

MINUTES
AMERICANISM COMMISSION
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 5, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.
VIRTUAL- ZOOM

1. Call to Order 10:00 A.M.
Chairman Rowe opened the meeting of the Department Americanism Commission at 10:00 A.M.
2. Salute to the Colors
The Colors were saluted.
3. Invocation by Melissa Fowle, 3rd District Chairwoman.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman Rowe led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Roll Call: Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

Members present:

Harold Landis, 1st District Chairman- EXCUSED
Thomas Tierney, 2nd District Chairman- PRESENT
Melissa Fowle, 3rd District Chairwoman- PRESENT
Henry Knight Jr, 4th District Chairman- EXCUSED
Cheryl MacDonald, 5th District Chairwoman- PRESENT
Roy Terry, 6th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Bill Frost, 7th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Robert Schmoll, 8th District Chairman- PRESENT
William Dittebrand, 9th District Chairman- PRESENT
Richard Houp, 10th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Thom Stan, 11th District Chairman- PRESENT
Tom Rowe, Americanism Commission Chairman- PRESENT
Kevin Conlan, 13th District Chairman- PRESENT
John Life, 14th District Chairman- PRESENT

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

6. Reading of Previous Minutes

William Dittebrand, 9th District Chairman moved, seconded by John Life, 14th District Chairman to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

MOTION PASSED

7. Educator of the Year
 - a. D1- Tammy Nofziger
 - b. D2- Jennifer Rollins
 - c. D5- Casey Losey

- d. D6- Mike Hageman
- e. D9- Eric Higgs

- D2- Jennifer Rollins
- D3- Casey Losey
- D5- Casey Losey
- D8- Eric Higgs
- D9- Eric Higgs
- D11- Eric Higgs
- D12- Tiebreaker if necessary
- D13- Eric Higgs
- D14- Casey Losey

Robert Schmall, 8th District Chairman motioned, seconded by William Dittebrand, 9th District Chairman to accept Eric Higgs from 9th District as the Department Educator of the Year.

MOTION PASSED

- 8. Unfinished Business
 - a. CPR Awards Packet (Alice Friedman & Mickael Golato)

Melissa Fowle, 3rd District Chairwoman, motioned, seconded by John Life, 14th District Chairman to accept the Alice Friedman and Mickael Golato sections of the new CPR Awards packet.

MOTION PASSED

Americanism & Government test Judges for Mid-Winter were discussed. Since it is an odd year, the judges will be District 3, District 9, District 11, and District 5, as well as the Auxiliary Americanism Chairwoman and SAL Americanism Chairman. The alternates will be, 1st Alternate- District 1, 2nd Alternate- District 13, 3rd Alternate- District 7.

Thom Stan, 11th District Chairman, motioned, seconded by Melissa Fowle, 3rd District Chairwoman to approve District 3, District 9, District 11, District 5, Auxiliary Americanism Chairwoman and SAL Americanism Chairman as the judges for the A&G Tests at Mid-Winter, and District 1, District 13 and District 7 as Alternates.

MOTION PASSED

The date for Judging will be Friday January 17th at 5:00PM.

- b. A&G Trip Dates- March 3rd- March 7th, 2025. Christie White, Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator notified the commission that the official dates for the A&G Trip will be March 3rd – March 7th, 2025. Students will need to arrive at the hotel in Columbus on Sunday March 2nd. The Wreath Laying for Arlington National Cemetery will be Wednesday March 5th at 12:15PM.

- 9. New Business

- a. Daniel J. O'Connor Award- Christie White, Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator notified the Commission that Ohio won the National Daniel J. O'Connor Award. She asked the District Chairs to mention it at their District Conferences and thank their local

Posts for all their hard work. It was a team effort between the Commission, committees, District and Posts.

10. Good of the Legion- Tom Rowe, Americanism Chairman, tasked his scouting leader to find alternate ways to dispose of American Flags. They have contacted their local recycling facility. There is an individual in Mansfield that recycles them. More information will be gathered before they will be asked to make a presentation.
11. Benediction. Benediction was given by Melissa Fowle, 3rd District Chairwoman
12. Adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.