



Department of Minnesota  
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Constitution/Bylaws & Standing Rules  
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This year we will be updating our Bylaws, as we do every year. The volunteer Treasurer's responsibility vs the Department Office Accounting Technician's responsibility will be reviewed and updated. The District Constitution/Bylaws & Standing Rules chairman have been invited to participate in studying the topics via zoom meetings. We encourage them to keep their Districts up to date on our activities. This change is putting us in line with the recent changes made by the National Organization.

And, if you were at the National Convention in Tampa, FL you are aware of the changes that were voted in to the national governing rules. When the printed copies of these updates are available to the Departments, we will proceed to offer updates to our documents in accordance with those changes also.

For immediate action by your Unit: Refer to National Constitution:

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Eligibility**

**Section 1.** *Eligibility for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is determined by The American Legion. The eligibility requirements from The American Legion governing documents shall be provided as a footnote to this Constitution for information purposes and shall be updated as appropriate.*

**Section 2.** *There shall be two (2) classes of membership, Senior and Junior.*

*(a) Senior membership shall be composed of members aged eighteen (18) and older; provided, however, a member eligible under Section 1 of this article and who is under the age of eighteen (18) years and married shall be classified as a Senior member.*

*(b) Junior membership shall be composed of members under the age of eighteen (18) years, whose activities shall be supervised by the Senior membership. Upon reaching the age of eighteen years, Junior members shall automatically be admitted into Senior membership with full privileges.*

*(c) Dues of both classes shall be paid annually or for life.*

**Section 4.** *Each unit of the ALA, except department headquarters units, has the authority to decide its membership and shall be responsible for verifying eligibility of perspective members, transfer or new.*

**Section 6.** *Membership can only be offered upon an affirmative vote of the unit members unless an alternative procedure is set forth in the **Unit Bylaws**.*

We encourage each unit to set forth a standing rule that you use when accepting a new member. **One example** would be:

**Eligibility:** The affiliated Post will be asked to verify the service of the sponsoring veteran. When the Unit is not affiliated with an American Legion Post, the Department American Legion will be asked to verify the service of the sponsoring veteran. The American Legion Auxiliary membership chairman shall verify the relationship between the applicant and the service member.

