

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York

Proposal #2: Department Constitution, Article V DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, Section 3

Current Reading	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>SECTION 3. In succession, each Junior Past Department President shall become automatically the Alternate National Executive Committeeperson and shall succeed to the office of National Executive Committeeperson during the following term. Each shall hold said office until the successor has been chosen.</p> <p>a) The term of office shall be two years.</p> <p>b) Their duties shall be those prescribed by the National Organization.</p> <p>c) Vacancies in either office shall be filled by the next Past Department President in succession who is able to accept the position.</p> <p>d) A Past Department President may choose not to serve as Alternate National Executive Committeeperson and, therefore, would not be eligible to succeed to the office of National Executive Committeeperson. Should a Past Department President choose not to serve as Alternate National Executive Committeeperson, the office shall be filled by the next Past Department President in succession.</p>	<p>SECTION 3. In succession, each Junior Past Department President shall become automatically the Alternate-National Executive Committeeperson and shall succeed to the office of National Executive Committeeperson during the following term. Each She/he shall hold said office until the successor has been chosen.</p> <p>a) The term of office shall be two years one year, commencing immediately following the adjournment of the National Convention.</p> <p>b) Their duties shall be those prescribed by the National Organization.</p> <p>c) Vacancies in either office shall be filled by the next Past Department President in succession who is able to accept the position.</p> <p>d) A Past Department President may choose not to serve as Alternate National Executive Committeeperson and, therefore, would not be eligible to succeed to the office of National Executive Committeeperson. Should a Past Department President choose not to serve as Alternate-National</p>	<p>SECTION 3. In succession, each Junior Past Department President shall become automatically the National Executive Committeeperson. She/he shall hold said office until the successor has been chosen.</p> <p>a) The term of office shall be one year, commencing immediately following the adjournment of the National Convention.</p> <p>b) Their duties shall be those prescribed by the National Organization.</p> <p>c) Vacancies shall be filled by the next Past Department President in succession who is able to accept the position.</p> <p>d) A Past Department President may choose not to serve as National Executive Committeeperson. Should a Past Department President choose not to serve as National Executive Committeeperson, the office shall be filled by the next Past Department President in succession.</p> <p>e) The Department President shall serve as Alternate to the National Executive Committeeperson.</p>

	Executive Committee person, the office shall be filled by the next Past Department President in succession. e) The Department President shall serve as Alternate to the National Executive Committee person.	
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Rationale:

- The Alternate National Executive Committee person is not permitted to attend Executive sessions of the National Executive Committee, nor is the National Executive Committee person permitted to share with the Alternate National Executive Committee person any information from the Executive session.
- Open sessions of the National Executive Committee are open to all members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Therefore, the Department President is able to attend these sessions.
- Eliminating this position will result in savings to the Department, as the functions of the Alternate National Executive Committee person will be performed by the Department President.

This resolution was adopted at the Department Executive Committee meeting held on April 20-21, 2024, for consideration at the 2024 Department Convention.