

(i) The Resolution Committee shall be empowered to:

(1) Make such changes in Resolutions as may be necessary to eliminate factual misstatements or language inconsistent with the clear intent of the Resolution, when taken as a whole.

(2) To consolidate Resolutions containing the same subject matter.

(3) To refer any resolution back to the originating authority or to a Standing Commission or Committee for further study and/or consideration.

6. When a delegate desires to make a motion or address the Convention he/she shall rise, address the Chair and state his/her name and the name and number of his/her Post before proceeding.

7. No delegate shall be permitted to talk more often than once on any one subject, unless he/she has made the motion relating to the subject, and then only twice, and no delegate shall be permitted to talk longer than five (5) minutes on any one (1) subject, except by unanimous consent.

8. Voting in all cases, except elections and trials of officers and appeals shall be by acclamation unless roll call vote shall be demanded by at least five (5) Posts with one (1) or more accredited delegates present on the floor of the Convention.

9. The annual election of the Officers of the Department shall be the special order of business of the Annual Convention, the results of which should be announced at 1:00 P.M., or as soon as practical thereafter, on the day set for the adjournment of the Convention or at the call of the Chair.

10. Nominations for Department Officers shall be from the floor.

11. Nominating speeches shall be limited to five (5) minutes each. Nor more than two (2) seconding speeches shall be made for each candidate, each not to exceed two (2) minutes.

12. Each officer to be elected at the Department Convention shall be voted on by common ballot except that the election of the Department Area Commanders, District Commanders, and District Vice Commanders may be elected and ratified collectively.

13. The final official tally sheets and the ballots shall be retained as permanent record of the Department for a period of two (2) years.

14. The candidate for each office that receives the most votes shall be declared the winner.

15. The Department Commander, or in his/her absence or inability, the Department First Vice Commander shall serve as Chairman of the Convention. The Department Adjutant shall serve as Secretary of the Convention. There shall be appointed by the Chair as many Assistant Secretaries as may be required, a Parliamentarian, and such other Officers of the Convention as may be needed.

16. Each retiring Commander shall, upon the installation of his/her successor, be declared to be a Past Department Commander, and shall be presented with a Past Department Commander's lapel pin with diamond. He/she shall enjoy the status and the privileges thereof as set forth in these By-Laws and the Department Constitution unless he/she is deprived of them as provided herein and in the Department Constitution.

## ARTICLE II

### DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. In addition to the meetings required by the Department Constitution, the Department Executive Committee shall meet on call of the Department Commander or on written request of a majority of the members of the Department Executive Committee. It shall also meet within the time and for the purposes provided in Section 5 of this Article. In event the Department Commander refuses or fails for five (5) days to call the Department Executive Committee to meet on written request of a majority of the members of the Department Executive Committee or for the purpose provided in Section 5 hereof, or in accordance with provisions of the Department Constitution, the Department Adjutant shall call the Department Executive Committee to meet.

2. No business shall be transacted at any special meeting of the Department Executive Committee except such as shall be specifically stated in the call or business of a routine nature which may be proper to come before such meeting.

3. The Department Commander, or in his/her absence or inability, the Department First Vice Commander shall preside over the Department Executive Committee. The Department Adjutant shall act as Secretary of the meeting, and in his/her absence or inability, the Chairman of the meeting shall appoint some member of the Committee to serve as Secretary of the meeting.

4. Subject to the provision of the Department Constitution, the Department Executive Committee shall fill any vacancy in the