The Internal Affairs Commission convened on Saturday, 6 December 2025 at 1100 hours. The meeting occurred at the American Legion Department of Illinois Headquarters in Bloomington, IL. The following Members were present or accounted for:

1st Division: Chairman Al Coughlin - excused
2nd Division: Member Thomas Marciciak
3rd Division: Vice-Chairman Erickson
4th Division: Member Iris Miranda-Kirschner
5th Division: Department Commander Roy Smith - nearby

1 - After opening protocols, quorum was met and the meeting was called to order.

2 - The primary focus of this meeting was on those Districts whose membership falls below the 1000 paid member threshold. Department By-Laws Article VIII, Section 3.1, which sets forth the membership requirement, states that a District "will be given 36 months to rebuild their membership above the 1000 paid members." Now, there is another development: after a District reaches the 1000 paid member threshold, does it reset the 36-month clock for rebuilding? The By-Laws are silent on whether there is or should be a probationary period after the District hits the 1000 paid member mark to sustain that level. It is a debatable issue. After extensive discussion, the Members agreed that a resolution to amend By-Laws Section 3.1 may be necessary to clarify the matter.

3 - The 1st Division Commander has proposed restructuring the Districts within this Division. His proposal is pending review by and comments before the CAG. More details to follow.

The Commission meeting closed at 1158 hours.

Lunch followed, after which the "Big Four" meeting convened. Reports were given by the chairman of each of the four committees present; Finance, Trust, Commander's Advisory and Internal Affairs. One item reported was that Department of Illinois Membership stands at 40,372 paid members, as of 3 December 2025. Illinois currently ranks 32nd out of 55 Departments. The Department's goal is 56,982 paid members.

Submitted by Al Coughlin, Chairman/Internal Affairs with thanks to Iris Miranda-Kirschner for providing minutes