



American Legion

Department of Wisconsin

8th District Caucus

Meeting Minutes

Department Convention – Oconomowoc, WI

July 19, 2013 – 1st Day

1. District Commander Dan Rindt called the meeting room to order at 0730hrs. The colors being in place, a hand salute was rendered. Chaplain Frank Wozniak gave an opening prayer. Waupaca County Commander Jim Jaeger led the POW/MIA ceremony and Rich Klotzbuecher led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Commander Jerry Krofta led the recitation of the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution.
2. Commander Rindt declared the caucus convened. He handed out mementos to a number of Legionnaires in recognition of their hard work and support during the past two years. Commander Rindt then turned the meeting over to Vice Commander Krofta.
3. A roll call was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum.

- a. District Officers Present: District Commander Rindt, First Vice Commander Krofta, Finance Officer Jensen, Adjutant Herminath, 1st Sergeant-at-Arms Winter, Historian Southworth. County Commanders Olsen of Shawano, Jaeger of Waupaca, and Fregien of Wood Counties were also present.
 - b. District Officers Excused: Second Vice Commander Solberg, Third Vice Commander Young, Chaplain Knauf, Parliamentarian Van Ryzin , and 2nd Sergeant-at-Arms Baierl. County Commanders Borchardt of Marathon, Vandre of Portage, and Czarnecki of Waushara counties were also excused.
 - c. Posts: Nineteen members from eleven posts were present.
4. The Commander reminded the 8th District Delegates to the Convention to vote for Dan Rindt for Department Vice-Commander.
5. A number of candidates for Department offices visited the Caucus and spoke on their qualifications for office.
6. Old Business:
 - a. The Commander reminded all Posts to submit updated 2013-2014 Officer and Committee reports to the County, District and Department.
 - b. Legionnaires Fregien and Zapka volunteered to serve as Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms at the Department Convention.
 - c. Ballot Clerk Assignments for the Department Convention determined at the 8th District 2013 Spring Conference included Legionnaires Jensen, Zapka and Fregien.

- d. Department Committee assignments were confirmed as follows: Pitt (Americanism); Fregien (Children and Youth); Jaeger (Constitutional Amendments); Southworth (Finance); Gorst (Legislative); Krofta (Membership); Klotzbuecher (National Security); Herminath (Resolutions); and Olsen (Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation). The Department Committee reports are to be given at the July 20 caucus. Minutes of the respective Department Convention Committee meetings were handed out to the above 8th District officers.
- e. Review 8th District Delegates to the 2013 National Convention in Houston include Kathy Gorst. Dan Rindt had to withdraw as a delegate due to a health problem.
- f. Commander Krofta spoke to the Legionnaires about membership this past year and his plans for recruitment and retention in 2013-2014.
- g. Legionnaires spoke about the proposed unification of several Department-level committees. Most spoke against the mergers.

7. New Business:

- a. Posts were reminded to pick up their Department Administrative packets for 2013-2014 at tomorrow's Caucus.
- b. Legionnaires were reminded that it is not too late to volunteer for a District or Department program or committee position

8. Being no further business, the Chaplain gave a closing prayer, the POW/MIA flag was retired and there was a final salute to the colors. The Commander declared the Caucus adjourned at 08:30 hours.