



2018 Dominion Convention - Passed Resolutions Affecting Legion Branches

At the 47th Dominion Convention in Winnipeg, MB delegates representing Legion Branches voted on and passed 23 resolutions. Below are the resolutions that may impact the operations of Legion Branches and the services they provide. Associated updates to General By-laws, Legion Manuals, and programs will be provided once available.

Please note, the 2018 Convention Report detailing all passed resolutions will be available online in the coming weeks.

For questions about resolutions, please contact your Provincial Command.

Poppy Manual - Junior Canadian Ranger Program

- The Junior Canadian Rangers be recognized by The Royal Canadian Legion as a member of the Canadian Cadet Organization: and
- That the JCR program be recognized as being eligible for financial support from the Poppy funds of the Royal Canadian Legion

Poppy Manual – Section 402V. – Seminars

- That the Poppy Manual, Section 402 (V) Seminars include the following provision:
(b) reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred by Branches in hosting any type of Mental Health seminar, education program, OSI/PTSD program or any type of Mental Health First Aid training to acquire the skills necessary to assist any Veteran and their families who may be in need of this assistance within their communities

Poppy Manual – Memorial Walls as Accepted Monuments

- That the Poppy Manual be amended to allow the interpretation of “monuments” to include Memorial Walls, that may or may not have a secondary wall function.

Poppy Manual - LAV III Monument

- That the Dominion Executive council rescind their objection and fully support the use of Poppy Trust Funds for the LAV III monument project to honour Afghanistan Veterans as allowed in article 403 i.i. f of the Poppy Manual

Poppy Manual - Visiting Hospice Program

- That that Royal Canadian Legion include the Visiting Hospice Program as an authorized Special Use expenditure supported by the Poppy Trust Fund

Ritual, Awards and Protocol Manual - Branch Service Officer

- The Ritual, Awards and Protocol Manual, Initiation of a Branch Service Officer be amended to include:
 - It will be your duty to entrust, secure and to handle all personal information in accordance with the requirements applicable to privacy legislation;

Ritual, Awards and Protocol Manual - Initiation/Welcoming Ceremony

- The Article 404 (second paragraph of the Presiding Officer's remarks) be amended as follows:
 - "The Legion shall stand for loyalty to the reigning Sovereign and to Canada, for strong and united Comradeship..."

Ritual, Awards and Protocol Manual - Ways and Means Bar

- That Dominion Command strikes a Ways and Means Bar

Ritual, Awards and Protocol Manual - Cadet medal of excellence for Junior Canadian Rangers

- Awarding of the Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence be amended to include the awarding of the medal to our Junior Canadian Rangers based on the same criteria as the Cadet Corps/Squadron.

General By-Law - Harassment Article 3

- General By-Laws Article 304. A. be amended to include Harassment and Sexual Harassment as a separate complaint subject as Article 304. A. vii and;
- General By-Laws Article 304. C. be amended with the addition of a separate sub-paragraph to state: "where a complaint alleges Harassment or Sexual Harassment it must be lodged within 90 days from the time the alleged incident occurred to constitute a valid complaint."

General By-Law - 122. B.

- That the \$500,000 limitation in the above cited General By-Law be removed and that it be necessary to require only Provincial Command approval the all such projects;
- That if a Branch or Provincial Command wishes to enter into a building and/or housing development project, where incorporation may or may not be required, approval must still be obtained from Provincial Command; and
- That Provincial Command understand that where any use of the word LEGION is to be used in the name of the facility authorized and approved as specified above, permission must be requested and approval obtained from Dominion Command before the word LEGION may be used

Membership - One Year Free Membership for all qualifying Veterans

- That any person who has meet the criteria of Veteran and has never been a member be given a 1 year free membership with The Royal Canadian Legion

Note – Resolutions pertaining to the National Poster and Literary Contests that were passed at Dominion Convention will be presented to the Legion National Foundation for consideration and comment.

Poster & Literary Contests - Video Entry

- That the Royal Canadian Legion expand the remembrance contest to include video contest in which students may participate. The video contest would encourage students to use modern technology to creatively honour the memories of those who have sacrificed greatly for our nation and more student participation in remembrance contests would result. In this way, the Royal Canadian Legion would be including modern means to promote the message of remembrance throughout Canada as well as providing a wider platform for student participation.

Poster & Literary Contests – Honorable Mention

- That Dominion Command provides not only certificate but also monetary prize to the honourable mention of the Poster, Poem and Essay competitions:
- That Dominion Command change the honourable mention category to read third place to align with the other levels of the Poster and Literary competitions.

Poster and Literary Contests - Permission

- That Item D of the Entry Form for Poster and Literary Contest under the heading Student Consent be amended to include the following wording: "I am the sole creator of the entry";
- That Item E of the Entry Form for Poster and Literary Contests be amended to read the heading "parent or Legal Guardian's Permission"; and
- That Item E of the Entry Form for Poster and Literary Contests be amended to include the following wording "I acknowledge that my child was the sole creator of the entry."
- Resolution to be effective 2019

Poster & Literary Contests – Poster Materials

- That Item 3 of the Youth Education Programs Booklet for the Poster and Literary Contests also include "We will only accept entries done on PAPER or BRISTOL BOARD. Entries done on other materials such as canvas or photographs and three-dimensional entries made of tinsel, cotton or wooden sticks for example, will not be accepted. Computer Generated posters for both colour and black and white posters contests are not accepted".

Poster & Literary Contests - Rules and Regulations

- That the Rules and Regulations for the Literary Contest be amended to include the rule: "The copying or reproducing of previously published works in whole or in part, without either the written permission from the author/source or, without identifying the author/source in the work will result in the work being automatically disqualified."