

Department of Illinois Internal Affairs Commission

Minutes of Commission meeting held on: Saturday, October 3rd, 2020 at
Department Headquarters in Bloomington, Illinois

In attendance: Al Coughlin (chairman; 1st Division), Roy Smith (vice chairman; 5th Division), Robert Howe (member; 2nd Division) and Wayne Erickson (member 3rd Division. Iris Kirschner (member 4th Division) was excused.

Chairman, Al Coughlin, opened the meeting at 10:05 AM.

Unfinished business from last year; None

New Business;

The Chairman brought up the topic of membership. There is one District below 1,000 members and twenty six Posts within the Department which are below the fifteen member minimum required.

We understand that the new Commander of the Second District, Brent Web, had discussed with Department Adjutant Marty Conatser that they will work on getting their District to over 1,000 by close of books for the 2020 – 2021 year. It was agreed that a great improvement of numbers would be taken into consideration, showing effort in revitalization of the District. If this is not achieved, the commission recommends that they be placed on notice of removal during the 2021 – 2022 term. We strongly recommend that the Second District Commander receive written notification of such assessment and agreement on the matter. The District numbers are also very low in the Third District. There was concern that they would not meet the 1,000 member count at the end of last year. They just barely made it by the close of books to 1,050 members.

We reviewed the membership reports from October 2nd, 2020 and found 26 Posts which were under the 15 member minimum. We feel it would be important that the District Commanders to be notified of these Posts and task them to contact these Posts in order to revitalize, combine with another Post or cancel their charter with movement of their members to another Post. It will remain the utmost to retain the members within the organization.

Further we reviewed the membership reports from October 2nd, 2020 and also found 62 Posts which contain the 15 member minimum to 20 members. We feel it would be important that the District Commanders to be notified of these Posts and task them to contact these Posts in order to revitalize and increase their membership to over 20. It too, will remain the utmost to retain the members within the organization.

The chairman will submit a letter of recommendation for action to the Department Commander.

A chart is attached listing the Posts reviewed.

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 spoke on his program for the year which is the Illinois Emergency Fund and 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 10:50 AM

DISTRICT	POST	NAME	COUNTY	MEMBERS	CURRENT
				6/2020	
<u>under 15 members</u>					
2	47	HAROLD TAYLOR	COOK	13	6
2	509	FILIPINO - AMERICAN	COOK	10	7
2	769	ELECTRIC	COOK	13	4
2	829	JOHN R. MARSHALL	COOK	6	6
2	856	RAILROAD RETIREMENT BD.	COOK	10	4
3	1003	CHINATOWN	COOK	12	9
5	623	PAUL REVERE	COOK	11	11
9	716	GEN. GEORGE BELL, JR	COOK	14	10
12	674	RANSOM	LASALLE CTY	13	13
12	864	ROCKFORD	WINNEBAGO CTY	11	11
15	238	CAMP POINT	ADAMS CTY	13	10
15	465	ANDOVER	HENRY CTY	2	1
16	327	DE PUE	BUREAU	14	12
17	1146	HARTSBURG	LOGAN	11	0
17	164	ANCHOR	MC LEAN	12	9
18	367	DANFORTH	IROQUOIS	10	9
18	385	CLFTON	IROQUOIS	11	7
18	393	SHELDON	IROQUOIS	7	0
18	633	DONOVAN	IROQUOIS	12	10
18	736	DANVILLE	VERMILLION	11	7
19	518	LUDLOW	CHAMPAIGN	14	8
19	998	OGDEN	CHAMPAIGN	12	10
20	311	MURRAYVILLE	MORGAN	3	6
21	153	HILLSBORO	MONTGOMERY	12	12
22	354	ALTON	MADISON	13	8
22	784	CAHOKIA	ST. CLAIR	6	4
<u>15 to 20 members</u>					
2	1974	FRANK LEAHY	COOK	17	1
4	123	LEROY MC CULLOUGH	COOK	19	3
4	959	GAGE PARK	COOK	17	14
5	368	SARLO-SHARP	COOK	20	18
5	1039	EVZONES	COOK	18	6
5	1268	CRISPUS ATTUCKS	COOK	18	13
8	828	MARKHAM MANOR	COOK	18	4
8	1259	SAUK VILLAGE	COOK	20	15
9	2020	SOUTH ARLINGTON HEIGHTS	COOK	19	0
11	529	BIG ROCK	KANE	16	16
13	497	FRANKLIN GROVE	LEE	20	13
13	1072	STILLMAN VALLEY	OGLE	20	13
13	1224	CEDARVILLE	STEPHENSON	18	12
13	574	TAMPICO	WHITESIDE	19	18
14	1144	HILLSDALE	ROCK ISLAND	17	5

15	546	WOODHULL	HENRY	19	19
15	1077	OPHIEM	HENRY	16	2
15	390	ALTONA	KNOX	15	13
16	415	SHEFFIELD	BUREAU	19	15
16	1043	LA MOILLE	BUREAU	18	17
16	212	TRIVOLI	PEORIA	17	7
16	248	PRINCEVILLE	PEORIA	17	15
16	1044	HENNEPIN	PUTNAM	17	13
16	913	ARMINGTON	TAZEWELL	17	13
17	641	ROBERTS	FORD	18	18
17	737	KEMPTON	FORD	17	13
17	451	EMINGTON	LIVINGSTON	15	13
17	531	SAUNEMIN	LIVINGSTON	16	3
17	752	CORNELL	LIVINGSTON	15	13
17	715	NEW HOLLAND	LOGAN	15	8
17	848	CHESTNUT	LOGAN	15	15
17	617	ARROWSMITH	MC LEAN	20	17
17	1244	ELLSWORTH	MC LEAN	19	13
18	643	ASHKUM	IROQUOIS	20	3
18	877	BEAVERVILLE	IROQUOIS	19	0
19	2019	URBANA	CHAMPAIGN	19	13
19	1049	WELDON	DE WITT	20	5
19	1133	KENNEY	DE WITT	19	8
19	1107	BLUE MOUND	MACON	15	12
19	1972	DECATUR	MACON	17	15
20	225	GREENFIELD	GREENE	19	10
20	373	ROADHOUSE	GREENE	19	15
20	1210	HILLVIEW	GREENE	17	6
20	1269	SAN JOSE	MASON	16	16
20	249	WOODSON	MORGAN	17	9
20	878	CHAPIN	MORGAN	18	17
20	1089	FRANKLIN	MORGAN	19	11
20	751	MANCHESTOR	SCOTT	15	0
21	599	PLEASANT PLAINES	SANGAMON	20	17
22	702	MARINE	MADISON	19	18
22	1215	RENAULT	MONROE	20	2
22	53	CASEYVILLE	ST.CLAIR	19	5
22	283	LEBANON	ST.CLAIR	20	13
22	565	NEW ATHENS	ST.CLAIR	15	15
23	947	ST. FRANCISVILLE	LAWRENCE	16	5
23	519	KINMUNDY	MARION	17	8
24	230	SAILOR SPRINGS	CLAY	17	18
24	400	STONEFORT	SALINE	17	4
25	82	VALIER	FRANKLIN	15	7
25	975	DOWELL	JACKSON	17	7
25	1145	PERCY	RANDOLPH	19	15
25	664	HURST	WILLIAMSON	20	5