

**JOINT TELECONFERENCE  
DOMINION COMMAND C&L COMMITTEE AND  
PROVINCIAL COMMAND C&L CHAIRS  
21 MARCH 2019, 1900 HRS  
MEETING MINUTES**

<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Jim Rycroft</b>	<b>Chair</b>
	<b>David Eaton</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>
	<b>George O'Dair</b>	<b>Member</b>
	<b>Craig Thomson</b>	<b>BC/YT</b>
	<b>Scott Sadler</b>	<b>AB-NT</b>
	<b>Ray Marjoram</b>	<b>SK</b>
	<b>Jerry Lava</b>	<b>MB &amp; NW ON</b>
	<b>Bruce McKittrick</b>	<b>ON</b>
	<b>Steve Wessel</b>	<b>NS/NU</b>
	<b>Gilles Painchaud</b>	<b>PE</b>
	<b>Aiden Crewe</b>	<b>NL</b>
		<b>Steven Clark</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Bill Chafe</b>	<b>Member</b>
	<b>Bill Howe</b>	<b>QC</b>
	<b>Terry Campbell</b>	<b>NB</b>
	<b>Lia Taha Cheng</b>	<b>Assistant Committee Secretary</b>

**1. OPENING**

The meeting commenced at 1900 hours (eastern) by teleconference.

**2. GBL 202 – MEMBERSHIP**

This by-law prohibits an expelled member from re-joining the Legion. As there is no such prohibition for a member who has had their membership revoked by the Dominion President, members considered whether this by-law should be expanded to include those former members.

**CONSENSUS:** It was concluded that no by-law amendment be proposed, rather it be a procedural consideration by the membership and Membership Committee to evaluate the circumstances of why the membership was revoked to determine whether such an individual be permitted to become a member again.

**Secretary's Note:** Individuals whose membership was revoked are listed as expelled in the membership database.

It was further recommended that the Membership Committee consider amending the declaration section of the membership application form to add reference to a potential member certifying that they have never had their membership in the Legion revoked.

### **3. AMENDMENT – GBL 226 – TRANSFERS (QC COMMAND)**

Discussion focused on the need for tighter control to ensure a member cannot transfer to another branch until their disposition has been served or an appeal has been resolved.

**CONSENSUS:** It was recommended that GBL 226 be amended to add a preamble, to read, “Provided there are no Article III proceedings pending:”

### **4. GBL 304.E – LODGING COMPLAINTS (BC/YT COMMAND)**

Members considered the complaint process for branch members who also hold higher office at a Command level and debated whether to remove reference to "and where it relates to an alleged offence arising out of their duties while serving of having served in this position.”

**CONSENSUS:** It was concluded that no by-law amendment be proposed.

### **5. GBL 309 – COMPLAINT COMMITTEE**

Members discussed whether a party to a complaint could participate in a complaint hearing by Skype or FaceTime.

**CONSENSUS:** It was concluded that as it is not currently covered in The General By-Laws, it is not prohibited but any such participation would be at the discretion of the Complaint Committee Chair and subject to any constraints imposed by the respective Provincial Command.

### **6. GBL 301.i.(1) – SERVING DOCUMENT (BC/YT COMMAND)**

Members re-considered whether the serving of documents should be expanded to include via electronic means.

**CONSENSUS:** It was concluded that the serving of documents by electronic means not be permitted.

## **7. AMENDMENT – GBL 311.A.I. AND 311.B.II. – REPRIMAND (ON COMMAND)**

Members concurred with the following administrative change:

**CONSENSUS:** It was recommended that GBL 311.a.i. be expanded to include the explanation of “reprimand” as currently detailed in GBL.b.ii.

## **8. GBL 311.A.IV. – SUSPENSION**

Discussion followed on adding a provision that allows a suspension to continue unless and until an apology is made on terms acceptable to the complaint committee. It was also suggested to clarify that suspension includes removal from office (where the person complained against holds an office), but that removal from office would not necessarily include suspension unless the committee so orders.

**CONSENSUS:** It was concluded that no by-law amendment be proposed, rather it will be left to each Provincial Command to initiate an administrative procedure regarding setting a deadline for meeting any disposition imposed (the procedure instituted by ON Command is attached as reference).

**CONSENSUS:** It was recommended that GBL 311.a.iv. be amended to read, “suspension, which includes removal from office (where applicable), for a period up to 12 months; and/or”

## **9. GBL 311.C.II. – DISPOSITIONS (BC/YT COMMAND)**

It was suggested that a member’s home branch be advised should a suspension arise that is administered elsewhere (i.e. a disposition arising from a complaint hearing at a Command level).

**CONSENSUS:** It was concluded that any notification should be an administrative process managed within the Command.

## **10. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT (ON COMMAND)**

Discussion focused on whether the position of Immediate Past President (IPP) was appointed or elected; GBL 401.a. lists the eight elected officers, which includes the IPP. It was explained that the IPP position does not point to an elected process; an individual undertakes that position due to a prior election as President rather than being elected directly to it. Discussion ensued on preventing a member from holding more than one senior elected officer position at the same level simultaneously.

## **11. RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR BRANCH ELECTIONS (NS/NU COMMAND)**

It was originally queried whether a branch could pass a branch by-law to restrict voting at their elections to only those members in good standing who had attended a certain amount of general meetings within the previous year. This item was withdrawn by NS/NU Command.

## **12. ARTICLE VIII – LADIES AUXILIARY**

Delegates to the 2018 Dominion Convention defeated a resolution to permit males to be accepted as members of the Ladies Auxiliary. Three questions remain: the status of males who were LA members before convention; whether males can hold elected or other offices in the LA; who is classified / identified as a female and who decides.

**CONSENSUS:** It is recommended that males not be permitted to remain a member of a Ladies Auxiliary and that males with existing membership in an LA are to be administratively removed.

**CONSENSUS:** The Ladies Auxiliary as an organization is to determine if a potential member is fraudulently identifying as a female for the sole purpose of joining the LA.

## **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

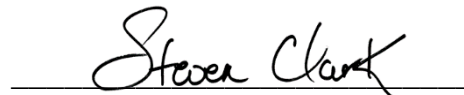
No items of new business were discussed.

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2045 hrs.

**The contents of Committee minutes are subject to the approval of Dominion Executive Council or Dominion Convention as appropriate.**

  
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**J. Rycroft**  
Chair

  
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**S. Clark**  
Secretary

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