

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA CONVENTION
JUNE 20-23, 2024
RESOLUTION**

SUBMITTED BY: _____Rose Ficklin and Debra Munchbach_____

SUBJECT: _____Department Juniors Policy_____

DATE: _____4-5-2024_____

Resolution No. _____6_____

(Assigned by Resolutions Committee)

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WHEREAS, National changed the structure of the National Juniors Program in 2015 and the Department of Arizona Junior Activities Policy on pages 26 and 27 of the Policies and Procedures Manual needs to be updated and amended; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Department Junior Activities Policy will now be as follows:
(Deletions are shown by crossing through wording. New wording added is in **Bold Print**.)

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

The committee shall function as outlined in the Unit Guidebook, Junior Activities Handbook and the Guidelines as set up by the Department.

The Juniors have two official Department meetings a year, namely the Fall Retreat and the Spring Conference as their "convention". (2007)

The Spring Conference will be held in the month of April with the date being set by agreement of both the hosting Unit and the Department Junior Activities Chairman. (91)

The Junior Activities Chairman is responsible for setting up the programs for the Retreat and the Conference and for making arrangements for same with the approval of the Department President. Any funds or materials to be solicited from Units MUST have the approval of the Department Finance Committee.

Resolved: That the Department Finance Committee allow mileage for the Junior President for attendance at the Spring Junior Conference and be it Further resolved, that the Hostess Unit for the Spring Junior Conference be responsible for registration and lunch for the Junior President. (81)

Any advisor or chaperone attending these functions with the Juniors will be prohibited from drinking ANY alcoholic beverage or exposing these children to secondhand smoke during these sanctioned weekend activities. (2007)

The Juniors at their Spring Conference will elect a President and such other officers as they deem necessary as set forth in the Guidelines drawn up, subject to the approval of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona. The elected Honorary Department Jr. President and Honorary Department Jr. Vice President will be from different Units at the time of their election and for the time that they serve together. No Honorary Department Jr. Officer may succeed themselves. (2016)

Voting for Department Offices will be the same as the District, each delegation shall have only one vote.

Since 2015 National Junior meetings for members age 8-17 have not been held at the National Sr. Convention. They are held in various locations across the country in conjunction with seasoned member ALA Mission Training events. Juniors may attend a meeting in any Division, not just the Division of their membership.

There are only 5 National Honorary Jr. Officers, those being a National Honorary Division Jr. Vice President, one from each Division of the organization.

~~————The outgoing Junior President will represent the Juniors from Arizona at the National Meetings as the Delegate. The Department and Unit Funds shall assist in expenses. Should the outgoing Junior President be unable to attend, all funds would be available to the alternate.~~

~~————In the event the outgoing Junior Department President is unable to attend the National Junior Meeting, their predecessor will be the primary alternate providing they have not reached the age of eighteen. If the primary alternate is eighteen years of age, the secondary alternate representative to the National Junior Meeting will be the newly elected Junior Department President.~~

The current Department Honorary Jr. President will represent the Juniors from Arizona at the National Meeting as the Delegate. The Department budgets funds to assist in expenses. Should the Department Honorary President be unable to attend, all funds would be available to an alternate. First Alternate is the Department Honorary Jr. Vice President, and the Second Alternate is the Department Honorary Jr. Secretary. The Department Jr. Representative must be under 18 years of age.

In the event the current Honorary National Jr. Western Division Vice President is a member of the Department of Arizona, there will be a per diem budgeted by Department to help with expenses. The current Honorary National Junior Division Vice President will be subject to the same Policies and Procedures for the Department of Arizona as any other Junior Delegate from Arizona to the National Junior Meeting.

Juniors who attend a National Junior meeting will have the opportunity to register to vote and/or run for Honorary National Jr. Division Vice President. The Junior may only run for office in the Division of her membership, even if she attended a meeting in another Division. If an Arizona Junior plans to run for the Honorary National Jr. Division Vice President, they must notify the Department Secretary and Department President of their intention to run. The Junior must complete an "intent to run form" and have it signed by their parent/guardian. Elections are held by email the first week of August. Every Junior who attended a National Junior Meeting that year will receive the ballot by email. Winners are announced on the National Convention floor during the Junior Activities report.

~~In the event a current Honorary National Junior Officer (other than the President) is a member of the Department of Arizona, the Honorary National Junior Officer will be entitled to \$250.00 from Department Junior Funds toward travel expenses to the National Junior Meeting. (The Honorary National Junior President receives money from National.) There is no alternate to this position.~~

The revenue from activities of a junior group should be carried as a separate item in the treasurer's book of the Senior group of which it is a part, so that it can be used by the junior group to further their program. All Junior projects requiring the expenditure of funds should first be approved by their Senior group. Upon completion of the approved project, the bill shall be presented to the Treasurer of the Senior group for payment, thus discharging the obligation.

The candidates for National Junior Offices MUST NOT BE 18 YEARS OF AGE BEFORE DECEMBER 31 of the year they are elected. All candidates for National Junior Offices must have paid their current year's Junior Membership dues and shall be in good standing in their local Unit.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the current "National Junior Conference Chaperone Guidelines" on page 27 of the Department Policies and Procedures Manual will be re-titled "National Junior Meeting Chaperone Guidelines" and its content will remain the same as currently written.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any changes to names of officers and meetings as the result of this Resolution will carry through to all Department governing documents.