

Department of Illinois

Internal Affairs Commission

Minutes of Commission meeting held on: Saturday, September 27th, 2025 at
Department Headquarters in Bloomington, Illinois

Chairman, Al Coughlin, opened the meeting at 10:15 AM.

The Internal Affairs Commission convened at 10:15 on Saturday, September 27th, 2025. The Meeting occurred at Department HQ in Bloomington, IL. Chairman Al Coughlin, 1st Division, attended and presided over the meeting. Members Tom Marcisniak, 2nd Division; Vice-Chairman Wayne Erickson, 3rd Division; Iris Miranda-Kirschner, 4th Division; were in attendance. Department Commander Roy Smith, 5th Division, attended was meeting with all other committees and attended our meeting later.

The meeting was convened with a quorum.

Department Commander Smith, Department Senior Vice-Commander Latham, and Department Adjutant Theilen, and Membership Director Monroe spoke about the status of Department changes, including the updates on the Department website. Statements of Purpose need revisions and Minutes need posting. The Commander passed out requirements for Commission / Committee Chairmen.

The AD-HOC District Reassignment & Realignment Committee was discussed. The Committee wants to focus on those Districts that are hovering around the 1000-member mark and those Posts that are hovering around the 15-member mark. They are most at risk. Plans concerning the redistricting should start to be looked at during the 2025-2026 term.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Commander Smith rejoined the committee, during which time we discussed the issue of membership. Many ideas on how to increase membership with new members. Different ideas of interest to bring in new members were discussed.

The commission thanks the Commander for allowing us to serve. I want to thank member Iris Kirschner for compiling the minutes of this meeting. Motion to adjourn by Vice-Chair Erickson and seconded by Member Kirschner. The Meeting adjourned at 11AM.

Submitted AL Coughlin / Chairman