

Election of Officers

Auxiliary – Pg 62, Section 804A - Read

District – Pg. 62, Section 804C. Read

Department – Pg. 63, Section 804D. Read

National – Pg. 63, Section 804E. Read

District Delegates

- Elected not less than 30 days prior to District Convention when officers are elected. If you are in the UP and your District Convention is in April, you need to elect in February or March depending where your meeting falls in the month. All others need to elect in April unless your meeting is in the middle of the month, then elect in March.

The form

- 1 delegate and alternate for every 15 members or fraction thereof. Example: 100 members divided by 15 == 6.6 or 7
- Delegates need to sent to the District Secretary prior to the District Convention
- Remember District Secretaries, you also need, prior to the onset of the meeting, check with the Officers, Past District Presidents, and appointed officers and floor officers, how they plan to vote – with Auxiliary, or a past District or Dept. President, or as their position. Figure out the delegate strength ahead of time so that all you have to do is read it right through to the delegation (speed up time). Give copies of your “cheat sheet” to the judge and tellers before the meeting begins. Also, check with the Department Representative to see if there are any Auxiliaries that are delinquent on their Audit (as they are not entitled to vote).

Department

- Elected at a regular meeting not less than 30 calendar days prior to Convention. If meeting is at the beginning of the month, elect in May, otherwise in April.
- 1 delegate and Alternate for every 50 or fraction thereof. Example: 100 members divided by 30 = 3.3 or 4.

- Per the National Bylaws delegate fees are paid for every delegate which the auxiliary is entitled. In March, Department will be sending to the Presidents of the Auxiliaries their delegate strength (based on membership as of February 28, 2017) and the amount owed to Department. \$7 per delegate. Instructions will be on the form. Be sure to check the box indicating that the delegate will be attending Department Convention.

If an Auxiliary fails to send their form in before May 12, 2017, then the ONLY way you would be able to vote on June 3, 2017 is if you bring the sheet to the convention with the amount that you owe to Department for your delegate fee. Your form has to be submitted to Credentials by the close of registration on Saturday morning.

If an alternate is the only one representing the Auxiliary, and the Auxiliary has not paid for the Alternate (which is not required), and the Alternate wants to take the Auxiliary's vote, then that Alternate must pay the \$7 Registration fee. No money, no voting!

- If the delegate wears more than one hat, need to let registration know how you will be voting. Use myself as an example.

National

- 1 delegate and 1 alternate for every 50 or fraction thereof. Example: 10 members divide by 50 =2
- Election of delegates should be no less than 30 days prior to National Convention which would be in June. Secretaries, you can enter your National Delegates on-line at vfwauxiliary.org and you're strongly encouraged to do so. (Marilyn show them if we can)

Voting

- At least 1 delegate must have registered their credentials at Convention (this applies to both District and Department) for the Auxiliary to be entitled to vote the total number of delegates which is known as voting strength
- On all levels the President may cast the voting strength. In the absence of the President, the Sr. or in their absence, the Jr. may cast the voting strength. If all are absent, the vote will be taken by roll call of Auxiliaries in the Department. At District level, they would have to pool the members in attendance (provided there are a delegate and/or alternate) However, if the Auxiliary President is taking her own vote as either a Dept. Officer, then the Senior Vice CANNOT exercise the Auxiliary President's vote.

- At least 1 delegate with registered credentials is required to be in the room at the time of the election.

Other Information

- Each delegate has a right to his/her vote. If a District has voted to endorse a candidate, the only one obligated to vote for that candidate is the District President.
- If an Auxiliary is in arrears for any of the following, they shall be deprived of Auxiliary representation of ALL levels:
 - *District Dues
 - *Failure to make quarterly Audits
 - *Financial obligations to National
 - *Failure to have the offices of President and Treasurer bonded

All rights shall be promptly restored upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.