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Lloyd:

The official purpose of this email is to protest the District 16 election held today at Post 207 in Beaufort.

I have extracted the following from the Constitution of the American Legion Department of South Carolina:

Article VIII, Section 3: The Department District Commanders shall be elected biennially at the appropriate District meeting by a simple majority vote of the certified delegates eligible to vote at said district meeting.

Article VIII, Section 5: The number of votes for a Post represented at the District meeting within the electing Legion District shall be on the basis of three (3) votes for each Post plus one additional vote for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof. The official membership standing of each Post as certified by the various Post adjutants to the District Commander at the time of the meeting will govern the voting strength of each Post.

John Coaxum of Post 207 was the outgoing District Commander. When the vote was called he turned over the meeting to his Post commander, Edgar Williams. Commander Williams then asked for nominations. I, as the Commander of Post 205, nominated Charles Lurey of Post 9. The Vice Commander of Post 207 then nominated John Coaxum. Commander Williams then called for the vote and allowed everyone in the room to vote. The vast majority of the members present were from Post 207, and a number of the members were from Post 49, a new post from Hilton Head. Therefore, only one person at the election was from Post 9 and only two from Post 205. Of course, John Coaxum won in a landslide because the vast majority of the Legionnaires present were from his post.

Had the election been conducted in accordance with the Department Constitution, there would have been 10 votes for Charles Lurey (5 from each of Post 9 and 205) and 9 votes for John Coaxum (5 from Post 207 and 4 from Post 49.) In addition, I challenge the authority of Post 49 to vote at all. They had not even received their charter when the vote was called.

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