



American Legion

Department of Wisconsin

8th District Caucus

Meeting Minutes

Department Convention – Appleton, WI

July 18, 2015– 2nd Day

1. District Commander Jerry Krofta called the meeting room to order at 0730hrs. The colors being in place, a hand salute was rendered. Chaplain Wozniak gave an opening prayer. Commander Krofta led the POW/MIA ceremony and 1st Vice Commander Young led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander Krofta then led the recitation of the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution.
2. Commander Krofta declared the caucus convened and introduced the guests present.
3. A roll call was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum.
 - a. District Officers Present: District Commander Krofta, Second Vice Commander Young, Third Vice Commander Fregien, Finance Officer Jensen, Adjutant Miller, Chaplain Wozniak, Judge Advocate Gorst, 1st Sgt-at-Arms Sonontag, 2nd Sgt-at-Arms Jaeger.

- b. Commanders Balz of Marathon, Rindt of Waupaca, and Miller of Wood Counties were also present.
 - c. District Officers Excused: First Vice Commander Solberg was excused along with County Commanders Vandre of Portage County and Czarnecki of Waushara County..
 - d. Posts: Thirty-one Legionnaires from thirteen posts were present.
4. Several candidates for Department offices who did not visit yesterday stopped by the Caucus and spoke on their qualifications for office.
5. Old Business:
 - a. The Commander reminded all Posts to submit updated 2015-2016 Officer and Committee reports to the County, District and Department.
 - b. Department Committee reports were given as follows: Krofta (Americanism); Fregien (Children and Youth); Borchardt (Constitutional Amendments); Jaeger (Finance); Gorst (Legislative); Balz (Membership); Young (National Security); Miller (Resolutions); and Rindt (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.
 - d. Commander Krofta reminded Commander-Elect Young to have all the Administrative bags accounted for by the end of the day. He then turned the meeting over to Commander-Elect Young.
 - e. Commander Young received a number of envelopes with paid 2016 memberships from various 8th District Posts.
 - f. Commander Young brought up the subject of holding the 8th District Fall Conference at Wautoma. After extensive discussion of the rising cost of holding the 8th District Spring and Fall Conferences, it was agreed that in the future the 8th District would assume the cost of printing and mailing the Conference call and preparation of the

Conference agenda. A motion was made and seconded to that effect, the motion passed. The Wautoma Adjutant said his Post would host the 2015 Fall Conference for \$20 if their current \$22.50 bid was not acceptable to the Caucus. A motion to accept the \$22.50 bid by the Wautoma Post was made and seconded. It was defeated. A motion was then made and seconded to award the Wautoma Post the 2015 Fall Conference with a registration fee of \$20. The motion passed.

6. 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.
- c. Commander-elect Young mentioned that he would hold an Executive Board meeting within the next several weeks and assign Counties to his three Vice-Commanders at that time.

7. 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.