



American Legion

Department of Wisconsin

8th District Caucus

Meeting Minutes

Department Convention – Oconomowoc, WI

July 20, 2013 – 2nd 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. 2nd Vice Commander Sam Solberg led the POW/MIA ceremony and 1st Vice Commander Jerry Krofta led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. First Vice Commander 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 who were absent on Friday 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, Second Vice Commander Solberg, Finance Officer Jensen, Adjutant Herminath, 1st Sergeant-at-Arms Winter, Historian Southworth. County Commanders Borchardt of Marathon, Olsen of Shawano, Jaeger of Waupaca, Czarnekci of Waushara and Fregien of Wood Counties were also present.
 - b. District Officers Excused: Third Vice Commander Young, Chaplain Knauf, Parliamentarian Van Ryzin , and 2nd Sergeant-at-Arms Baierl. County Commander Vandre of Portage county was also excused.
 - c. Posts: Seventeen members from twelve posts were present.
4. The Commander reminded the 8th District Delegates to the Convention to vote for Dan Rindt for Department Vice-Commander.
5. Several candidates for Department offices who did not visit yesterday stopped by 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. Department Committee reports were given 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).

- c. The above officers provided excellent reports. Many of their reports prompted discussions by the Legionnaires in attendance and served to inform and energize the membership prior to voting later in the day. The membership passed motions to oppose Resolution 2.2013 to combine the Americanism and Youth and Government Committees, Resolution 3.2013 to combine the Finance and Fund Raising Committees, and Resolution 4.2013 to combine the VA&R and Legislative Committees.
- d. Commander Krofta received more than one hundred memberships from various posts.
- e. Commander Krofta spoke to the Legionnaires about membership this past year and his plans for recruitment and retention in 2013-2014. He scheduled an Executive Board Meeting for 30 July at Amherst.
- f. Commander Krofta spoke about a Department program to send mailings to former Legionnaires inviting them to rejoin local posts.

7. New Business:

- a. Administrative Packets were distributed to the Posts.
- 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 08:45 hours.

