

MINUTES  
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION  
MEETING OF  
OCTOBER 12, 2024, at  
3:00 P.M. Department  
Headquarters -Library

1. Call to Order 3:00 P.M.  
Department Chairman White opened the meeting of the Department Legislative Commission at 3:00 P.M.
2. Salute the colors
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Roll Call: Christie White, Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

**Members present:**

Dean Boyers, 1<sup>st</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Tim Shaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman- EXCUSED  
Michael White, Department Chairman- PRESENT  
Ronald Chapman, 4<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- NOT PRESENT  
David Root, 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Christopher Miller, 6<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- EXCUSED  
Emmett Gregory, 7<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- NOT PRESENT  
8<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- VACANT  
Gary Petrochello, 9<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Robert Withrow, 10<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Richard Smathers, 11<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Suzette Heller, 12<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- NOT PRESENT  
Bert Boyd Sr, 13<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Jacob Marx, 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT

**Guests Present:**

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator  
Jacob Brault, Legislative & National Security Coordinator  
John Life, 14<sup>th</sup> District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
Bryan Holden, Post 449 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

6. Approval of previous minutes

Richard Smathers 11<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motions, seconded by Bert Boyd, 13<sup>th</sup> District Chairman to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

**MOTION PASSED**

7. Unfinished Business-

- a. Legislator of the Year- Discussed legislator of the year nominee (Marcy Kaptur) and explained as to why she is a fitting candidate to receive award.

Jacob Marx 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman Motioned, seconded by Richard Smathers 11<sup>th</sup> District Chairman to accept the nomination as presented for Marcy Kaptur to be nominated for The American Legion Dept. of Ohio Federal legislator of the year.

Jacob Marx 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman amended his motion, seconded by Richard Smathers 11<sup>th</sup> District Chairman to unanimously vote for Marcy Kaptur to be nominated as the National Legislator of the Year award.

**MOTION PASSED**

Richard Smathers 11<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motioned, seconded by David Root 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman to create a proclamation for Marcy Kaptur to be the American Legion Dept of Ohio Federal Legislator of the Year.

**MOTION PASSED**

Jacob Marx 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motioned, seconded by Dan Boyers 1<sup>st</sup> District Chairman, to order the same award as previous years for Marcy Kaptur.

**MOTION PASSED**

Jacob Marx 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman discussed the criteria for legislator of the year award presentation with locations either being Washington D.C. or in their own district location.

David Root 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman began to discuss the CPR and CPR Awards, specifically the James Cunningham Award.

David Root 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motioned, seconded by Jacob Marx, 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman to accept the James Cunningham Award in the newly created CPR convention Awards packet.

The commission had discussions on how to properly submit awards and how to use the proper channels in accepting and filtering submissions. They went on to further discuss how to increase the amount of submissions and then continued on how to properly submit and review award submissions.

David Root 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman amended the motioned, seconded by Jacob Marx, 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman to accept the James Cunningham Award in the newly created CPR convention Awards packet with an instruction page on each award explaining that the post needs to fill it out and then send it to their District Chair and the District Chairs will then select their District winner, with the deadline.

**MOTION PASSED**

8. New Business - None

9. Good of the Legion – Richard Smathers, 11<sup>th</sup> District Chairman mentioned that Post 228's Joseph Binni a 101 American Legion Member was awarded French legion of Honor by the French Consulate for efforts during his military service

10. Benediction – 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman Jacob Marx gave the Benediction.

11. Adjourned- Meeting adjourned at 3:41 PM.