

Department of Illinois Poppy Sales and Production Committee-HQ

October 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chair Maden at 1:00 PM.

Sr Vice C. Latham and Membership Chair Monroe visited the committee with greetings and expectations.

Members Present: Division 1-Frank Thompson, Division 2-Todd Latham, Division 3 Ron Harkness, Division 4 Linda Glenn, Division 5-Dudley Maden, Auxiliary Sandy Kirby

A motion was made by Harkness, seconded by Maden, to approve the minutes of September 2025. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business-None

New Business-

A report was given by VC Latham on the status of the poppy program. This included poppies set for production, those currently in assembly, and issues with fabric.

The committee reviewed the current Poppy Post Contest Rules at the request of Sandy Kirby, and a discussion was held on the poppy rules, specifically on the leaves of the poppy and word usage.

Recommended changes: The language was discussed to remove the phrase 'no leaves'. Thompson moved, seconded by Harkness, and the motion carried.

Discussion occurred on the language of "The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary". The committee believes leaving this adds two more words, which leaves 8 words, and the rules may need to be amended. The concern is meeting the requirements at both the Departmental and national contests, which have a 10-word limit.

VC Latham offered to create a new Poppy Seminar training guide pending the National response on poster dos and don'ts.

Motion to adjourn by Latham, seconded by Glenn, adjourning at 1:58 am.

Respectfully submitted, Todd Latham, VC