposed upon it by the Constitution and By-Laws or by rulings of Convention or Executive Committee or ceasing to function from one Department Convention to the next as an American Legion Auxiliary Unit or refusing to pay the per capita tax due Department and National Organizations, shall upon order of the Department President, surrender its charter. Upon failure to surrender such charter, immediate steps may be taken for its revocation.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE VII- UNIT ORGANIZATION</b> Section 2. Any Unit falling to meet the obligations imposed upon it by theis Constitution, Bylaws and <b>Standing Rules</b> or by rulings of <b>the Department Convention or the Department Executive Committee</b> or ceasing to function <b>as an American Legion Auxiliary Unit</b> from one Department Convention to the next, <del>as an American Legion Auxiliary Unit</del> or refusing to pay the per capita <b>membership tax dues to the</b> Department and National Organizations, shall upon order of the Department <del>President</del> <b>Executive Committee</b>, surrender its charter. Upon failure to surrender such charter, immediate steps may be taken for its revocation.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE VII- UNIT ORGANIZATION</b> Section 2. Any Unit falling to meet the obligations imposed upon it by this Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules or by rulings of the Department Convention or the Department Executive Committee or ceasing to function as an American Legion Auxiliary Unit from one Department Convention to the next, or refusing to pay the per capita membership dues to the Department and National Organizations, shall upon order of the Department Executive Committee, surrender its charter. Upon failure to surrender such charter, immediate steps may be taken for its revocation.</p>

**ITEM 24.** *Rationale: BYLAWS ARTICLE VII – Section 4 implies that a Unit that has not met its obligations may not present a candidate for a Department or National Office thus not allowing members in good standing in their unit the ability to exercise their rights as members. The customary intent of this Section is that a Unit may only present a candidate who is a member in good standing. Recommend adjustments as noted.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>ARTICLE VII- UNIT ORGANIZATION</b> Section 4. No Unit in this Department shall present a candidate for a Department or National office whose obligations to the Department and National Organization have not been met.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE VII- UNIT ORGANIZATION</b> Section 4. <del>No Units</del> in this Department shall present <b>only a candidates</b> for a Department or National office whose obligations to the Department and National Organization have not been met <b>are members in good standing.</b></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE VII- UNIT ORGANIZATION</b> Section 4. Units in this Department shall present only candidates for a Department or National office who are members in good standing.</p>

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**ITEM 25.** *Rationale: BYLAWS ARTICLE VII Section 5 is a duplicate of Standing Rule 15. Recommend editing the bylaw and deleting the rule.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>ARTICLE VII- UNIT ORGANIZATION</b></p> <p>Section 5. Any unit being delinquent in payment of any Department obligations as of April 1st of the current year, will be denied the privilege of voting at the Department Convention provided the units delinquent in Department obligations are notified by March 15th of this deficit.</p> <p><b>STANDING RULE 15</b> All Department Obligations must be paid no later than April 1st of the current year for the unit to be able to vote, provided that Units are notified by March 15th.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE VII- UNIT ORGANIZATION</b></p> <p>Section 5. <b>Units must submit to the Department Secretary</b> <del>Any unit being delinquent in payment of any all Department mandatory obligations by as of April 1st each of the current year, to be eligible to will be denied the privilege of voting at the</del> Department Convention provided the <b>Department notifies by March 15<sup>th</sup> each year of this deficit to units delinquent units.</b> in Department obligations are notified by March 15th of this deficit. <del><b>STANDING RULE 15</b> All Department Obligations must be paid no later than April 1st of the current year for the unit to be able to vote, provided that Units are notified by March 15th.</del></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE VII- UNIT ORGANIZATION</b></p> <p>Section 5. Units must submit to the Department Secretary all Department mandatory obligations by April 1st each year, to be eligible to vote at the Department Convention provided the Department notifies by March 15<sup>th</sup> each year of this deficit to delinquent units.</p>

**ITEM 26.** *Rationale: BYLAWS ARTICLE VII Section 6 does not align with the language used by the National organization. Further, Rule 16 is unnecessary (duplicate) if this language is in the Bylaws, and the rule is incorrect as it is the national organization that sets the unit rate.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>ARTICLE VII- UNIT ORGANIZATION</b></p> <p>Section 6. All members handling funds in the Unit shall be bonded with a Security Bond paid by the Units, through the Department.</p> <p><b>STANDING RULE 16</b> All persons handling funds in the Department and Units shall be bonded by the Department with Unit bond to be paid by the Unit. Amount to be set by Department.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE VII- UNIT ORGANIZATION</b></p> <p>Section 6. All members handling funds <del>at in the</del> <b>Unit level shall be covered by a Blanket Fidelity bonded with a Security Bond that is procured by the ALA National Organization.</b> <del>paid by the Units, through the Department.</del> <b>Units will pay annually the prescribed rate to the Department who in turn will pay the National Organization on its prescribed schedule.</b></p> <p><b>STANDING RULE 16</b> <del>All persons handling funds in the Department and Units shall be bonded by the Department with Unit bond to be paid by the Unit. Amount to be set by Department.</del></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE VII- UNIT ORGANIZATION</b></p> <p>Section 6. All members handling funds at the Unit level shall be covered by a Blanket Fidelity-Bond that is procured by the ALA National Organization. Units will pay annually the prescribed rate to the Department who in turn will pay the National Organization on its prescribed schedule.</p> <p><i>Rule 16 is eliminated, renumbering is required.</i></p>

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**ITEM 27.** *Rationale: BYLAWS ARTICLE VIII – FINANCE Section 5 could be read to mean that the Department pays for ALL PERSONS at all levels handling funds. Department must attain its own Fidelity Bond for any member of the DEC that is a signature authority on financial accounts. Note: Districts are not covered by the Department nor by the National Blanket Fidelity Bond for Unit.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE VIII – FINANCE</b></p> <p>Section 5. All persons handling funds of this Department shall be bonded with a security bond at Department expense.</p>	<p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE VIII – FINANCE</b></p> <p>Section 5. All persons handling funds <b>or named as signature authority on financial accounts</b> <del>of this</del> <b>at the Department level</b> shall be <b>covered by</b> <del>bonded</del> <b>Fidelity Bond procured and paid for by the</b> <del>at</del> Department expense.</p>	<p><b>BYLAWS</b>  <b>ARTICLE VIII – FINANCE</b></p> <p>Section 5. All persons handling funds or named as signature authority on financial accounts at the Department level shall be covered by a Fidelity Bond procured and paid for by the Department.</p>



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**ITEM 28.** *Rationale: The section in this ARTICLE blends expelling a member and removing an officer in one section where in fact, these are two distinct actions – expulsion and removal. Recommendation is to bring clarity around expectations and responsibility and refer to the Department Policy on Handling of Complaints.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>BYLAWS ARTICLE IX – DISCIPLINE</b></p> <p>Section 1. For any violation of the State or National Constitution, or for conduct improper and prejudicial to the welfare of the Auxiliary or to the American Legion, any member may be expelled from membership, or any officer removed from office by a two-thirds vote at a Unit meeting duly called for that purpose. Said expulsion or removal shall be binding only in the event said member or officer shall have been given fifteen (15) days’ notice in writing by the Unit Executive Committee of the charges and the hearing thereon; either party may have the right of appeal to the Department Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee's action thereon shall be final. The expense of said appeal shall be borne by the applicant.</p>	<p><b>BYLAWS ARTICLE IX – DISCIPLINE</b></p> <p><del>Section 1. For any violation of the State or National Constitution, or for conduct improper and prejudicial to the welfare of the Auxiliary or to the American Legion, any member may be expelled from membership, or any officer removed from office by a two-thirds vote at a Unit meeting duly called for that purpose. Said expulsion or removal shall be binding only in the event said member or officer shall have been given fifteen (15) days’ notice in writing by the Unit Executive Committee of the charges and the hearing thereon; either party may have the right of appeal to the Department Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee's action thereon shall be final. The expense of said appeal shall be borne by the applicant.</del></p> <p><b>Section 1. Members of the Department at all levels, Officers, District Presidents, Past Department Presidents, National Executive Committeeperson, staff, Department Committee Chairpersons and members, are expected to uphold and follow all governing documents of the ALA including but not limited to the National, Department, District and Unit Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules; all policies, processes and procedures adopted by National and Department, the Code of Professional Conduct, the Code of Ethics and the laws of the State of Georgia. Conduct that is a violation of the referenced documents or detrimental to the best interests of the organization may be escalated as outlined in the Department’s Policy on Handling of Complaints.</b></p>	<p><b>BYLAWS ARTICLE IX – DISCIPLINE</b></p> <p>Section 1. Members of the Department at all levels, Officers, District Presidents, Past Department Presidents, National Executive Committeeperson, staff, Department Committee Chairpersons and members, are expected to uphold and follow all governing documents of the ALA including but not limited to the National, Department, District and Unit Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules; all policies, processes and procedures adopted by National and Department, the Code of Professional Conduct, the Code of Ethics and the laws of the State of Georgia. Conduct that is a violation of the referenced documents or detrimental to the best interests of the organization may be escalated as outlined in the Department’s Policy on Handling of Complaints.</p>

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<p><b>ITEM 28.</b> <i>Continued from previous page.</i></p>	<p><b>Section 2. Only a Unit may expel a member. A member disciplined or expelled by said member’s Unit may appeal the Unit’s disciplinary action in writing to the Department Executive Committee. The Department Executive Committee shall review the appeal and respond as it deems appropriate. The action of the Department Executive Committee is final and not appealable to the National Organization. All discipline must be imposed in accordance with the principle of fundamental fairness, which includes notice and an opportunity to be heard. The Department may discipline a Unit for failure to discipline a member.</b></p>	<p>Section 2. Only a Unit may expel a member. A member disciplined or expelled by said member’s Unit may appeal the Unit’s disciplinary action in writing to the Department Executive Committee. The Department Executive Committee shall review the appeal and respond as it deems appropriate. The action of the Department Executive Committee is final and not appealable to the National Organization. All discipline must be imposed in accordance with the principle of fundamental fairness, which includes notice and an opportunity to be heard. The Department may discipline a Unit for failure to discipline a member.</p>
	<p><b>Section 3. Units, Districts, and the Department may remove an officer from office by a two-thirds vote at a meeting duly called for that purpose provided the principle of fundamental fairness is exercised, which includes notice and an opportunity to be heard.</b></p>	<p>Section 3. Units, Districts, and the Department may remove an officer from office by a two-thirds vote at a meeting duly called for that purpose provided the principle of fundamental fairness is exercised, which includes notice and an opportunity to be heard.</p>

<p><b>ITEM 29.</b> <i>Rationale: BYLAWS ARTICLE XI Section 1 is focused on discipline rather than the positive aspect of chartering units. Recommend this be moved to ARTICLE IX Section 4. Further, while Standing Rule 12 is not a duplicate of this Section, it is an extension of this identifying WHEN action can be taken and should be included in the bylaw. Recommend eliminating Rule 12 and adding pertinent language to this section.</i></p>		
<p><b>Current Wording</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed Amendment</b></p>	<p><b>If Adopted, Will Read</b></p>
<p><b>BYLAWS ARTICLE XI- CHARTERS</b>                  Section 1. The Department Executive Committee may discipline Units or cancel Unit charters for any good and sufficient cause following the principle of fundamental fairness, which includes notice and an opportunity to be heard.                   STANDING RULE 12 Cancellation of Charters shall be presented for approval at any Department Executive Committee meeting.</p>	<p><del>BYLAWS ARTICLE XI – CHARTERS</del>  <b>BYLAWS ARTICLE IX – DISCIPLINE</b>                  Section <del>14</del>. The Department Executive Committee may discipline Units or cancel Unit charters for any good and sufficient cause following the principle of fundamental fairness, which includes notice and an opportunity to be heard. Cancellation of Charters <b>for any valid reason</b> shall be presented for approval at any Department Executive Committee meeting.  <del>STANDING RULE 12 Cancellation of Charters shall be presented for approval at any Department Executive Committee meeting.</del></p>	<p><b>BYLAWS ARTICLE IX – DISCIPLINE</b>                  Section 4. The Department Executive Committee may discipline Units or cancel Unit charters for any good and sufficient cause following the principle of fundamental fairness, which includes notice and an opportunity to be heard. Cancellation of Charters for any valid reason shall be presented for approval at any Department Executive Committee meeting.</p>

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<p><b>ITEM 30.</b> <i>Rationale: BYLAWS ARTICLE XI Section 8 is positively focused on chartering new units, recommend it be moved to be Section 1 and put in active context.</i></p>		
Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>BYLAWS ARTICLE XI- CHARTERS</b>                      Section 8. All new charter applications shall be approved by the Department Executive Committee. New charters shall not be held in the Department office more than 15 days after receipt from National.</p>	<p><b>BYLAWS ARTICLE XI- CHARTERS</b>                      Section <del>18</del>. <del>All new charter applications shall be approved by the Department Executive Committee</del>  <b>shall approve all new unit charter applications.</b>                      New charters shall not be held in the Department office more than 15 days after receipt from National.</p>	<p><b>BYLAWS ARTICLE XI- CHARTERS</b>                      Section 1. The Department Executive Committee shall approve all new unit charter applications. New charters shall not be held in the Department office more than 15 days after receipt from National.</p>
<p><b>ITEM 31.</b> <i>Rationale: BYLAWS ARTICLE XI Section 5 is nearly identical to Rule 29. Recommend an edit to Section 5 and removal of the duplicate rule.</i></p>		
<p><b>BYLAWS ARTICLE XI- CHARTERS</b>                      Section 5. Upon cancellation of a Unit charter, the Department Executive Committee is authorized to take possession of all records, assets, and property of the Unit and to provide for the administration of the Unit until members are transferred to other Units.   <b>STANDING RULE 29.</b> All monies in possession of a Unit, at the time their charter is turned in, must immediately be sent to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Georgia. A notice will be sent with the Charter cancellation request for the monies. <i>(Added June 26, 2022)</i></p>	<p><b>BYLAWS ARTICLE XI – CHARTERS</b>                      Section 5. <b>When a Unit charter is cancelled by the Department Executive Committee or a Unit voluntarily turns it its charter, Upon cancellation of a Unit charter, the Unit shall follow state and federal law and ONLY transition funds to the ALA Department of Georgia and not to any other organization including the hosting American Legion Post or to members of the Post or the Unit. The</b> Department Executive Committee is authorized to take possession of all records, assets, and property of the Unit and to provide for the administration of the Unit until members are transferred to other Units. Units shall <del>STANDING RULE 29. All monies in possession of a Unit, at the time their charter is turned in, must immediately submit be sent to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Georgia</del> <b>all assets inclusive of money, supplies, and records. The Department Secretary will send a letter</b> A notice will be sent with the Charter cancellation <b>notice to include the request for all monies and other assets/records.</b></p>	<p><b>BYLAWS ARTICLE XI – CHARTERS</b>                      Section 5. When a Unit charter is cancelled by the Department Executive Committee or a Unit voluntarily turns it its charter, the Unit shall follow state and federal law and ONLY transition funds to the ALA Department of Georgia and not to any other organization including the hosting American Legion Post or to members of the Post or the Unit. The Department Executive Committee is authorized to take possession of all records, assets, and property of the Unit and to provide for the administration of the Unit until members are transferred to other Units. Units shall immediately submit to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Georgia all assets inclusive of money, supplies, and records. The Department Secretary will send a letter with the Charter cancellation notice to include the request for all monies and other assets/records.</p>

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**ITEM 32.** *Rationale: BYLAWS ARTICLE XI Section 7 is a duplicate of BYLAWS ARTICLE VII Section 2 which was covered in ITEM 23. Recommend removing this item.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>ARTICLE XI- CHARTERS</b>                      Section 7. Any Unit failing to meet the obligations imposed upon it by the Constitution and Bylaws or by rulings of Convention or Executive Committee or ceasing to function from one Department Convention to the next as an American Legion Auxiliary Unit or refusing to pay the per capita tax due Department and National Organizations, shall upon order of the Department President surrender its charter. Upon failure to surrender its charter, immediate steps may be taken by the Department Executive Committee for the revocation of the same.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE XI- CHARTERS</b>                      Section 7. Any Unit failing to meet the obligations imposed upon it by the Constitution and Bylaws or by rulings of Convention or Executive Committee or ceasing to function from one Department Convention to the next as an American Legion Auxiliary Unit or refusing to pay the per capita tax due Department and National Organizations, shall upon order of the Department President surrender its charter. Upon failure to surrender its charter, immediate steps may be taken by the Department Executive Committee for the revocation of the same.</p>	

**ITEM 33.** *Rationale: This Standing Rule 18 is no longer valid as funds are no longer budgeted for this purpose.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>STANDING RULE 18</b> The Chairperson shall be required to attend at least one half of sessions at Conference or Convention in order to receive mileage.</p>	<p><del><b>STANDING RULE 18</b> The Chairperson shall be required to attend at least one half of sessions at Conference or Convention in order to receive mileage.</del></p>	<p><i>Rule 18 is eliminated, renumbering is required.</i></p>

**ITEM 34.** *Rationale: This Standing Rule 20 is no longer valid as this detail is covered in the Department Policy on National Convention.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>STANDING RULE 20</b> The delegates not elected to the National Convention shall serve as alternates. The President has the privilege of filling any vacancies with alternates. The President has the option to select pages who are not delegates. Only elected alternates shall serve at the National Convention.</p>	<p><del><b>STANDING RULE 20</b> The delegates not elected to the National Convention shall serve as alternates. The President has the privilege of filling any vacancies with alternates. The President has the option to select pages who are not delegates. Only elected alternates shall serve at the National Convention.</del></p>	<p><i>Rule 20 is eliminated, renumbering is required.</i></p>

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<b>ITEM 35.</b> <i>Rationale: This Standing Rule 22 is no longer valid as funds are no longer budgeted for this purpose.</i>		
<b>Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>If Adopted, Will Read</b>
<b>STANDING RULE 22</b> Mileage shall be paid to Department Executive Committee members and Department Chairpersons to conferences and conventions. Amount to be set annually by the Department Executive Committee.	<del><b>STANDING RULE 22</b> Mileage shall be paid to Department Executive Committee members and Department Chairpersons to conferences and conventions. Amount to be set annually by the Department Executive Committee.</del>	<i>Rule 22 is eliminated, renumbering is required.</i>

<b>ITEM 36.</b> <i>Rationale: This Standing Rule 28 contains out of date information. Recommend updating it to be shorter and clearer.</i>		
<b>Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>If Adopted, Will Read</b>
<b>STANDING RULE 28</b> Dues from the Units to the Department will be in the amount of \$12 per annum for senior National dues; \$2.50 pr annum for junior National dues; \$11 per annum for senior Department dues and \$2.50 per annum for Department junior dues. (Added June 26, 2022) Dues changed and made effective year 2023-2024 dues will be as follows: \$18 to be sent to National Headquarters, \$16 to be retained at the Department for a total of \$34 to be sent to Department for each membership by the Units <i>(Rev. Aug. 28, 2022 by National Headquarters)</i>	<del><b>STANDING RULE 28</b> Dues from the Units to the Department will be in the amount of \$12 per annum for senior National dues; \$2.50 per annum for Junior National dues; \$11 per annum for senior Department dues and \$2.50 per annum for Junior Department junior dues. (Added June 26, 2022) Dues changed and made effective in the year 2023-2024 membership year, Senior dues will be as follows: \$18 per annum for National Headquarters, and \$16 per annum for to be retained at the Department for a total of \$34 to be sent to Department for each membership by the Units <i>(Rev. Aug. 28, 2022 by National Headquarters)</i></del>	<b>STANDING RULE 28</b> Dues from the Units to National and the Department will be \$2.50 per annum for Junior National dues and \$2.50 per annum for Junior Department dues. Effective in the 2024 membership year, Senior dues will be \$18 per annum for National and \$16 per annum for Department.  The number may be different as other rules are recommended for deletion.

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**ITEM 37.** *Rationale: The title “Hospital Representative” is out of date. Recommendation: replace Hospital with Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representative.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b> <b>ARTICLE VI- DEPARTMENT CONVENTION</b></p> <p>Section 3. Delegates-at-large to the Department Convention shall be the elective officers, members of the Department Executive Committee, the Chairpersons of Standing Committees, Hospital Representatives, and all Past Department Presidents in good standing in their Units and with vote to be exercised with their respective Units.</p> <p>Section 5. Each Unit shall be entitled to two (2) delegates and one (1) additional delegate for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof whose current dues have been received by the Department Treasury thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention and to one alternate for each delegate. Units shall be entitled to one (1) vote each for Past Department of Georgia Presidents, Current Department Officers and Department Chairpersons, and Hospital Representatives.</p> <p><b>STANDING RULE 7</b> The District Presidents, officers, Past Department Presidents and Chairpersons of the American Legion Auxiliary and Hospital Representatives shall be advised of all plans, membership reports and financial reports of the Department.</p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b> <b>ARTICLE VI- DEPARTMENT CONVENTION</b></p> <p>Section 3. Delegates-at-large to the Department Convention shall be the elective officers, members of the Department Executive Committee, the Chairpersons of Standing Committees, <del>Hospital</del> <b>Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS)</b> Representatives, and all Past Department Presidents in good standing in their Units and with vote to be exercised with their respective Units.</p> <p>Section 5. Each Unit shall be entitled to two (2) delegates and one (1) additional delegate for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof whose current dues have been received by the Department Treasury thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention and to one alternate for each delegate. Units shall be entitled to one (1) vote each for Past Department of Georgia Presidents, Current Department Officers and Department Chairpersons, and <del>Hospital</del> <b>Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS)</b> Representatives.</p> <p><b>STANDING RULE 7</b> The District Presidents, officers, Past Department Presidents and Chairpersons of the American Legion Auxiliary and <del>Hospital</del> <b>Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS)</b> Representatives shall be advised of all plans, membership reports and financial reports of the Department.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE VI- DEPARTMENT CONVENTION</b></p> <p>Section 3. Delegates-at-large to the Department Convention shall be the elective officers, members of the Department Executive Committee, the Chairpersons of Standing Committees, Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representatives, and all Past Department Presidents in good standing in their Units and with vote to be exercised with their respective Units.</p> <p>Section 5. Each Unit shall be entitled to two (2) delegates and one (1) additional delegate for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof whose current dues have been received by the Department Treasury thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention and to one alternate for each delegate. Units shall be entitled to one (1) vote each for Past Department of Georgia Presidents, Current Department Officers and Department Chairpersons, and Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representatives.</p> <p><b>STANDING RULE 7</b> The District Presidents, officers, Past Department Presidents and Chairpersons of the American Legion Auxiliary and Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representatives shall be advised of all plans, membership reports and financial reports of the Department.</p>

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**ITEM 38.** *Rationale: The title language in BYLAWS Article XIV Section 1 is uncoordinated with the National statement of this same nature. Additionally, missing from these governing documents is the reference that the Department of Georgia American Legion Auxiliary has a subsidiary organization subordinate to it, Georgia Girls State, Inc.*

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>BYLAWS</p> <p><b>ARTICLE XIV- AUTHORITY</b></p> <p>Section 1. The authority under which all Departments and Units of the American Legion Auxiliary shall function is vested in The National Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules of The American Legion Auxiliary. Any provision of any Department or Unit Constitution or Bylaws or any regulation of any Department or Unit in conflict with the foregoing authority shall be void.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE XIV- AUTHORITY</b></p> <p>Section 1. The authority under which all Departments, <del>and</del> Units, <b>subsidiaries, and intermediate bodies</b> of the American Legion Auxiliary shall function is vested in <del>the</del> National Constitution <del>&amp; and</del> Bylaws and <b>such</b> Standing Rules <b>as have been duly adopted.</b> <del>of The American Legion Auxiliary.</del> Any provision of <del>any</del> <b>these</b> Department <b>Constitution &amp; Bylaws and such Standing Rules and that of any Department of Georgia ALA District, or Unit, or subsidiary</b> Constitution <del>&amp; or</del> <b>Bylaws or Standing Rules that is</b> any regulation of <del>any Department or Unit</del> in conflicts with the foregoing authority shall be void.</p> <p><b>Section 2. Georgia Girls State, Inc. is a subsidiary organization of the Department of Georgia American Legion Auxiliary and is accountable to the Department. As such, Georgia Girls State, Inc. is subordinate to the Department of Geogia ALA and is subject to regulation by action of the Department of Georgia ALA and shall comply with the legally binding rules required of the National American Legion Auxiliary.</b></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE XIV- AUTHORITY</b></p> <p>Section 1. The authority under which all Departments, Units, subsidiaries, and intermediate bodies of the American Legion Auxiliary shall function is vested in the National Constitution &amp; Bylaws and such Standing Rules as have been duly adopted. Any provision of these Department Constitution &amp; Bylaws and such Standing Rules and that of any Department of Georgia ALA District, Unit, or subsidiary Constitution &amp; Bylaws or Standing Rules that conflicts with the foregoing authority shall be void.</p> <p>Section 2. Georgia Girls State, Inc. is a subsidiary organization of the Department of Georgia American Legion Auxiliary and is accountable to the Department. As such, Georgia Girls State, Inc. is subordinate to the Department of Geogia ALA and is subject to regulation by action of the Department of Georgia ALA and shall comply with the legally binding rules required of the National American Legion Auxiliary.</p>

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