

# Department of Illinois Internal Affairs Commission

Minutes of Commission meeting held on: Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 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), Robert Howe (member; 2<sup>nd</sup> Division) and Wayne Erickson (member 3<sup>rd</sup> Division).

Chairman, Al Coughlin, opened the meeting at 12:40 PM.

## Unfinished business from last year was discussed;

The Department received a request from District 1 Commander George Radka for an extension to decide where three Posts from District 1 to transfer to. They have been granted an extension to October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. These Posts are Marine Post, Chicago Firemen's Post and Chicago Police Post. If they cannot decide by that date, then the Department will decide what Districts they will be assigned to. All other Posts within District 1 had decided and replied to the Department by the D.E.C. at the beginning of September on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Letters from the Department were mailed to the Posts as acknowledgement and letters were mailed to the Districts for acceptance into their respective Districts.

## New Business;

The chairman brought up that a request was received by Department that Post 973, Tattler, be transferred from the Ninth District into the Second District. The Tattler Adjutant was under the impression that the Department had mistakenly placed Tattler into the Ninth District. It was explained to Mr. Webb that Post 973 had voted to remain in the Ninth District back in the early 1950's when there were Congressional District boundary changes. Department Adjutant Marty Conatser informed Mr. Webb how to facilitate a transfer in the easiest possible way, which is that during a regular Post meeting, that the members vote on the transfer approval then send the meeting minutes into Department. After receipt, Department will inform the two Districts involved, then they too need to vote on acceptance and then they need to send to Department their acceptance as evidenced by their meeting minutes. After receipt by Department, the Adjutant will transfer the records to the Second District, possibly by November 1<sup>st</sup>, depending on date of receipt. The request for change will be placed on the charter action schedule for the April 2020 Department Executive Committee meeting, at which time, the action can be voted upon and made official.

The group was visited by Commander Weber and Vice Commander Fisher. 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. Weber explained his "Membership" plan for the year. Vice Cmdr. Fisher asked us to promote the programs. They both thanked us for our service to the Department.

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 1:15 PM