



BC/YUKON COMMAND OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

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ARTICLE I

GENERAL

NAME AND OBJECTS

101. The name of the organization shall be British Columbia/Yukon Command of The Royal Canadian Legion.
102. The principles, policy, purposes and objects of British Columbia/Yukon Command of The Royal Canadian Legion shall be:
 - a. Those set forth in the “The Act to Incorporate The Royal Canadian Legion as amended to 1981,” and
 - b. Those set forth in “The General By-Laws of The Royal Canadian Legion.”

INTERPRETATION

103. Wherever the words “The Act” occur in these By-Laws, they shall be understood to mean “An Act to incorporate The Royal Canadian Legion” (1981).
104. Wherever the words “Legion” or “Dominion Command” occur in the By-laws, they shall be understood to mean “The Royal Canadian Legion” or “Dominion Command of The Royal Canadian Legion.”
105. Wherever the words “this Command” or “the Command” occur in these By-Laws, they shall be understood to mean “British Columbia/Yukon Command of The Royal Canadian Legion.”
106. Wherever the words “Senior Officers” occur in these By-laws, they shall be understood to mean “Administrative/Finance Committee.”
107. In these By-Laws, unless the context otherwise requires, the term “General By-Laws” means “The General By-Laws of The Royal Canadian Legion” and amendments.
108. Whenever the word “Convention” occurs in these By-Laws, it shall be understood to mean “British Columbia/Yukon Convention.”

109. In these By-Laws singular words include the plural.

ORGANIZATION

110. The Command is chartered by the Dominion Command and is subject to the jurisdiction of that Command, the Act and The General By-Laws.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

See Article II of The General By-Laws

ARTICLE III

COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

See Article III of The General By-Laws for further details.

301. The complaint filing fee included with all formal complaints lodged at Branch and Command level as per The General By-laws will be implemented and managed at the discretion of the Administrative/Finance Committee.

ARTICLE IV

DOMINION COMMAND

See Article IV of The General By-Laws

ARTICLE V

BC/YUKON COMMAND

501. The Command is chartered by the Dominion Command and is subject to the jurisdiction of that Command, the Act and The General By-Laws.

502. The duties of the Zone Commander shall be as laid down by British Columbia/Yukon Command.
503. For purposes of administration and supervision, the Command shall be divided into Zones, with such representation on the Executive Council of Command as may be determined from time to time by a British Columbia/ Yukon Convention.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

504. BC/Yukon Command may conduct an Annual Meeting of the members prior to the start of an Executive Council meeting held in non-Convention years if required by the CNCA for the purposes set out in that Act. At every Annual Meeting, in addition to any other business that may be transacted:
- a. The Annual Financial Statements shall be presented to the members; and
 - b. Auditors shall be approved for the ensuing year.

COMPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

505. The Executive Council members' term of office shall be from the conclusion of the British Columbia/Yukon Convention in the year at which they are elected until the conclusion of the next British Columbia/Yukon Convention.
506. During recess of the Convention and subject to its authority, the affairs of the Command shall be administered by an Executive Council consisting of:
- a. The Immediate Past President of the Command.
 - b. The President, 1st Vice President, two (2) Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Chair as elected by Convention; and
 - c. The representatives of Special Sections specially provided for by Dominion Command.
 - i. In the event of the Special Sections representative being unable to attend a meeting of the Executive Council, the Special Section shall upon notification to the Executive Director, appoint an approved substitute for the particular meeting.
 - d. One representative from each Zone being the Zone Commander as elected by the Zone concerned and seated by the Convention or the Executive Council; and
 - i. The Zone representation shall be subject to the right of each Zone to send the Deputy Zone Commander as an alternate in the event of the elected representative being unable to act. Such alternate to have the same status in any meeting he is duly delegated to attend, as the elected representative would have, if present.

REPRESENTATION ON THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

507. The British Columbia/Yukon representative on the Dominion Executive Council shall be the Command President.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND SENIOR OFFICERS (ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE)

508. Meetings of the Executive Council and/or Administrative/Finance Committee shall be called by the President. A majority of the Executive Council or Administrative/Finance Committee shall constitute a quorum. Such meetings may be held virtually, and electronic voting is permitted.
509. There shall be a minimum of two Executive Council meetings per year.
510. Members of the Executive Council delegated to attend Conventions, meetings of the Executive Council or Administrative/Finance Committee or when engaged in other business authorized by the Executive Council or these By-Laws, shall be entitled to such expenses as may be determined from time to time by the Convention, or during its recess, by the Executive Council.
511. The Administrative/Finance Committee shall consist of the Immediate Past President, the President, the First Vice-President, two (2) Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Chair of British Columbia/Yukon Command.
512. The Administrative/Finance Committee shall have the power to hold meetings in-person or electronically, transact business and carry out necessary administrative duties of the Executive Council.
513. The Administrative/Finance Committee shall ensure that all officers, employees or agents responsible for British Columbia/Yukon Command funds are covered by appropriate insurance.
514. An Honourary Solicitor may be appointed by the Executive Council to act in an advisory capacity to the Command.

BRITISH COLUMBIA/YUKON COMMAND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

515. The Executive Council shall appoint an Executive Director, or when necessary, an Acting Executive Director for the Command and authorize such assistance as may be required. It shall be the duty of the Executive Director, or the Acting Executive Director to:
- a. Maintain a record of the proceedings for all Conventions and meetings of the Executive Council in books provided for that purpose.
 - b. Conduct all necessary correspondence; retain copies of all official letters; preserve all official documents and perform all such duties pertaining to the office.

- c. Give notice of and be present at all such Conventions and meetings and have available the necessary records, books and correspondence relative to the transactions of the business of the Command including the Command seal of which they are custodian.
- d. Keep a proper account of all monies received or paid out by Command and of all financial transactions of every character.
- e. Deposit all funds of the Command in a recognized financial institution as hereinafter provided and pay out monies when duly authorized to do so.
- f. Maintain all books essential to their duties in the office of the Command, such books to be open to inspection of Officers and members of the Executive Council at all times.
- g. Render, whenever required by the Executive Council, a detailed statement containing a summary of the assets and liabilities of the Command and its financial position; and
- h. Have charge of the Command office and be responsible for its efficiency, conforming to such rules, policies and regulations as the Executive Council may from time to time determine.

ELECTED OFFICER'S DUTIES

PRESIDENT

516. The President shall exercise general supervision and control over the Officers, Executive Council and business of the Command and shall call meetings of the Executive Council, and/or the Administrative/Finance Committee, when deemed advisable.

VICE PRESIDENTS

517. In the absence or disability of the President, all rights and powers vested in them shall, for the time being, be vested in the First Vice-President.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

518. Members of the Executive Council shall perform such duties as assigned to them by the President.

TREASURER

519. The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:
 - a. Ensure that an accurate and true account of all monies received or paid out by the Command and a complete record of all official transactions of each department of the Command shall be kept.

- b. Ensure that all funds of the Command are deposited in the correct accounts and that all necessary books of record of such funds are kept up to date at all times and produced whenever required by an appropriate authority.
- c. Chair the finance portion of the Administrative/Finance Committee meetings and work in conjunction with other Command Committees whose duties involve the handling of funds.
- d. Scrutinize all Command expenditures and initiate inquiries where necessary to ensure that at all times, they have complete information at their disposal as to all financial matters pertaining to the Command and they shall keep the Executive Council informed.
- e. Assist the Executive Director and Controller of British Columbia/Yukon Command in the preparation of an annual budget, covering all financial activities of the Command and shall endeavour to see that the said budget is adhered to.
- f. Be available to the Ways and Means Committee at Convention time; and
- g. Actively guide the financial affairs of the Administrative/Finance Committee.

PROVINCIAL CHAIR

520. The duties of the Chair shall be as follows:

- a. Preside at all meetings of the Administrative/Finance Committee, Executive Council and Conventions.
- b. Regulate the order of business, receive and put lawful motions to such meetings; and
- c. The Chair shall not enter a debate at any time, in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure for Legion Meetings”.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

521. The Immediate Past President by virtue of the office shall be a member of the Administrative/Finance Committee.

VACANCIES

Immediate Past President

522. In the event of the resignation, death or permanent incapacity of the Immediate Past President, the position of the Immediate past President may be filled for the remainder of the term by the appointment of a former Command President by the Executive Council.

President

523. In the event of the resignation, death or permanent incapacity of the President, they shall be succeeded by the First Vice-President.

First Vice-President

524. In the event of the resignation, succession to the Presidency, death or permanent incapacity of the First Vice-President, the succession to this office will be open to the two (2) Vice-Presidents and Treasurer.
525. The Chair shall notify the two (2) Vice Presidents and Treasurer to ascertain who wishes to be a nominee for the vacant position of First Vice President.
526. The President shall then conduct a vote by mail or e-mail of the Executive Council and a minimum of twenty-one (21) days shall be allowed from the post marked date if conducted by mail; and a minimum of seven (7) days shall be allowed from the e-mail sent date from when the ballots are sent from the Command office, for their return. The eligible Officer receiving the most votes shall be elected to the position of First Vice-President.

Vice-Presidents

527. In the event of succession to the office of First Vice-President, or the resignation, death or permanent incapacity of a Vice-President, the Chair of British Columbia/Yukon Command shall notify all members of the Executive Council of the vacancy and ascertain who wishes to be a nominee for the vacant position of Vice-President.
528. The President shall then conduct a vote by mail or e-mail of the Executive Council and a minimum of twenty-one (21) days shall be allowed from the post marked date if conducted by mail; and a minimum of seven (7) days shall be allowed from the e-mail sent date from when the ballots are sent from the Command office, for their return. The eligible Officer receiving the most votes shall be elected to the position of Vice-President.

Treasurer

529. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Treasurer, the Provincial Executive Council shall fill the vacancy for the balance of the term by nominating a candidate for appointment by the Provincial President until elections are held at the next Provincial Convention.

Provincial Chair

530. In the event of the resignation, death or permanent incapacity of the Chair, the President of British Columbia/Yukon Command shall notify all members of the Executive Council of the vacancy and ascertain who wishes to be a nominee for the vacant position of Chair. The President shall then conduct a vote by mail or e-mail of the Executive Council and a minimum of twenty-one (21) days shall be allowed from the post marked date if conducted by mail; and a minimum of seven (7) days shall be allowed from the e-mail sent date from when the ballots are sent from the Command office, for their return. The eligible Officer receiving the most votes shall be elected to the position of Chair, unless the vacancy occurs not more than forty-five (45) days and not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting of the Executive Council, at which time a vote may be conducted at that meeting.

BANKING AND AUDITORS

531. All monies payable to British Columbia/Yukon Command shall be forwarded to the Command Office and shall be deposited forthwith in a recognized financial institution approved by the Executive Council, into an account in the name of the Command.
532. All payments by the Command, in excess of \$50.00, shall be made by cheque, credit card or other approved electronic means. Such cheques and all promissory notes, bills of exchange or other instruments involving any liability of the Command must be signed by the duly authorized signatories of the Command as designated from time to time.
533. At every Convention of British Columbia/Yukon Command, an auditor or auditors shall be appointed to hold office until the next Annual Meeting.
534. The Executive Council may fill any vacancy in the office of auditor.
535. Members of the Legion who are qualified may be appointed auditors, provided that no member of the Executive Council, or an employee of the Legion or organization thereof shall be eligible.
536. A copy of the auditor's report shall be filed with the President, the Treasurer and the Executive Director of the Command prior to a Convention and shall be presented by the Treasurer to the Convention.
537. In all matters relating to auditors not provided for specifically herein, the provisions of The General By-Laws shall apply.
538. The financial year of the British Columbia/Yukon Command and all Branches within the Command shall be the calendar year.

HOLDING OF PROPERTY

539. BC/Yukon Command and all Branches within the Command shall adhere to the provisions of The General By-Laws Article I, Sections 120 – 124 as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE VI

BRANCHES

MATTERS of PROCEDURES

BY-LAWS

601. Subject to the provisions of these By-Laws and The General By-Laws, Branches shall govern themselves by the adoption of Branch By-Laws. Such Branch By-Laws and amendments thereto shall not become effective until approved by British Columbia/Yukon Command.

602. Where a Branch is not governed by its own Command approved By-Laws, it shall be governed by the Standard Branch By-Laws as approved by Command.

ELECTIONS

603. A Branch may determine by its By-Laws if they elect for a one-year or a two-year term. Proxy voting is not permitted at Branch elections.

604. Branch elected Officers and Executive Committees shall assume office:

- a. On the first day of January following the fall election extending until the 31st of December of the elective term, or
- b. On the first day of July following the spring election extending until the 30th day of June of the elective term.

605. Branches shall provide for their election of Officers and Executive Committee:

- a. In November or December when the term of office begins on the first day of January; or
- b. In May or June when the term of office begins on the first day of July.

606. Every Branch shall make provision for the election or appointment of a Secretary and Finance Chair.

607. Each Branch shall hold its ceremony of installation of officers at the earliest convenient time, following its elections. However, any delay in the installation of officers shall not affect the provisions of Sections 604 or 605.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

608. A Branch shall ensure that an audit committee examines the accounts of the Branch each year.

609. The financial review or audit committee of a Branch need not be designated professional accountants and may or may not be members but shall not be members of the Executive Committee of the Branch or an employee of the Branch.

610. On or before the 30th day of April of each year, all Branches whose gross annual income from all sources, direct or indirect, is in excess of \$10,000.00 shall file with British Columbia/Yukon Command, in the prescribed form as required by British Columbia/Yukon Command, a properly audited and certified financial statement.

611. Branches shall maintain an adequate system of financial reporting, ensuring compliance with provincial and federal legislation and subject to direction by British Columbia/Yukon Command.

612. The Branch Finance Chair for the year being audited must sign off before submission of the audited financial statement to British Columbia/Yukon Command.

613. Every Branch whose gross annual income does not exceed \$10,000.00 from all sources, direct or indirect shall file with British Columbia/Yukon Command in the form prescribed by British Columbia/Yukon Command, on or before the 30th day of April each year, a certified statement of the financial operations for the preceding calendar year.
614. Under special circumstances for monitoring purposes and only when requested by their Zone Commander, any Branch shall file a monthly statement with the minutes to the Zone Commander.
615. Under special circumstances for monitoring purposes and only when requested by British Columbia/Yukon Command, any Branch shall file a monthly statement with British Columbia/Yukon Command for the interim period of time.
616. Command may require a Branch to conduct a review of its financial records or Poppy Trust fund by a qualified person(s) who are acceptable to the Command.
617. Every Branch shall participate in the Group Insurance Program for Branches.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

618. The Executive Committee of any Branch in this Command shall have the power to administer the affairs of their Branch subject to direction by and approval of the general membership, the policies of BC/Yukon Command and The General By-laws of The Royal Canadian Legion.
619. Pursuant to Section 618 an Executive Committee of any Branch shall not make any expenditure, nor borrow any money, nor pledge the assets of the Branch, without prior approval of the general membership save only for.
 - a. The normal operating expenses of the Branch, such as payment for taxes, utilities, staff salaries and wages, and/or those items previously approved by a Branch general meeting, as part of the yearly budget; or
 - b. Emergency repairs to, or replacement of, equipment required for continuance of operation of the administration, amenities, or programs of the Branch and in respect of which such repair or replacement could not be held over to the next general meeting, and subject to ratification by the general meeting following such item of emergency expenditure.

ZONES

ARTICLE VII

ORGANIZATION

701. The Executive Council of British Columbia/Yukon Command shall set up Zones throughout this Command and each Branch of this Command, shall belong to a Zone as, and if so designated by this Command.
702. Branches may be re-zoned at the suggestion of British Columbia/Yukon Command with the concurrence of a majority of the Branches concerned, or if beneficial to the Legion as a whole, by the approval of the Executive Council.

703. All Zones under the jurisdiction of British Columbia/Yukon Command shall consist of four (4) or more Branches.
704. All Zones must have a minimum of two (2) meetings per year.
705. When a petition is received from four (4) or more Branches in a Zone, favouring a separate Zone for the Branches signing the petition, the Executive Council of British Columbia/Yukon Command before making a decision, shall refer the request to the appropriate Committee for report and recommendation. It shall be understood that where a dispute is involved, and such has brought about the application for a division of a Zone, any Zone Commander connected, shall not sit as a member of the Committee considering the application.
706. The final decision upon any petition to divide a Zone shall rest with the Executive Council and that permission to do so shall be done only if the Executive Council considers that, should such a change be made, it is to the benefit of the Legion as a whole.

ZONE COUNCIL

707. A Zone Council is authorized by this Command:
- a. To draw up Regulations subject to approval of British Columbia/Yukon Command.
 - b. To be a coordinate body of the Branches within the Zone.
 - c. To raise and expend funds in furtherance of Legion objectives within the Zone; and
 - d. To assist the Zone Commander to determine all disputes arising between Branches within the Zone and if warranted such disputes to be referred to British Columbia/Yukon Command.
708. Not later than eight (8) weeks in advance of the date of the British Columbia/Yukon Convention, The Secretary of the Zone Council will send out a notice, addressed to the Secretary of each Branch in the Zone, giving fourteen (14) days notice of intention to hold a Zone Meeting for the purpose of electing officers. This notice shall state the time, place and date of the meeting and shall request all Branches to send delegates to the election of officers in accordance with the number they are permitted to send to Zone meetings.
709. Branch delegates to Zone, who must be members in good standing, shall be elected or appointed either at a General Meeting or by the Executive Committee of each Branch.
710. In order to be eligible for election as Zone Commander or Deputy Zone Commander, a member must be a President or Past President of a Branch in that Zone, or have been elected and served not less than one (1) term on the Executive Committee of such a Branch or have been elected and served not less than one (1) term as a Zone or Command Officer in British Columbia/Yukon Command.

711. Whenever possible, one (1) month before the date of the Convention of British Columbia/Yukon Command, The Zone Secretary shall forward to the Executive Director of British Columbia/Yukon Command, the name and address of the Comrade duly elected as Zone Commander for the coming term.
712. Copies of minutes of all meetings of the Zone shall be supplied to British Columbia/Yukon Command within thirty (30) days of the meeting.

ZONE COMMANDER

713. The duties of the Zone Commander shall be as follows:
- a. Has the authority to act on behalf of British Columbia/Yukon Command as directed by the Command President.
 - b. Shall monitor Branches to ensure there is compliance with all approved policies and By-Laws of British Columbia/Yukon Command.
 - c. Shall be entitled to require Branches to submit both general and executive committee meeting minutes and monthly operating statements.
 - d. Shall at all times, be conversant and in close touch with the problems of the Branches within their Zone and their deliberations from time to time.
 - e. Shall pay at least one (1) visit per year to each of the Branches within their Zone.
 - f. Shall be expected to attend all meetings of the Zone Council, and shall have a vote, unless acting as chair at which time they may vote according to the provisions of Section 1025 of these By-Laws; and
 - g. Submit to British Columbia/Yukon Command a report each year on behalf of each Branch within their Zone covering the twelve-month period ending on the 30th day of April and based on official Branch visitations. The report is to be sent to British Columbia/Yukon Command within fifteen (15) days of the official Branch visitation.
714. Zone Commanders are subject to the disciplinary provisions of Article III of The General By-Laws should circumstances warrant.

AUXILIARIES

ARTICLE VIII

See Article VIII of The General By-Laws for further details.

LADIES AUXILIARY

801. Subject to the Act and The General By-Laws, this Command may have a Ladies Auxiliary under the jurisdiction of British Columbia/Yukon Command.

- a. A Ladies Auxiliary to a Branch shall be under the jurisdiction of the Branch.

YOUTH AUXILIARIES

802. Subject to the Act and The General By-Laws under Section 805 (a) Youth Auxiliaries may be permitted under the jurisdiction of British Columbia/Yukon Command.

ARTICLE IX

DOMINION CONVENTION

901. See Article IX of The General By-Laws

ARTICLE X

BC/YUKON CONVENTION

MATTERS of PROCEDURES

1001. The Convention is the senior authority of the Legion in the Command. It shall usually be held at least once every two (2) years at such time and place the Executive Council may decide, it shall not be held the year of a Dominion Convention. In exceptional circumstances a three (3) year interval may be allowed between conventions.
1002. The Executive Council of British Columbia/Yukon Command may call a special Convention of British Columbia/Yukon Command, at such time and place as may be determined, if in the opinion of the Executive Council, it is necessary to do so.
1003. The Executive Council of British Columbia/Yukon Command shall call a special Convention at any time upon request of not less than one-third (1/3) of the Branches in the Command, such Convention to be convened at a date not later than sixty (60) days after receipt of the request from the required number of Branches.

DELEGATES

1004. The number of delegates which each Branch shall be entitled to send to a British Columbia/Yukon Command Convention as representing its members shall be one (1) for the first fifty (50) voting members or fraction thereof and one (1) for each additional one hundred (100) voting members or fraction thereof, based on paid up membership at the end of the calendar year immediately preceding the convention, provided any Branch subsequently chartered shall be allowed one (1) delegate except as provided for in sub-section 1005.

1005. Where, as a result of the amalgamation of two (2) or more Branches, a new Branch is formed and a new charter has been issued to it, on or after the 1st day of January in a Convention year, the new Branch shall be entitled to the number of delegates at the Convention in that year provided for in section 1004 based on the total number of voting members of the former Branches paid up as at the 31st day of December of the previous year.
1006. Branch delegates, who must be members in good standing, shall be elected at a duly constituted meeting of the general membership.
1007. Irrespective of whether they have been elected as delegates, the Executive Council members of British Columbia/Yukon Command and Past Presidents of British Columbia/Yukon Command shall be fully qualified delegates of a Convention, but shall not carry proxies, unless they are delegates from their own Branch.
1008. No member who is a paid employee of British Columbia/Yukon Command may be an accredited delegate or vote at a British Columbia/Yukon Convention.

VOTING AND PROXIES

1009. Duly elected Branch delegates may carry in addition to their own credential, not more than four (4) proxy credentials. Such proxies must be registered prior to the opening of the first business sessions of the Convention and shall only be used when a ballot vote is demanded.
1010. Each delegate to the Convention shall have one (1) vote, except in the case of a ballot being called, in which case, votes by proxy shall be counted.
1011. The vote of the Convention shall be by a voting card, or by standing vote, unless a ballot vote is demanded by not less than twenty (20) percent of the delegates on the floor of the Convention.
1012. On a ballot vote, the result shall be declared on the number of votes cast by delegates including proxies.
1013. A quorum for any British Columbia/Yukon Convention shall be the presence thereat of duly accredited delegates from not less than fifteen (15) percent of the Branches of this Command at the time of such Convention; provided however, that the President shall have the authority to adjourn such Convention from time to time, for the purpose of obtaining such a quorum.

RESOLUTIONS

1014. All resolutions or submissions to the Convention shall be filed with the Executive Director of the Command not less than eighty (80) days prior to the opening date of the Convention. A copy of the book containing all resolutions for the convention shall be forwarded to each branch at least forty-five (45) days prior to the opening date of the Convention.
1015. Resolutions filed in accordance with the foregoing section shall be passed to the Convention Committee concerned and that Committee shall have the power to combine, amend or consolidate such resolutions and shall report them to the Convention. Should the Committee concerned fail to report any resolution to the Convention, any delegate shall have the right to introduce such resolution to the Convention from the floor providing such resolution received approval by a Zone Caucus meeting, according to Convention rules.

1016. All changes of BC/Yukon Command policy and administrative procedures resulting from resolutions passed by Conventions shall, unless otherwise specified, take effect on the first day of the third month following the Convention.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

1017. The Resolutions Committee and, if found necessary, other Committees, shall be appointed in advance of a Convention by the President, and may be granted expenses for each day authorized to be in session prior to the day of the official opening.

1018. If not previously appointed pursuant to Section 1015, at the opening of the Convention, the following Committees shall be appointed:

- Procedures
- Credentials
- Ways and Means
- Constitution and Laws

And such other committees as the Convention may require. Unless otherwise provided, the first named on a Committee shall act as convenor and call the Committee together for the election of a Chair and subsequent business. The majority of any Committee shall constitute a quorum.

1019. Committee reports must be presented in writing and shall disclose the names of all members.

ELECTIONS

1020. The election of Officers shall take place during the Convention at a time decided upon by the Procedures Committee. The Chair shall call for nominations for the Elected Officers of the Command. The method of voting for election of Officers shall be by ballot vote, the candidate(s) having the largest number of votes being elected. Defeated candidates for any office may be nominated for any other office from the floor of the Convention. A teller's count, with a breakdown of the number of votes received by the individual candidates, shall not be given.

1021. The following Officers shall be elected at Conventions of British Columbia/Yukon Command in the following order:

a.

- President
- First Vice-President
- Two (2) Vice-Presidents
- Treasurer
- Chair

b. The above elected Officers along with the Immediate Past President and Zone Commanders shall form the Executive Council of British Columbia/Yukon Command.

1022. The Honourary President is recommended by a Nominating Committee consisting of the Command Immediate Past President, President, and 1st Vice President. The recommendation will be presented to the Executive Council for ratification and will become effective immediately following the closing ceremonies at Convention.

PROCEDURES

1023. The procedure at the Conventions of British Columbia/Yukon Command shall be as recommended by the Convention Procedures Committee and approved by the Convention.

1024. The Chair of the Convention shall enforce order and the strict observance of procedure and of these By-Laws and The General By-Laws. It is their duty to decide all points of order, subject to an appeal of the Convention.

1025. The Chair shall, when debate has ceased on any question, put the same to a vote, giving the words of the motion or resolution, in such a manner that it may be understood before the vote is taken. In the event of a tie vote, if they have not already voted, the Chair may use their vote or may rule the affirmative lacks a majority and the motion is lost. The Chair cannot be compelled to vote on any question.

1026. Anyone wishing to speak shall rise, wait to be recognized, and then address the Chair by stating their name and Branch before stating their issue.

1027. Private discussion shall not take place in the assembly hall where a Convention is in session and all debate shall be conducted in the authorized manner. Any matters of procedure not provided for in these By-Laws, shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of The General By-Laws.

1028. Subject to the Act and as herein otherwise provided the rules set forth in Article X of The General By-Laws shall apply to the Convention. Upon an appeal being made from any decisions of the Chair, the vote of the majority shall decide.

HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

1029. Honourary Life Membership in British Columbia/Yukon Command may be granted to members who have given outstanding service to the British Columbia/Yukon Command, upon recommendation of a Convention of British Columbia/Yukon Command. The citation to be prepared by the authority of the Executive Council. Such membership does not carry any rights to a vote on the Executive Council or entitlement to expenses for attending meetings or conventions. The award is subject to approval by Dominion Command.

ARTICLE XI

POPPY FUND

See Article XI of The General By-Laws.

ARTICLE XII

DUES, PER CAPITA TAX AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

See Article XII of The General By-Laws

ARTICLE XIII

MISCELLANEOUS

MOTION PICTURE OR VIDEO TAPE RECORDING

1301. No motion picture, digital recording, video tape recording, social media or photograph showing alcoholic beverages inside any area under the jurisdiction of any Branch shall be made available for public viewing in any theatre or cinema, by any electronic medium or by television or print medium other than Legion publications without written permission from the President of British Columbia/Yukon Command.

BY-LAWS

1302. These By-Laws shall not be amended or repealed except by a majority vote of the Convention and only after one (1) month's notice of the amendment or desire to repeal these By-Laws has been given to the Executive Council, unless such notice is waived by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of the Convention.
1303. These By-Laws, together with any amendments thereto, shall come into force and be acted upon only when they have been approved by the Dominion Command.

PROCEDURE

1304. In all matters of procedure not provided for by these By-Laws or by the provisions of The General By-Laws, and then and then only, the authority of the Executive Council shall apply.