



Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.
Annual Convention Minutes – Day One
July 30, 2024

I. Call to Order

8:15 A.M. Color Guard

National President Rebecca Stafford called to order the 81st Convention of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. at 8:20 A.M.

II. Opening Ceremony

Bible was opened and prayer given by National Chaplain, Stacy Anders.

III. Welcome to Convention

IV. Honoring our Children Ceremony – 2VP

V. National President introduced the National Executive Officers

1VP – Karen Stillwell

2VP – Karla Keller

3VP – Brenda Ternullo

4VP – Jacqueline Ransom

Recording Secretary – Amy Jo Hutchinson

Financial Secretary – Sonya Kay

Treasurer – Alethea Tennill

VI. **Past National Presidents in attendance were introduced:**
Pat Soler, Karen Stevens, Jean Burlingame, Judy Dorsey, Anne Parker, and Stacy Anders.

VII. **Appointed positions for Convention**
Convention Committee

Amy O'Campo
Stacy Breithaupt
Sylvia Gaxiola
Cheryl Masters

Minutes Approval Committee:

Dorothy Hampton
Nancy Jordan
Charilyn Damigo

Election Judge - Deb Waltz

Naming of Tellers:

Beth Bruening
Collen Goodman
Kathleen Staats
Debbie Zenner

Naming of Timekeepers:

Teresa Sumners
Pam McCabe
Brenda Bingham

Naming of Spotters:

Deborah O'Rourke
Mary Reitsma

Sgt-at-Arms - Michele Baird

VAVS Representative & Deputies

PNP Anne Parker

Doreen Berggren – Deputy

Carol Sanchez – Deputy

DC Representative - Teresa Sumners

National Parliamentarian - Patti Elliott

Webmaster - Jeanne Ullmer

Patriotic Instructor - Mary Johnson

Historian - Deb Waltz

Nominations Chair - Judy Dorsey

VIII. **Credentials Report** given by 1VP 152 Registered Delegates at 9:05 A.M.

IX. **Convention Rules presented to the body.**

Credentials Report given by 1VP 144 Registered Delegates inside the convention hall. Noted a 2/3 vote would be needed.

Motion to approve Convention Rules as presented.

Seconded. Call for the VOTE.

No Opposed, No Abstentions – MOTION PASSED

X. **Election Rules presented to the body.**

Motion to approve Election Rules as presented.

Seconded. Call for the VOTE.

No Opposed, No Abstentions – MOTION PASSED

XI. 2023 Convention Minutes Draft presented.

Motion to approve the 2023 Convention Minutes Draft as presented.

Seconded. Call for the VOTE.

No Opposed, No Abstentions – MOTION PASSED

XII. Recognized the following in attendance.

Gold Star Mothers

Veterans (Moms who served)

First time attendees

Shining Star Presentation and Award

9:45 A.M. The Chaplain closed the bible for break.

10:00 A.M. Returned from break.

**XIII. Memorial Service
Convention Picture**

1:00 P.M. Resumed with packing of items for VA Hospital

**XIV. VAVS Rep Anne Parker introduced guest speaker from the
Oklahoma VA.**

She challenged each chapter to locate a VA Hospital and find out what they need. She noted that Amazon and Walmart deliver even if the VA hospital is not located close to your chapter. Find a way to help.

2:15 P.M. The Chaplain opened Bible and resumed convention.

XV. By Laws Chair Pat Soler

Introduction of By Laws Committee

Nancy Jordan

Brenda Russell

Patti Elliot – National Parliamentarian

2:40 P.M. Credentials Delegate Report given by 1VP – 148 (2/3 would be 99)

XVI. **U.S. Code** (Charter) No changes

XVII. **Presentation of the Constitution**

- A. **Article I. Organization.** Section 1 – 4 proposed changes approved with vote.
- B. **Article II. Purposes.** A – J proposed changes approved with vote
- C. **Article III. Permitted Activities** Section 1 – 6 proposed changes approved with vote.
- D. **Article IV. Eligibility** Housekeeping changes no vote needed.
- E. **Article V. Associates** – Amendment made to change wording to “supportive role” to the members can promote the mission.
Discussion ensued. Amendment was seconded. Called for VOTE and PASSED. Motion to amend “can” to “may” seconded. Called for VOTE and failed to pass.
- F. **Article VI. Governing Body, Composition, Meetings, Governing Documents.**
Section 1 – 4 proposed changes approved with vote.
- G. **Article VII. Powers of the Organization** – proposed changes approved by vote.
- H. **Article VIII. Officers** – no changes needed.
- I. **Article IX. National Executive Board** – Bylaws committee proposed changing to allow the board to operate at full capacity. Discussion ensued. Time was called.
Called for VOTE and motion passed.
***This article was revisited at a later time during convention and changes were made* See Day Two Convention Minutes Page 14.**
- J. **Article X. Auxiliaries** – Proposed changes regarding chartering.
Auxiliaries are not chartered. Motion to approve as amended by Bylaws committee. Called for VOTE and motion passed.
- K. **Article XI. Fiscal Year** – proposed changes from Bylaws Committee to include Auxiliary levels. Discussion ensued.
Call for VOTE and motion passed.
- L. **Article XII. Parliamentary Authority** – proposed changes from Bylaws committee accepted.
Call for Vote and motion passed.
- M. **Article XIII. Amendments** – Section 1 – 5 as read by the Bylaws committee. Discussion ensued.
Call for VOTE and motion passed.

**Constitution approval calls for final vote.
Call for VOTE and motion passed – APPROVED FINAL
CONSTITUTION**

3:50 P.M. The Chaplain closed the bible for break.

4:09 P.M. The Chaplain opened the Bible and resumed convention.

XVIII. Financial Policy – Finance Committee Chair – Julie Straw

Financial Statements reviewed – Audit was conducted report included with the Financial Statements in each binder presented to the body.

XIX. Financial Policies – Finance Committee Chair – Julie Straw

- Reviewed Purpose. Reviewed Section 1 – Internal Controls, pages 1 – 6.
 - *1.14.4 Logo Usage Reporting – word “of” was changed to “by”
- Reviewed Section 2 – Accounting Policies, pages 7 – 8.
- Reviewed Section 3- Expenditures Policies, pages 8 – 16.
 - *Page 10 Section 3.1.7 – Pre-Approved Expenditures – these are items that should be in the budget and not require approval to be paid.
 - *3.2.1 – President – the phrase limited telephone usage was removed here and all subsequent locations.
- Reviewed Section 4 Event Policies, pages 16 -19 – proposed changes that the NEB pays for registration fees for NEB that is required to attend Convention.
- Clarification for 4.5 Events involving games of chance – State Compliance Required – any state filing you do as a chapter must be copied to NEB.
- Reviewed Section 6 and 7, page 21. Section 7.2 VAVS Fee – Chapters will make payment to the National BSMA VAVS . VAVS Fee will increase to \$45 per year per chapter.

Clarified these changes will take place immediately upon approval from the body.

5:04 P.M. Credentials Count 146 delegates present.

**CALL for VOTE to approve Financial Policies as presented by committee chair.
Report coming from committee a second is not needed.**

CALL for VOTE – Motion PASSED.

- **See Attachment 1 of these Minutes “2024-2025 BSMA Financial Policies” as approved at Convention 2024.**

XX. Proposed Operating Budget – Finance Committee Chair – Julie Straw

Presented to the body a deficit budget anticipating expenses will exceed income.

Budgeted Income – VAVS – a friendly amendment to have National match what chapters have sent in.

5:24 P.M. Credentials Delegate Count 145 (2/3 would be 97)

Motion coming from committee a second is not needed.

CALL for VOTE – Motion PASSED

- **See Attachment 2 of these Minutes “2024-2025 BSMA Operating Budget” as approved at Convention 2024.**

5:34 P.M. Chaplain closed the bible.

XXI. ShipThrifty

- Note every box being sent is being checked by customs.
- There are many items restricted based on destination.
- They now offer Care Package Request Forms online.
- Most returned boxes are due to insufficient details.

5:40 P.M. Closed convention for the evening

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Jo Hutchinson
National Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENT 2 – Convention
Minutes Day One July 30, 2024**

**Blue Star Mothers of
America, Inc.
Operating Budget -
APPROVED by 2024
Convention Body**

September 2024 - August 2025
Condensed Version

Advertising/Public Relations	\$	2,000
Awards - Chapter Grants	\$	7,000
Bank Charges & Checks	\$	700
Commi & Fees - Maguire Appl. fee	\$	500
Video Conf Platform subscription	\$	300
Total 2025 Convention Expense	\$	35,000
DC Rep	\$	300
Donations		
General donations exp (WIMSA)	\$	1,000
Parke Memorial Scholarship	\$	2,000
VAVS/Yrbook-Restrict'd (pass-thru)	\$	7,000
VAVS Matching funds	\$	6,000
Total Donations	\$	16,000
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	2,000
Fundraising		
National Fundraising	\$	1,000
Total On Line Store Expenses	\$	17,000
Total Fundraising	\$	18,000
Insurance	\$	3,500
Legal & Professional Fees	\$	11,500
Management Expenses		
Ambassador Fund	\$	5,000
Total Management Expenses	\$	5,000
Merchant card processing	\$	6,000
Office Expenses	\$	500
Officer Equipment/Software	\$	6,000
Past National President Pin	\$	50
Program Expenses		
Flowers & Wreaths	\$	1,200
National Appointed Offices	\$	8,200
National President	\$	1,000
National 1 VP, 2VP, 3VP, 4VP	\$	1,000
National Recording Secretary	\$	300
National Financial Secretary	\$	250
National Treasurer	\$	1,250
Total Program Expenses	\$	13,200
Quick Books on line	\$	2,400
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	200
Shipping Expenses	\$	2,500
Travel & Lodging		
Mid-Yr Executive Board Meeting	\$	9,000
Memorial Day (Pres, Hist, Patr & DC)	\$	3,500
Veterans Day (Pres, Hist, Patr & DC)	\$	3,500
Gold Star Mothers Day (Pres)	\$	2,000
Gold Star Mothers Conv (Pres)	\$	2,000
Dept Conventions (Pres x 3 conv)	\$	2,000
National Convention Travel	\$	15,000
Special Events	\$	2,000
Total Travel	\$	39,000
Veterans Day Nat 'l Committee Dues	\$	200
Website, Database & Webmaster	\$	14,000
		100

25% LOGO USE Donation	\$	100
CONVENTION	\$	
2025 Convention - general	\$	44,400
2025 Sponsors/Fundraiser	\$	10,000
2025 Silent Auction	\$	5,000
2025 Vendor Tables	\$	600
Total CONVENTION	\$	60,000
DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIPS		
Maguire Donations	\$	750
General donations	\$	1,500
President's Project	\$	0
Total DONATIONS/SPONSOR'S	\$	2,250
FUNDRAISER - ONLINE STORE	\$	25,000
FUNDS from CLOSED CHAPTERS	\$	100
MEMBERSHIP		
Chapter Membership Dues	\$	60,000
New Charter fees	\$	150
Total MEMBERSHIP	\$	60,150
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Yearbook ads	\$	1,000
VAVS Fund	\$	6,000
Total RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$	7,000
Total Income	\$	154,600

Yearbooks - Archival Total	\$	185,950
Expenses	\$	
Other Income - Interest	\$	7,000
Net Operating Income/(Deficit)	\$	(24,350)

NOTES:

1) At the end of each fiscal year, National BSMA is to maintain a Savings Account minimum balance equal to 50% of the subsequent year's Budgeted Expenses as approved by the Convention Body. Our current Savings balance is sufficient to meet this requirement.

2) A deficit budget is when you are anticipating expenses that will exceed what you are planning on as income. This would result in deficit/loss overall for the year. National has averaged around \$200,000 in the combined savings and checking accounts for the last couple of years. We feel that this amount of funds in reserve is not being true to our mission, and therefore, we propose spending down our reserves by the \$24,350 deficit you see here on the budget. For example, fast forward to the end of the next fiscal year - assuming June account balances and our next year operations matching this proposed budget, spot on, by August 2025, we would have roughly \$43,000 in checking and \$150,000 in savings.



Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.
Annual Convention Minutes – Day Two
July 31, 2024

I. Call to order

National President, Rebecca Stafford call to order our second day of the 81st Convention of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

8:18 A.M. Credentials Delegate Report given by 1VP: 150 delegates.

Chaplain opened the Bible.

II. **Convention Report** – no changes at this time

III. **Governing Documents** – Pat Soler Committee Chair
National Parliamentarian Patti Elliott clarified the use of Roberts Rules -vs-
Governing Documents

8:29 A.M. Credentials Delegate Count 150 (2/3 would be 100)

IV. **Presentation of Bylaws** – Brenda Russell

1. Article I – Governance – presented proposed changes – call for discussion. Seeing none.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED

2. Article II – Amendment of these documents, presented change is to move Article II to the end of the document. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED.

3. Article II. (replacing old Article II) Members

Section 1. – presented proposed changes. Some discussion was had regarding the second paragraph. Friendly amendment was given and accepted by the committee to remove that paragraph.

Friendly amendment to add Auxiliaries to first paragraph; amendment was accepted by the committee.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED.

Section 2. – presented proposed changes. Discussion regarding member at large definition.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED.

Section 3 – presented as written. Housekeeping changes only.

Section 4 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion.

Seeing none.

Call for VOTE. Motion PASSED.

8:49 A.M. Credential Delegate Count 149 (2/3 vote would be 99)

Section 5 - presented with proposed changes. There are two options. Friendly amendment to use "required dues paid," instead of "in arrears." Committee accepts this amendment. Read second option. In the second option the friendly amendment of "required dues" was not accepted. Call for discussion. Dues must be paid for the lapsed member to be eligible to attend the National Convention "as a delegate." Second option amendment accepts the friendly amendment of "as a delegate" Second option amendment accepts friendly amendment to change to "corporation" not "organization."

Time was called. Restated the first option for the membership.

9:13 A.M. Credentials Delegate Count 145 (2/3 vote would be 97)

CALL for VOTE. Not clear that majority was reached.

9:15 A.M. Count taken had 100 for the motion (needed 97) **MOTION PASSED.**

Article III – Associates

Section 1 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Friendly amendment to change "she" to "they." Committee accepts this change.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

9:28 A.M. Credentials Delegate Count 149 (2/3 vote would be 99)

Section 2 – presented with proposed changes. Call for Discussion. Some discussion ensued.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

Section 3 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

Section 4 – presented with proposed changes. There are two options. Read first option. Call for discussion. Second option read. Call for discussion. Maker of second option amendment withdraws her motion.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

Section 5 –

Friendly amendment to add Section 5 – Read amendment. Proposed amendment “Chapters may contact the N1VP if they have inactive associates on their roster”. Call for discussion. Some discussion. Friendly amendment to change wording to “membership chair” at the direction of the CEB the chapter membership chair may contact the N1VP to remove from roster.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

Article IV. Corporation Divisions (Organization Divisions)

Section 1 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Clarified this section should be Corporation Divisions. By laws committee accepts that friendly amendment.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

Section 2 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Clarified that Auxiliaries are not chartered. No further discussion.

10:03 A.M. Delegate Count 146 (2/3 vote would be 96)

CALL for VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

Section 3 – presented with proposed changes. Friendly amendment received to change wording of Gavel Club to Membership in the Gavel Club shall be limited to Past National Presidents (PNPs). The purpose shall be the promotion of fundraising for 501 (c)3, VSOs, and social Activities. Committee accepted the friendly amendment. Call for discussion. Friendly amendment for Big Dipper received that stated Big Dipper (Fun Group) – The purpose shall be for Educational Assistance, not scholarship. Friendly amendment accepted by the bylaws committee.

10:11 Credentials Delegate Count 146 (2/3 vote would be 97)

CALL for VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

10:11 Chaplain closed the Bible for break.

10:39 A.M. Chaplain opened the Bible for convention to resume.

Article V. Charters

Section 1 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Clarified chapters “in the same state.” Seeing no further discussion.

**This section revisited on 8-1-2024– Paragraph 3 wording changed from “IF” to “THAT”. So would now read: Upon chartering a new chapter, the N4VP shall notify the Department President (DP) that the chapter will be part of a Department.*

10:49 A.M. Credentials Delegate count 149 (2/3 vote would be 99)

CALL for VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

Section 2 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Discussion added the words N4VP or Department. So would now read: Chapters formed before 1990 shall not be required to have a minimum number of members. The last remaining member shall turn in the Chapter Charter to the N4VP or their respective Department.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

Section 3 – presented with no changes. NO VOTE REQUIRED.

Article VI. – Disbandment – new section presented as proposed.

Call for discussion. Discussion ensued. Time was called.

11:05 A.M. Credential Delegate count 148 (2/3 vote would be 98)

Motion to discuss Article VI Disbandment to be discussed following break for lunch.

Article VII. Executive Boards

Section 1 – presented with proposed changes being housekeeping. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing none further.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

11:32 A.M. Credential Delegate count 147 (2/3 vote would be 98)

Section 2 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Friendly amendment given added a new paragraph. Special meetings of the CEB may be called by the CP or no less than 3 members of the CEB. Meetings may be face to face, by conference call, or by virtual platform. Bylaws Committee approved the amendment. Seeing no further discussion.

12:00 P.M. Credentials Delegate count 145 (2/3 vote would be 97)

CALL for VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

12:03 P.M. Chaplain closed Bible for lunch break.

1:03 P.M. Chaplain opened the Bible for convention to resume.

V. 501(c)3 National Donation Request – Julie Straw

Votes were tallied and the top three organizations are:

1. Blue Star Dogs
2. Homes for our Troops
3. Paws and Stripes

1:07 P.M. Credentials Delegate count 144 (2/3 vote would be 96)

Return to Bylaws Presentation

Article VI. Disbandment

Section 1 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Friendly amendment was given to increase to 30 days to include in writing and or/email. Friendly amendment was accepted. No further discussion was seen.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

Section 2 – presented as proposed. Call for discussion. Discussion ensued. Seeing no further discussion.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

Section 3 – presented as proposed. Call for discussion. Some discussion followed. Seeing no further discussion.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

Article VII. Executive Boards

Section 1, Section 2, – *These sections were revisited and presented with housekeeping issues that are consequential and conforming throughout the document.

Section 3 – presented with friendly amendment to add CEB.

No VOTE REQUIRED.

Section 4 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Clarification was needed on what constitutes a quorum. Three friendly amendments given. The committee did not approve any of them. It was agreed to table this discussion in order to allow the Parliamentarian time to work on this with written friendly amendments. **TABLED SECTION 4.**

(Revisited after break 3:50 P.M.)

Section 5 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing no discussion.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION APPROVED.

Section 6 – presented first sentence. Call for discussion. Seeing none.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

1:36 P.M. Credentials Delegate count 144 (2/3 vote would be 96)

Section 6 – proposed second paragraph presented by committee. Alternative amendment asked to be withdrawn. Motion made to withdraw approved. No further discussion.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION PASSED.

Article VIII. Conventions

Section 1 – presented proposed changes. Call for discussion. Committee does not accept the proposed addition to section 1. Discussion ensued. Seeing no further discussion.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION APPROVED.

Section 2 – presented proposed changes. Call for discussion. Friendly amendment given to account for Auxiliary elections must be held between September 1 and November 30. Committee accepts this amendment. Seeing no further discussion.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION APPROVED.

Section 3 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION APPROVED.

Section 4 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Clarification needed regarding elected/ appointed members. Seeing no further discussion.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION APPROVED.

2:00 P.M. Credentials Delegate Count 143 (2/3 would be 95)

Section 5 – Deleted – Call for discussion. Seeing none.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION APPROVED.

Section 6 - Deleted – Call for discussion. Seeing none.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION APPROVED.

NEW Section 5 – presented as written with housekeeping corrections. Call for discussion. Seeing none.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION APPROVED.

2:03 P.M. Credentials Delegate Count 146 (2/3 would be 97)

NEW Section 6 – presented the new section describing the credential process at convention. Call for discussion. Seeing none.

CALL for VOTE. MOTION APPROVED.

Section 7 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 8 - presented with proposed changes. Proposal by MN7 was accepted by committee. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 9 - presented with proposed changes. Two friendly amendments were given. First amendment was to change "shall be" to "must be." Second amendment "and all equipment acquired during their term" to be added after the phrase "took possession of said equipment." Both changes were accepted by the bylaws committee. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 10 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Article IX – Financial Matters

Section 1 – presented with no changes. Call for discussion seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 3 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 4 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 5 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

2:26 P.M. Credentials Delegate Count 147 (2/3 would be 98)

Section 6 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Friendly amendment given to add “and Auxiliaries.”

A second friendly amendment was given to remove the phrase “by their Finance Committees” and replaced with “by a committee appointed by the NFC as part of Annual Compliance requirements. Committee accepted both friendly amendments.

Previously proposed alternate second paragraph was withdrawn by the maker.

Call for vote to withdraw previously proposed alternate second paragraph by the maker.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED to withdraw previously proposed alternate second paragraph by the maker.

CALL for VOTE to approve Section 6 – MOTION APPROVED

Section 7 – presented with no changes. No vote needed.

Article X. Elections

Section 1 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 3 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

2:47 P.M. Credentials Delegate Count 148 (2/3 would be 98)

Section 4 - presented with proposed changes. Friendly amendment to change the wording of paragraph two. Qualifications for nominees will be read by the Nominations Chair and must be no longer than four minutes and be limited to specific qualifications for the nominated office. This was accepted by the bylaws committee. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 5 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 6 - - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 7 - presented with no changes. No vote needed.

Section 8 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 9 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Amendment was withdrawn. Seeing no further, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

3:17 P.M. Credentials Delegate Count 145 (2/3 would be 96)

Section 10 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 11 – Changes are housekeeping issues. Voting is not required.

Section 12 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

3:19 P.M. Chaplain closed Bible for break.

3:50 P.M. Anne Parker opened the Bible.

Returned to **Bylaws – Article VII – Executive Boards - Section 4** that was tabled earlier.

Article VII. Executive Boards

Section 4 – presented with proposed friendly amendment. A quorum of the NEB, DEB, and CEB must be a majority of the seated officers of each respective board. A quorum is required for each respective board meeting. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

3:50 Credentials Delegate count 138 (2/3 would be 92)

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Returned to where we left off before break.

By Laws - Article XI – Elected Officers

Section 1 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2 - presented with proposed changes. Friendly amendment was given to add American Gold Star Mothers Convention. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2.1 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2.2 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2.3 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2.4 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2.5 - presented with proposed changes. Friendly amendment to change "charters" to "Chapters" under #4. Amendment was accepted by committee. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2.6 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2.7 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2.8 - presented with proposed changes. Friendly amendment to change the word "outflows" to "expenses." Amendment accepted by committee. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Article XII – Vacancies

Section 1 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 3 - - presented with no changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Article XIII – Standing Committees

Section 1 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 3 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 4 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Article XIV – Appointed Positions

Presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Article XV – Electronic Communications, Social Media

Presented opening paragraph with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED.

Article XVI - Amendments

Section 1 - Presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2 - Presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 3 – No changes needed. No vote required.

Section 4 - Presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 5 - Presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Motion to approve By Laws Final Document in its entirety with amendments. Coming from the committee a second is not needed. Call for Discussion. Seeing none. Called for vote. CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED.

Returned to the Constitution – Article IX -National Executive Board (NEB)

Friendly Amendment to second paragraph will keep the wording "Voting Delegate." Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED.

Motion to approve amended Constitution.

Coming from committee a second is not needed.

Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED.

Final remarks from our National President – Rebecca Stafford

Reminder Big Dipper Fun night is this evening.

4:58 P.M. Chaplain closed the Bible ending the convention for the day.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Jo Hutchinson

National Recording Secretary



Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.
Annual Convention Minutes
August 1, 2024 – Day Three

I. Call to order

National President, Rebecca Stafford call to order our third day of the 81st Convention of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

8:27 A.M. Credentials Report given by 1VP:149 Delegates.

Chaplain opened the Bible.

II. Convention Report – no changes at this time

III. Governing Documents – Pat Soler Committee Chair

IV. Presentation of Code of Conduct – Brenda Russell

8:35 A.M. Delegate Count 146 (2/3 Vote would be 98)

1. Article I – Organization and Member Rights

Section 1 – presented with proposed changes – some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED

Section 2 - presented with proposed change. Call for discussion. Seeing none.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED.

Section 3 – presented with proposed change. Call for discussion. Seeing none.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED

Section 4 - presented with proposed change. Call for discussion. Seeing none.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED

Section 5 - presented with proposed change. Call for discussion. Seeing none.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED

2. Article II – Rights of Membership

Section 1 – read as is, no changes, no vote required.

Section 2 – presented with proposed changes, Call for discussion. Seeing none, call for vote.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED.

Section 3 - presented with proposed changes, Call for discussion. Seeing none, call for vote.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED.

Section 4 – presented as a newly written section by the committee. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED.

Section 5 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED.

Section 6 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED.

Section 7 - presented with proposed changes. There are two options. Read second option. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing none, called for vote.

8:51 A.M. Delegate Count 145 (2/3 count would be 97)

CALL for VOTE on Option 1. Motion did not pass.

CALL for VOTE on Option 2 – MOTION PASSED.

Article III. – Committee proposed to delete old Article III. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for vote.

presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED.

Article III – NEW – Application Process for Membership.

Section 1 – presented as a newly written section by the committee. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED.

Section 2 – presented as a newly written section by the committee. Call for discussion. Friendly amendment was submitted to change wording from "Chapter Membership Chair" to "Qualified Chapter Member." Committee accepted this amendment. Read aloud with amendment. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED.

Section 3 - presented as a newly written section by the committee. Call for discussion. Seeing none, called for vote.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED.

Section 4 – presented as a newly written section by the committee. Call for discussion. Friendly amendment did not pertain to this. It was denied. Called for vote.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED.

Article IV – Transferring to Another Chapter

Section 1 - presented proposed changes. Call for discussion. Friendly amendment offered. It was accepted. Some discussion occurred. Seeing no further discussion, called for a vote.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED.

9:13 A.M. Delegate Count 143 (2/3 would be 95)

Section 2 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Changes were consequential and conforming. Seeing no further discussion, a call was made for the vote.

CALL for VOTE. Motion APPROVED.

Article V – Chartering a Chapter

Section 1 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. The need for the committee to confer with the NEB arose. Following that meeting two options were presented.

Option 1 – 7 persons needed to charter a chapter.

Option 2 – 6 persons needed to charter a chapter.

9:31 A.M. Delegate count 143 (2/3 would be 95)

CALL for VOTE on option 1. Had to have a standing count as it was too close to tell. 82 in favor – 55 opposed – 6 abstaining. **MOTION FAILS.**
CALL for VOTE on option 2- **MOTION PASSED**

Article VI. – Chartering a Department

Section 1- presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION PASSED

Section 2- presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION PASSED.

Section 3 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. discussion was had. Committee asked to confer with the NEB.

10:09 A.M. Chaplain closed the bible to allow for break.

10:26 A.M. Convention resumed. Chaplain opened the bible.

Suspending the discussion of **Article VI, Section 3 of Code of Conduct.**
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*Returning to the **By Laws Page 9 Article V – Charters**

The committee would like to make a motion to amend the paragraph to state the word "if" with "that." **CALL for VOTE.**

10:31 Delegate count 145 (2/3 would be 97)

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED.

Need to vote on the approval of the entire BYLAWS document again.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED.

Returned to Code of **Conduct Article VI (Page 10)**

Section 3 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing nothing further.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED.

Section 4 – (previously known as section 5) presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED.

Section 5 and Section 6 the committee deleted both. Call for discussion. Seeing none.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION PASSED

Article VII – Meetings

Opening statement read as presented. Call for discussion. Seeing none.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED.

Section 1 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION PASSED

Section 2 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had for clarification. Seeing no further discussion. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION PASSED

Article VIII, Article IX, and Article – were proposed by the committee to delete. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Article VIII (New article VIII) – Emblems

Section 1 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 3 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Friendly amendment to add "The Official Service Banner shall be a white rectangle bordered in red with a blue star in the middle for each qualifying child as authorized by the DOD." The committee accepted Friendly Amendment. Seeing no further discussion. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 4 - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Article IX – Official Uniform

Section 1 – presented opening statement with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Letter a. - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Letter b. presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Letter c - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. There was much discussion on this amendment. Time was called. **A MOTION** was made to suspend rules in order to allow more time for discussion and the wording of friendly amendments. CALL for VOTE to allow more time.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED.

More discussion ensued. It was decided that we would table the discussion of Article IX, Section 1 – letter c. *Resumed on page 7 of these minutes*

11:43 A.M. Chaplain closed the bible for lunch break.

1:03 P.M. Convention resumed.

Resumed CODE of CONDUCT Review

Article X – BLUE TO GOLD PROGRAM

Presenting the proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Article XI – Corporate Logo

Section 1 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Two friendly amendments were given. First Friendly amendment was to add “unless described in Article XI, Section 2 (d)” The second amendment was “letter d. ii to include promotional items not for sale, such as tablecloths/runners.” Both amendments were accepted. A Third amendment was presented, but not accepted. Amendments were read again. Seeing no further discussion. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 3 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED.

Resumed discussion Article IX Official Uniform

Section 1 – letter c.

There were 4 alternatives presented.

Alternative #1- called for vote – MOTION FAILED

Alternative #3 – called for vote – MOTION FAILED.

Alternative #4 – Called for vote – MOTION FAILED

Alternative #2 – called for vote – MOTION PASSED.

Alternative #2 “The American Flag and Corporation pin should be placed over your heart. Current and past NP/DP/CP can wear their highest-level office pins under the Corporate pin. Auxiliary guard pins may be attached to the Corporation pin. Name badge/pin may be worn on the right chest. Up to six additional Blue Star and military service affiliated pins may be displayed, with or without a ribbon mounting below the Corporate pin.”

Section 1 – letter d – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION PASSED.

Section 1 – letter e- presented with proposed changes. Friendly amendment to include “when participating in formal ceremonies only” Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION PASSED.

Section 1 – letter f - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION PASSED.

Section 2 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Friendly amendment was offered to use Royal Blue not Navy Blue. Amendment accepted. More discussion ensued. Time was called. Call for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 3 – no changes suggested. No vote required.

Section 4 – NEB Officer uniform proposed changes presented. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION PASSED

Section 5 – Informal uniform proposed changes presented. Call for discussion. Friendly amendment to add "Corporate pin optional" Amendment was accepted. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION PASSED

2:36 P.M. Chaplain closed the Bible for break.

2:50 P.M. Chaplain opened the Bible to resume convention.

2:54 P.M. Delegate count 149 (2/3 would be 100)

Article XII – Disciplinary Procedure

Opening Statement – Member/ Associate Behavior Code

there are two possible amendment choices.

The committee accepted the second paragraph. Presented the second paragraph with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing none further. Called for vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 1 - Member Behavior Code. Subsection 1, 2, 3 presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some clarification was needed. Seeing no further discussion. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 1 – subsection 4 – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 1 – subsection 5 – Treatment of Blue Star Mothers of America Inc., property – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 1 – subsection 6 – Disciplinary Action –

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2 – Member/ Associate Discipline

Subsection 1 – Purpose - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing none further. Called for the vote.

CALL for the VOTE – MOTION APPROVED.

Subsection 2 – Member/ Associate Discipline Steps. presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Subsection 3 – Disciplinary Probation - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Subsection 4 – Discretionary Suspension – presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Subsection 5 – Automatic Suspension – Under the Influence - presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Subsection 6 – Automatic Suspension – Assault or Intentional Property Damage - presented with

proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none.
Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Subsection 7 – Automatic Suspension – Failure to Return Corporation Physical Property –

presented with proposed changes. Call for discussion.
Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Subsection 8 – Automatic Termination of

Membership - presented with proposed changes.

Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Subsection 9 – Automatic Termination of

Membership for Members/ Associates -

Insubordination - presented with proposed changes. Committee accepted second amendment.

Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Subsection 10 – replaced by subsection 9.

Subsection 9 (formerly #11) Termination of

Membership - presented with proposed changes.

Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 3 – Conflict Resolution Procedures - presented with

proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had.

Seeing no further discussion. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 4 – Grievance Procedures

First paragraph presented with proposed changes.

Some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion.

Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 5 – Authority – presented the proposed changes. Call

for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further

discussion. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 6 – Documentation. Present proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Article XIII – General Fundraising

Section 1 - presented the proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Article XIV – Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS)

Section 1 - Presented proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 2 - presented the proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 3 - presented the proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 4 - presented the proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 5 - presented the proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Section 6 - presented the proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Deletion of Article XIX – as this is no longer an active program.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED.

Article XV – Whistle Blower Policy

Present proposed changes. Call for Discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing none further. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Article XVI – Amendments

Section 1 through 5 read aloud. Called for discussion. Some discussion was had. Seeing no further discussion, called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Deletion of previous XXI Whistle Blower Policy and XXII Electronic Communications, Social Media as they are addressed elsewhere in our Code of Conduct. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED.

Vote for final approval of the entire Code of Conduct document.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED.

5:00 P.M. Chaplain closed the bible for break.

5:23 P.M. Chaplain opened the bible to resume convention.

V. Presentation of the Affiliation Agreement – Sonya Kay

Statement of Relationship – presented proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

1. Definitions – presented proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

2. Representations of the Parties – presented with no changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

3. Agreements by National - presented proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

4. Agreements by Department - presented proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

5. Agreements by Chapter - presented proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

6. Agreements by Auxiliary - presented proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

7. Assets and Liabilities - presented proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

8. Intellectual Property - presented proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

9. Renewal Process - presented proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

10. Suspension and Revocation of Charter; Disbandment - presented proposed changes. Call for discussion. Some discussion was had. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

11. Conflict Resolution; Governing Law - presented proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

12. Entire Agreement; Modification - presented proposed changes. Call for discussion. Seeing none. Called for the vote.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

Motion to approve Entire Governing Documents Package – Coming from committee a second is not needed.

CALL for VOTE – MOTION APPROVED

6:40 P.M. Chaplain closed the Bible ending convention for the day.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Jo Hutchinson
National Recording Secretary



Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.
Annual Convention Minutes – Day Four
August 2, 2024

I. Call to Order

National President, Rebecca Stafford called to order the final day of 81st Convention of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. at 8:45 A.M.

8:45 A.M. Chaplain opened the Bible.

8:47 A.M. Credentials Delegate Report given by 1VP: 151 delegates.

II. Elections

The convention was turned over to our Nominations chair, Judy Dorsey, PNP. She called forth our tellers, spotters, and judge. She reminded the body of the Elections rules that are in place.

Office of National President

- **National President:** Rebecca Stafford - **MO5** – Nomination was read. Rebecca accepted the nomination. The Nominations chair asked for any other nominations from the floor.

Seeing no other nominations. She noted nominations closed. Noting that there was only one nomination for said office, it was permissible to vote *Viva Voce*.

Called for the VOTE

No abstentions, No Opposed – MOTION passed.

**2024-2025 Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. National President –
Rebecca Stafford**

Office of National 1st Vice President

- **National 1st Vice President** – Karen Stillwell **OH9** – Nomination was read. Karen accepted the nomination. The Nominations chair asked for any other nominations from the floor. Seeing no other nominations, she noted nominations closed. Noting that there was only one nomination for said office, it was permissible to vote *Viva Voce*.

Called for the VOTE

No abstentions, No Opposed – MOTION passed.

**2024-2025 Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.– National 1st Vice President
– Karen Stillwell**

Office of National 2nd Vice President

- **National 2nd Vice President** – Karla Keller – **MN11** - Nomination was read. Karla accepted the nomination. The Nominations chair asked for any other nominations from the floor. Seeing no other nominations, she noted nominations closed. Noting that there was only one nomination for said office, it was permissible to vote *Viva Voce*.

Called for the VOTE

No abstentions, No Opposed – MOTION passed.

**2024-2025 Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.– National 2nd Vice President
– Karla Keller**

Office of National 3rd Vice President

- **National 3rd Vice President** – Jacqueline Ransom – **MI194** -Nomination was read. Jacqueline accepted the nomination. The Nominations chair asked for any other nominations from the floor. Seeing no other nominations, she noted nominations closed. Noting that there was only one nomination for said office, it was permissible to vote *Viva Voce*.

Called for the VOTE

No abstentions, No Opposed – MOTION passed.

**2024-2025 Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.– National 3rd Vice President
– Jacqueline Ransom**

Office of 4th National Vice President

- **National 4th Vice President – Sonya Kay – IL 6** - -Nomination was read. Sonya accepted the nomination. The Nominations chair asked for any other nominations from the floor.
- **National 4th Vice President -Ann Berkins - LA7** - Nomination was read. Ann accepted the nomination. The Nominations chair asked for any other nominations from the floor.

Seeing no other nominations, she noted nominations closed. Tellers were advised to pass out the ballots.

Ballots were collected and tallied.

**2024-2025 Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.– National 4th Vice President
– Sonya Kay**

9:30 A.M. Credentials Delegate count was 145.

Office of National Recording Secretary

- **National Recording Secretary – Amy Jo Hutchinson – OH57** - Nomination was read. Amy Jo accepted the nomination. The Nominations chair asked for any other nominations from the floor.
- **National Recording Secretary – Ann Berkins- LA7-** Nomination was read. Ann declined the nomination.

The Nominations chair asked for any other nominations from the floor. Seeing no other nominations, she noted nominations closed. Noting that there was only one nomination for said office, it was permissible to vote "Viva Voce."

Called for the VOTE

No abstentions, No Opposed – MOTION passed.

2024-2025 Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.– National Recording Secretary – Amy Jo Hutchinson

Office of National Financial Secretary

- **National Financial Secretary – Alethea Tennill – MO5-** Nomination was read. Alethea accepted the nomination. The Nominations chair asked for any other nominations.
- **National Financial Secretary – Carrie Beck – FL11-** Nomination was read. Carrie accepted the nomination. The Nominations chair asked for any other nominations from the floor.

Seeing no other nominations, she noted nominations closed. Tellers were advised to pass out the ballots.

Ballots were collected and tallied.

2024-2025 Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. – National Financial Secretary – Carrie Beck.

Office of National Treasurer

- **National Treasurer – Stacy Breithaupt – MI201** - Nomination was read. Stacy accepted the nomination. The Nominations chair asked for any other nominations from the floor.
- **National Treasurer – Carrie Stout – MI195** - Nomination was read. Stacy accepted the nomination. The Nominations chair asked for any other nominations from the floor.
- **National Treasurer – Dea Coffman – MO5** – Nomination was read. Dea declined the nomination. The Nominations chair asked for any other nominations from the floor.

Seeing no other nominations, she noted nominations closed. Tellers were advised to pass out the ballots.

Ballots were collected and tallied.

2024-2025 Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. – National Treasurer – Stacy Breithaupt.

**Newly Elected National Executive Board
Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. 2024 -2025**

National President – Rebecca Stafford – MO5
National 1st Vice President – Karen Stillwell – OH9
National 2nd Vice President – Karla Keller- MN11
National 3rd Vice President – Jacqueline Ransom – MI194
National 4th Vice President – Sonya Kay IL6
National Recording Secretary – Amy Jo Hutchinson – OH57
National Financial Secretary – Carrie Beck – FL11
National Treasurer – Stacy Breithaupt – MI 201

10:27 A.M. The Chaplain closed the bible for break.

10:45 A.M. The 81st Annual Convention adjourned, and the colors were retired.

10:50 A.M. National Officer Installation – Installed by Pat Soler, PNP.

The National Big Dipper Auxiliary conducted their annual meeting at the conclusion of the National Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. 2024 Convention and National Executive Board Installation. Please refer to their minutes for further updates and details.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Jo Hutchinson
National Recording Secretary