

American Legion Department of Illinois
Technology Committee
Meeting minutes, fall meetings 2023
October 7, 2023

Meeting held via Zoom virtually, with one member at Dept. HQ in Bloomington

Meeting called to order at 1:06 pm.

Ray Doeksen representing 1st Division, assuming the chair
Carter Corsello representing 2nd Division, at Department HQ
Robert Gardner representing 3rd Division
Joshua Thielen representing 4th Division
Drummond "Drew" Webb representing 5th Division

Old business:

1. Previous Dept. Commanders have asked for a messaging recommendation to more easily publish information. Current hosting provider had been asked if they could provide a service. The Committee should put that request into writing and address it, eventually making a recommendation. Current and past Dept. leaders should be polled about their needs.

Department Commander Delmar Buske addressed the committee from Department HQ.

Bob adds: during the recent Department Training sessions, there was talk about using Constant Contact or similar solutions.

Carter: recently updated the Dept. website homepage, added a search feature, added program tiles for youth programs.

Carter: Sat in on the Americanism meeting earlier in the day, and heard their complaints about updating website content. We may need to educate content owners about how to update their own content.

New business:

1. Department Directory. It's late again, and we should pursue having Shandi Green help us to publish the data digitally, not just as a PDF but as Excel, CSV, and as web-searchable content, perhaps that behind a login/password protected page.
2. Ray will host a follow-up meeting next Tuesday, on Zoom, at 7 pm, for any that are interested. Optional, not mandatory. We will plan to try several different video meeting options including Google Meet

Meeting adjourned at 1:39 pm