

DOMINION COMMAND
CONSTITUTION & LAWS COMMITTEE
19 OCTOBER 2022, 1900 Hrs
MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance:	Dave Gordon	Chair
	David Eaton	Vice Chair
	George O'Dair	Member
	Bill Chafe	Member
	Craig Thompson	Member
	Gerald Budden	Member
	Danny Martin	Committee Coordinator
	Ty Backer	Assistant Committee Coordinator

1. OPENING REMARKS

The meeting commenced at 1900 hours (EST) by zoom video conference.

2. REINSTATE ARTICLE 129 – DEC DIRECTIVE:

As a direct result of the pandemic DEC on 20 March 2020 passed the following motion - Section 129 of the GBLs is rescinded in its entirety effective immediately and until further notice. The current version states:

129. a. No Provincial Command or branch shall, at any time or in any manner, appeal for financial contributions or payments of money from the public or from the membership of the Legion, beyond the area in which such command or branch normally operates and exercises jurisdiction. b. For the purposes of this section, where there are two or more branches in any urban area, such area shall be such portion of the urban area and area adjacent thereto as the Provincial Command having jurisdiction may allot to such branch.

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The committee reviewed the need to reinstate article 129 as well as any need to revise based on the current methods available for fundraising enabled by internet platforms. The committee agreed that modifications were required to adapt to the changing platforms and made the following recommendation for DEC consideration:

RECOMMENDATION: That Article 129 be modified as follows and be reinstated:

129. a. No Provincial Command or branch shall, at any time or in any manner, physically appeal directly for financial contributions or payments of money from the public or from the membership of the Legion, beyond the area in which such command or branch normally operates and exercises jurisdiction. However random solicitation for financial

contributions or payments of money from the public or from the membership of the Legion using internet platforms such as “Go Fund Me” may be authorized with consent from the higher authority.

b. For the purposes of this section, where there are two or more branches in any urban area, such area shall be such portion of the urban area and area adjacent thereto as the Provincial Command having jurisdiction may allot to such branch.

CARRIED

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

3. MODIFY ARTICLE 401.a

Article 401.a. currently states in the first sentence:

“Eight elected officers consisting of a Dominion President, Vice President, three Dominion Vice-Presidents, a Dominion Treasurer, a Dominion Chairman and the Dominion Immediate Past President....”

Technically this is incorrect as there is only seven elected officers as the Immediate Past President is not elected as there is no voting by the delegates and it is an automatic appointment to this position.

RECOMMENDATION: That the first sentence in Article 401.a. be modified to read:

“Seven elected officers consisting of a Dominion President, Vice President, three Dominion Vice-Presidents, a Dominion Treasurer, a Dominion Chairman and the Dominion Immediate Past President....”

CARRIED

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

4. MODIFY Article 311.a. iii:

Article 311.a.iii currently reads:

iii. removal from any office or position held and prohibition from running for and holding any office, for a period of up to 24 months;

It was noted that the above clause seeks to removing a member from any office or position held and prohibits them from running and holding any office but does not mention “position” in the latter part of the clause. After review the following modification is recommended:

RECOMMENDATION: That Article 311.a.be modified to read:

iii. removal from any office or position held and prohibition from running for and holding any office or position, for a period of up to 24 months;

CARRIED

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hrs (EST).

The recommendations contained within these minutes are subject to the approval of Dominion Executive Council or Dominion Convention as appropriate.



D. Gordon

Chair



D. Martin

Coordinator

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