

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Reno, Nevada
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Resolution No. 3: National Convention Corporations of the Future

Origin: National Convention Commission

Submitted by: Finance Commission

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of The American Legion that as many qualified cities as possible have an opportunity to host an American Legion National Convention; and

WHEREAS, Current requirements stipulate that the host Department must create a Convention Corporation, assume considerable financial responsibility, and ensure an adequate number of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Some Departments are unwilling to hold a National Convention because they do not wish to assume financial responsibility and/or they cannot provide a sufficient number of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, In order to increase the number of Departments willing and able to host a National Convention, an Ad Hoc Committee formed by the National Commander on October 19, 2006, recommended that Convention Corporations be disbanded and all financial and manpower requirements be assigned to the National Organization; and

WHEREAS, The National Finance Commission has reviewed these recommendations and recommends approval to the National Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee desires that Departments be allowed to operate under a Convention Corporation structure if they so desire; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Reno, Nevada, on August 27, 2007, That a Department may be awarded a National Convention whether it chooses to form a Convention Corporation, or chooses to allow National Headquarters to perform such functions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That, in those instances where a Department chooses not to have a Convention Corporation, the National Organization shall pay the hosting Department a stipend of \$10,000 for being the official host and for performing such ancillary duties as may be agreed upon, including but not limited to the following:

- a) **The hosting Department will assist with the selection of Distinguished Guests; will provide licensed and insured motor vehicle drivers; and will assist wherever possible to ensure a successful National Convention; and**
- b) **The hosting Department will use its best efforts to identify and introduce key convention city contacts, and to assist with the planning and execution of the National Convention Parade; and**
- c) **All income and expenses will be the responsibility of The American Legion National Headquarters and such designees as the National Commander may direct; and**
- d) **The financial operations of the National Convention shall be audited in conjunction with The American Legion National Headquarters annual audit and the results shall be reported to the National Executive Committee; and, be it further**

RESOLVED, That no city will be considered for a National Convention until it has been endorsed by the hosting Departments Department Executive Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a Department that determines it is in its best interests to form a Convention Corporation shall communicate that intent to the National Organization, which at the appropriate time will execute the approved contract between the Convention Corporation and the National Organization; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the policies enumerated herein shall pertain to the operation of the National Conventions as soon as the 2010 National Convention, if possible, but in any event, to all conventions starting with the 2013 National Convention.