

**DOMINION COMMAND
CONSTITUTION AND LAWS COMMITTEE MEETING
9 DECEMBER 2019, 1400 HRS
LEGION HOUSE, TELECONFERENCE
MEETING MINUTES**

In Attendance:	Jim Rycroft	Chairman
	David Eaton	Vice Chairman
	George O’Dair	Member
	Danny Martin	Committee Secretary
	Freeman Chute	Assistant Committee Secretary
Absent:	Bill Chafe	Member

1. OPENING

The meeting commenced at 1400 hours by teleconference.

2. CONFIDENTIALITY IN ARTICLE III PROCEEDINGS

Members discussed the need and feasibility of adding a confidentiality clause in regard to the Article III process. The common consensus was that this is not feasible due to the open nature of the current complaint system making confidentiality difficult to define and enforce. Additionally it was felt that any official introduction of confidentiality would lead to confusion and additional complaints based on the broad scope such a definition would/could imply.

3. STOLEN VALOUR

DEC is seeking an effective way to deal with the issue of Stolen Valour and requested a review by the C&L Committee. The committee felt that the current Article III process was sufficient however it also felt that a strong message should be sent in cases where Stolen Valour was confirmed through the legal process. As such a suggested solution was to amend GBL 203 **From:** “Any member convicted in Canada of theft, fraud or misappropriation of Poppy funds Legion funds or Legion property, shall be summarily expelled from the Legion.” **To read:** “Any member convicted in Canada of an offence under section 419 of the Criminal Code of Canada (Stolen valour), or theft, fraud or misappropriation of Poppy funds, Legion funds or Legion property, shall be summarily expelled from the Legion.”

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the following amendment to GBL 203 be forwarded to DEC as soon as possible for implementation: “Any

member convicted in Canada of an offence under section 419 of the Criminal Code of Canada (Stolen Valour), or theft, fraud or misappropriation of Poppy funds, Legion funds or Legion property, shall be summarily expelled from the Legion.”

CARRIED

ACTION: Committee Secretary

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1430 hrs.

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J. Rycroft
Chairman



D. Martin
Secretary

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