

Americanism Commission Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2018

The Americanism Commission met Friday evening, March 2nd at the Crown Plaza in Springfield. All five commission members were present along with Oratorical Program Coordinator Joy Wilson, Department Adjutant Marty Conatser, Department Commander Bob Henderson, Department Historian Paul Garrett, and Roy Weber.

Joy announced twenty-one contestants were registered for the March 3rd constitutional speech contest. Communication between the contestants and both the commission members and Joy Wilson continues to be an issue with some contestants.

Twenty-one contestants competed in the department's high school constitutional speech semi-final contests on Saturday, March 3rd. Five advanced to the final contest Saturday afternoon. The results, names, and photos are in the March department news and on the website. Department first place winner Patrick Kilcullen will represent Illinois at the National finals contest in Indianapolis on April 14-15. The Americanism commission congratulates the contestants and thanks the department staff and the American Legion family who served as moderators, judges, timers, escorts, and tabulators to make the contest a success.

The commission encourages all citizens to vote in the March 20th primary elections. We ask your help to recruit candidates for both Premier Boys State and Illini Girls State.

The commission will next meet on July 11th at the department convention.