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This year will be a fun year if you are interested in governing rules. We have a number of proposals to be presented. They fall in the following categories:

1. Change in the Treasurer. For years our treasurer has been our Department Accounting Technician. No longer. Our treasurer is a volunteer who is not an employee. That change required a number of changes to our bylaws and standing rules. Most are minor but still need to be done.
2. Gift Shop 2-person Committee removed. We are so grateful to those who have served on this committee in prior years. Covid, however, changed so many things and this is one of them. I conducted an email survey with those who served in this position from 2019 to date. 2019 is the last year they did any of the buying which was a major part of their duties. First it went to gift cards for all of our veterans and then the hospital and home representatives started doing their own buying. The Department Office will handle the ordering from those that choose not to do their own buying. That is working out so well for almost all of them. The Reps know how much storage area they have (some have none) and they can shop in a timely manner to work with the distribution of the gifts. The committee members I communicated with agreed that they are no longer needed. There are a few proposals we found necessary to remove the Gift Shop Committee of two from our bylaws and standing rules. Of course, our President may still appoint any committee with the approval of the Department Executive Committee.
3. There are almost always a few changes that come up in other areas that need to be changed, and this year is no exception.

The proposals will be available on the internet by the end of March. **Please** – take the time to read through them so you are prepared when you come to the convention. This is especially very important for those who will serve as delegates to the convention. Review them at your District Convention so everyone is aware of the changes that will be presented.

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