

American Legion Auxiliary
Minutes of the Northwestern Division Caucus
Saturday, August 25, 2018

The Northwestern Division Caucus was called to order at 3:00 pm by Northwestern Division Vice-President Peggy Miller from Wyoming. Kathryn Long of Department of Montana offered prayer. Department of South Dakota led the Pledge of Allegiance. Department of Nebraska led the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary. Ann Ritacco Department of Colorado read the Mission.

Past National President Janet Jefford presented the Centennial Strategic Plan Goal 4 certificates.

Consent was given to have Laurel Stringer, Department of South Dakota serve as secretary, Kathryn Long, Department of Montana Chaplain and Past NWDNVP Beverly Otterness Department of Minnesota, Parliamentarian. Donna Arends, Department of Minnesota, SGT.-At-Arms, Mavis Goodroad and Tammy Ryberg, Department of North Dakota and Vicki Paddock and Linda Feezer Department of Wyoming, as pages. May I have your consent for these appointments? Consent was given for the 2018 caucus.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Laurel as follows:

Wyoming 12, South Dakota 25, Colorado 10, Minnesota 78 (later amended to 80), North Dakota 17, Montana 4 and Nebraska 27.

NW Div. Natl Vice President Peggy had all Past NW Div. Natl Vice Presidents stand and introduce themselves. The National officers and National Executive Committeewomen were also introduced.

NW Div. Natl Vice President Peggy announced all the ladies in the NW Div. by department currently serving on the national level. There were 1 from Colorado, 11 from Minnesota, 6 from Nebraska, 1 from North Dakota, 5 from South Dakota and 1 from Wyoming.

2017 minutes were accepted as presented by earlier communication.

The 2018-2019 secretaries were presented. The 2017- 2018 Department Presidents introduced the incoming 2018-1019 presidents. The newly elected presidents gave their theme, project and how they plan to grow membership. The newly elected president introduced their secretaries.

NW Div. membership Chairman Regina Whipple and NW Div. President Peggy Miller presented membership awards. Wyoming-Goal Setter Award, Montana-Top Notch Report, North Dakota-Challenge Award, South Dakota-Stepping Up Award, Minnesota-Teamwork Award, Nebraska-Most Creative Membership plan, and Colorado-Closet to 100% in Membership as of 8/1/2018.

The Tooney Histories awards were presented. Junior Allison Wiles, Nebraska. Senior awards went to 1st place Elizabeth Paes, NE, 2nd Karla Otterness, MN, 3rd Lynn Tomlinson, ND and 4th Bonnie McBrayer, SD

Melanie Martens from the Department of South Dakota introduced Barb Vetter from the Department of South Dakota as a candidate for the Northwestern -Division National Vice President for 2018-2019. No further nominations, Peggy Miller declared Barb Vetter the Northwestern Vision National Vice President candidate by acclamation.

Department of Colorado announced their nominee for the 2019-2020 Rhonda Larkowski.

Northwestern Davison National President Peggy Miller gave her closing remarks.

Benediction by Kathy Long. Department of NE led the group in the singing of God Bless America. That will close the Caucus.

Recording Secretary Laurel Stringer, Department of South Dakota.

