

American Legion Auxiliary



Convention Committee Meeting Report

The Convention Committee on ALA California Girls State met on June 17, 2024 via Zoom. The statistical report of this Chairman appears on page 30 in the book of Reports.

Valerie Hardy was appointed Secretary

Estella Siegrist offered prayer, and

Leslie Vondra was appointed Sergeant-At-Arms.

A total of 19 District Delegates answered roll call. There were 18 visitors present.

The Committee agreed upon the following report:

2023 ALA California Girls State Department Code was read by ALA CA Girls State Chair, Dr. Allyn Kau.

There were two proposed changes to the code. The first was a proposed addition to the Finance section of the code, and would be #10. The proposed addition to read:

Finance #10 - The amount in the ALA Girls State reserve funds should be maintained at approximately 50% of the previous year's expenditures. (2024)

Chair Kau gave the ALA CA Girls State committee's rationale for the addition as well as rationale for the amount of reserve. She called for discussion. Martha Romano, District 24 moved to accept the proposed addition as read, and Noella Passarelli, District 29 seconded the motion. The pre-convention committee voted to accept the addition and present it on the floor at convention.

The second proposed change falls under Unit/Unit Chairman's Responsibilities #2 and allows for Department Alternates.

The current code reads as follows:

Only the Unit shall have final approval of the recommendations, subject to acceptance by the Department Chairman. When the Unit has chosen the delegate, the fee and transmittal form shall be forwarded to the Department Office no later than March 31st as provided in the instructions. Publicity with parent/guardian consent may be released indicating that the delegate has been chosen. If the selected delegate and first alternate, due to circumstances beyond control, cannot attend the ALA Girls State Session, a second alternate selected in the same manner shall attend to prevent forfeit of the Unit fee. (2022)

The proposed amendment to read:

If the Unit does not have an alternate, they may select a student who has completed the

Department Alternate application.

Chair Kau opened the floor for discussion. Clarifying questions were asked, then the Chair asked for a motion. Marianne Ward, District 7 moved to accept the amendment. Martha Romano, District 24 seconded the motion. The pre-convention committee voted to accept the amendment and present it on the floor at convention.

There were no resolutions.

Chair Kau asked for recommendations for the coming year. Silvia Hillyer, District 6 proposed allowing 2 delegates per school when the Junior class is larger. Becky Bullard, District 19 added that school counselors are also asking for additional delegates.

Discussion was had regarding the responsibility of paying for fees.

Chair Kau reported that the location for 2025 ALA California Girls State will be CSU, Sacramento, but there is no location yet for the years following. She asked the committee members to assist in finding a new location for 2026 and beyond.

Awards

Unit - Honorable Mention - District 25, Unit 256 - Judy Samples, Chair

Unit - 2nd Place - District 16, Unit 56 - Teri Oclaray, Chair

District - Honorable Mention - District 29 - Cynthia Mayfield, Chair

District - 2nd Place - District 28 - Linda Lara Guzman, Chair

Closing prayer was led by Theresa Canonizado, District 17.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie E Hardy

ALA California Girls State Director

Secretary

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Esthela Siegrist offered prayer, and
Leslie Vondra was appointed Sargent-At-Arms.

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present. The Committee agreed upon the following report:

Add 10. to Finance Section - 10. The amount in the ALA Girls State Reserve Funds should be maintained at approximately 50% of the previous year's expenditures. (2024)

Rationale: Specify an appropriate amount of Reserve Funds to be maintained.

Add to Unit/Unit Chairman's Responsibilities 2.

Add. "If the Unit does not have an alternate, they may select a student who has completed the Department Alternate application."

Rationale: Specify the ability of Units to choose from students who have completed the Dept. Alternate application so that Unit funds can be used to sponsor a student whose school is not yet represented.

Attended as Guest