

Department of Illinois Internal Affairs Commission

Minutes of Commission meeting held on: Saturday, October 1st, 2022 Department Headquarters in Bloomington, Illinois

In attendance: Al Coughlin (chairman; 1st Division), Wayne Erickson (vice chairman; 3rd Division), Roy Smith (member; 5th Division).

Paul Gardner (member; 2nd Division) and Iris Kirschner (member 4th Division) were excused. John Reese, 2nd Division sat in for Paul Gardner

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

Unfinished business from last year; None

New Business.

The Chairman brought up the topic of membership. There are still Posts under 15 members which in accordance with the Department of Illinois is under the membership number for a legal chartered Post to continue, the fifteen member minimum required.

We reviewed the membership reports from September 30th, 2022 and found a number of 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 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.

The chairman has submitted a letter of recommendation for action to the Department Commander.

A chart is attached listing the Posts reviewed.

The commission also, once again by suggestion of 5th Division member, discussed a recommendation be given to the Department to possibly create a Department Ad hoc Committee to review the state demographics and membership which may support Internal Affairs review as to possible changes in Division and/or District make up in the future. We recommend this be done every five years.

The group was visited by Commander Payton. The Commander requested that we keep our respective Division and District members informed as to our Department goals and programs and to stay the course. Commander Payton spoke on his program for the year which is the Illinois Emergency Fund and The Haven and explained his "Membership" plan for the year. He 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 11:10 AM

DISTRICT	POST	NAME	COUNTY	MEMBERS EOY 6/1/2022	MEMBERS CURRENT 10/21/2022
<u>under 15 members</u>					
2	47	HAROLD TAYLOR	COOK	14	11
3	740	OLIVIA J. HOOKER	COOK	11	1
3	1003	CHINATOWN	COOK	14	12
4	959	GAGE PARK	COOK	14	9

5	623	PAUL REVERE	COOK	7	5
5	1039	EVZONES	COOK	7	5
8	828	MARKHAM MANOR	COOK	12	4
9	718	GEN. GEORGE BELL	COOK	10	7
12	173	LOSTANT	LASALLE CTY	14	10
12	674	RANSOM	LASALLE CTY	12	11
14	1144	HILLSDALE	ROCK ISLAND	6	6
15	417	CAMBRIDGE	HENRY CTY	10	3
16	212	TRIVOLI	PEORIA	13	5
17	451	EMINGTON	LIVINGSTON	13	7
17	531	SAUNEMIN	LIVINGSTON	14	2
17	715	NEW HOLLAND	LOGAN	13	10
17	164	ANCHOR	MCLEAN	11	8
18	610	OAKWOOD	VERMILLION	12	4
19	1107	BLUE MOUND	MACON	13	2
20	1210	HILLVIEW	GREENE	13	1
20	311	MURRAYVILLE	MORGAN	6	2
21	153	HILLSBORO	MONTGOMERY	11	10