

Whereas, All American Legion Auxiliary members are required to be knowledgeable of the governing documents of her unit, district, department, and national organization as well as the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct as adopted by the American Legion Auxiliary national governing board;

Whereas, All American Legion Auxiliary members are required to be in good standing as evidenced by maintaining current membership dues and continued compliance with the governing documents of her unit, district, department, and the national organization as well as the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct as adopted by the American Legion Auxiliary national governing board;

Whereas, Each American Legion Auxiliary member must be aware her behaviors or attitudes affect the reputation and public perception of both the American Legion Auxiliary and its individual members;

Whereas, violations of the governing documents and the Code of Ethics or Code of Conduct may occur as verbal (person to person or voice mail), written (letters or emails), or physical assaults;

Whereas, If the violation or violations of the governing documents, the Code of Ethics or the Code of Conduct are of an ongoing nature that are libelous, slanderous, or physically threatening to either the safety or reputation of the American Legion Auxiliary organization or individual members, disciplinary actions must be initiated;

Whereas, Our current governing documents state that the offending member's unit is the only entity that can impose disciplinary actions on the offending member as described in Chapter X "Procedure for the Expulsion or Suspension of a Member of the American Legion Auxiliary" in the Unit Guidebook;

Whereas, If the offending member's unit has been apprised of the violations and is unwilling or unable to impose the appropriate disciplinary actions that will stop the member's behaviors, the department could assume this duty;

Resolved, The National Standing Rule IX DEPARTMENTS be amended by the insertion of a new item 5 to read as follows: "It shall be responsibility of the department to assume the responsibility of disciplining its members in the event the unit is unwilling or unable to initiate and process disciplinary procedures. These disciplinary procedures will comply with the contents of National Standing Rule IX DEPARTMENTS item 4."