

**BY-LAWS**  
**WESTERN CAUCUS**  
**THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**ARTICLE I – DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- Section 1. The duties of the officers and the executive committee shall be those usually appertaining to such officers or committee and as further provided.
- Section 2. The Executive Committee shall meet for such business as may come before it. They shall review all expenditures, shall hear reports of committee chairs, and generally shall have charge of and be responsible for the management of the affairs of the Western Caucus between Annual Meetings of the Western Caucus.
- Section 3. The Chairman shall preside at all Executive Committee meetings and the Annual Meeting and will have general supervision over the business and affairs of the Western Caucus. The Chairman shall approve all orders directing the disbursement of funds. He/She shall make an annual report covering the business of the Western Caucus for the year and make recommendations for the ensuing year. The Chairman shall perform such other duties as directed by the membership.
- Section 4. The Secretary shall have charge of and keep a full and correct record of all actions taken at all meetings of the Western Caucus. At the direction of the Chairman, handle all correspondence of the Western Caucus. The Secretary shall have charge of all finances, insuring that all funds are properly deposited and accounted for. The Secretary shall provide an annual Finance Report to the Annual Meeting. Given adequate time, a current finance status report shall be available to the Chairman upon request.

**ARTICLE II – FINANCE**

- Section 1. The revenue of the Western Caucus shall be derived from an annual membership dues of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) United States currency from each participating Department and from such other sources as may be approved.
- Section 2. The Western Caucus shall not provide reimbursement for travel or for any other individual expense to any individual of a participating Department.

**ARTICLE III – NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER**

- Section 1. To assist the National Organization in obtaining qualified candidates for the office of National Vice Commander, each Department in the Western Caucus shall have the opportunity to present a qualified candidate for National Vice Commander from the Western Caucus in the following order of succession beginning in August 2000: Montana, Nevada, Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Alaska, Oregon, Hawaii, Idaho, California and Washington.

**ARTICLE IV – AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at the Annual Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the participating Departments. Provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the participating Departments twenty (20) days in advance of the Annual Meeting; and, provided further, it may be amended by unanimous vote at any Annual Meeting without notice.

Adopted October 10, 2001  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barry J. Snyder, Secretary  
Western Caucus

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
PNC Bruce Thiesen, Chairman  
Western Caucus