

# **Department of Illinois Internal Affairs Commission**

Minutes of Commission meeting held on: Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at Department Headquarters in Bloomington, Illinois

In attendance: Al Coughlin (chairman; 1<sup>st</sup> Division), Roy Smith (vice chairman; 5<sup>th</sup> Division) and Iris Kirschner (member; 4<sup>th</sup> Division).

Excused: Robert Howe (member; 2<sup>nd</sup> Division) and Wayne Erickson (member; 3<sup>rd</sup> Division).

Chairman, Al Coughlin, opened the meeting at 1 PM. Al recognized and welcomed those in attendance and especially our newer member Iris.

There was no unfinished business from last year and the Department had no new business for the Commission to handle at this time

The chairman brought up that there has been much discussion concerning membership at National. He reminded the commission that the resolution to eliminate districts which fall below 1,000 members was passed at a D.E.C. At this time there is one District well below the 1,000 member mark and that there is now one further. District falling below that mark. Al informed the Commission that he discussed with Department Adjutant Marty Conatser what needs to be done since the one District has hit the three (3) year mark as indicated in the resolution. It was agreed that Al and Marty will discuss the action that needs to be done prior to the Spring DEC 2019.

The group was visited by Commander Carder, Vice Commander Weber and Adjutant Conatser. They informed us to be sure to turn in our directory information forms to Christy Rich. The Commander also requested that we keep our respective Division and District members informed as to our Department goals and programs and to stay the course. Cmdr. Carder explained his "Membership" plan for the year. Vice Cmdr Weber asked us to promote the programs. They both thanked us for our service to the Department. Department Adjutant Marty presented a new Department fundraising program of a "Four Pillar" pin which will be announced soon.

Al indicated that he was not sure if the combined "Big Four" meeting will occur in December as in the past. The Commission members will be notified.

With no further business to be presented, the chairman closed the meeting at 1:40 PM