

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
3450 FOUNDERS RD  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46268**

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE: Updated May 2026**

**SUBJECT: GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2026 ALA NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**CALL TO THE CONVENTION**

Please find enclosed the Call to the National Convention. Additional copies are available at [Call to National Convention](#)

**PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

As designated in the Standing Rules, Section II, Item 4b, the Pre-Convention Committee Meetings schedule is listed below.

Virtual Pre-Convention Committee Meetings

The following committees will meet virtually August 12-25 for their Pre-Convention Committee Meeting:

Title	Pre-Con Date	Time (ET)	Registration Link
AEF	Wednesday, August 19, 2026	7 p.m.	Pre-Convention Committee Meeting Registration will open on July 15, 2026
ALA Girls Nation	Thursday, August 13, 2026	8 p.m.	
Americanism	Monday, August 24, 2026	7 p.m.	
Chaplains	Thursday, August 20, 2026	7:30 p.m.	
Children & Youth	Thursday, August 20, 2026	8:30 p.m.	
Community Service	Tuesday, August 18, 2026	8 p.m.	
Education	Tuesday, August 18, 2026	7 p.m.	
Finance	Tuesday, August 25, 2026	7:30 p.m.	
Historians	Wednesday, August 19, 2026	9 p.m.	
Junior Activities	Thursday, August 13, 2026	7 p.m.	
Leadership	Monday, August 17, 2026	7:30 p.m.	
Legislative	Wednesday, August 12, 2026	7 p.m.	
Membership	Wednesday, August 12, 2026	8 p.m.	
National Security	Wednesday, August 19, 2026	8 p.m.	
Poppy	Monday, August 17, 2026	8:30 p.m.	
Public Relations	Tuesday, August 18, 2026	6 p.m.	
VA&R	Monday, August 24, 2026	8 p.m.	

Each department shall designate one official representative to attend the Virtual Pre-Convention Committee Meetings. The official representative does not need to be a delegate or alternate; however, only those official representatives who are convention delegates/alternates will be allowed to vote in the virtual pre-convention committee meetings.

Departments shall designate their official representative via an online form provided by ALA National Headquarters.

Any member may attend the Virtual Pre-Convention Committee Meetings. Recordings will be posted for 90 days after the meeting on the ALA website. Members should sign up using the online form above.

### In-Person Pre-Convention Committee Meetings

The following committees will meet in person on Saturday, August 29:

Credentials Committee  
Rules Committee  
Resolutions Committee  
Constitution & Bylaws

The Credentials, Rules, Resolutions, and Constitution & Bylaws Pre-Convention Committee Meetings will be the only pre-convention meetings held in person on Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the Kentucky International Convention Center. The Credentials, Rules, and Resolutions committees will meet concurrently (at the same time), while the Constitution & Bylaws Committee will be held that afternoon.

Each department secretary will indicate representatives to the in-person Pre-Convention Committee Meetings during delegate and alternate registration which opens in August. These individuals must be delegates or alternates to the National Convention.

### **Roll Call and Voting Procedures:**

#### **Virtual Meetings**

To ensure an accurate roll call of official representatives and to facilitate voting, the following procedure will be used for all Virtual Pre-Convention Committee Meetings:

- **Attendance:** Each official representative must indicate that they are the official representative when they log in by responding to the on-screen prompts. The sergeant-at-arms is responsible for checking attendance, indicating on a shared document any departments not represented.
- **Voting:** Official representatives will vote electronically using the Zoom poll feature. Only official representatives may vote; others present have voice, but no vote.

#### **In-Person Meetings**

To provide an accurate roll call and to facilitate voting, the following procedure will be used for the Pre-Convention Committee Meetings:

- In the front of each meeting room, 52 chairs will be reserved — one for the official representative (either a delegate or alternate) of each department. Cards bearing department names will be affixed to the chairs in alphabetical order. Other individuals present have voice but no vote.
- The sergeant-at-arms is responsible for checking vacant chairs and indicating on a list the departments not represented. The department secretary electronically submits to ALA National Headquarters the name of the representative assigned to the Pre-Convention Committee Meeting; therefore, each department has an assigned chair, and it is not necessary to call the roll or pass a roll list.
- Voting will take place via voice vote. Votes may also be confirmed by a standing vote, show of hands, or roll call.
- Only the members of the Pre-Convention Committee on Constitution & Bylaws and one representative assigned from each department are entitled to vote on the recommendation to be made to the convention body.

### **Constitution & Bylaws**

The purpose of the Pre-Convention Committee Meeting on Constitution & Bylaws is to receive and consider all proposed amendments to the governing documents to be presented to the convention body, and to verify that amendments adopted by the convention body are correctly incorporated into the governing documents. It is also to clarify the meaning of the proposals. [ALA National Standing Rule II. National Convention, #4, (c)]

Each proposed amendment will be presented for explanation by a member of the Pre-Convention Committee on Constitution & Bylaws. Any delegate may ask questions only to clarify the intent or purpose of a proposed amendment. There will be no debate on the merits of the proposal. Upon conclusion of *open discussion* regarding clarification of each proposed amendment, the *committee* may discuss the merits of the proposal

and may vote to either a) recommend to the convention body that a proposed amendment be adopted; b) recommend to the convention body that a proposed amendment not be adopted; or c) make no recommendation to the convention body regarding a proposed amendment.

### **NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

#### **Pre-Convention NEC Meeting (2025-2026 National Executive Committee)**

Date: Saturday, August 29, 2026  
Time: 8:30 a.m. *Tentative*  
Location: Ballroom E, Kentucky International Convention Center

#### **Post-Convention NEC Meeting (2026-2027 National Executive Committee)**

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2026  
Time: 9 a.m.  
Location: M109-M110, Kentucky International Convention Center

### **DRESS CODE FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION**

To celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, the national president invites all convention attendees to show their patriotic spirit by wearing **festive red, white, and blue business casual attire** throughout the 2026 National Convention.

For all business meetings, please note: **No jeans, shorts, or tank tops.**

Individuals appearing on stage during a general session or presiding at a meeting are asked to wear **red, white, and/or blue business attire**, such as a suit or dress.

### **ALA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OFFICES**

American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters office will be located:

Thursday, August 27 – Wednesday, September 2: Hall A, Kentucky International Convention Center

### **ONLINE SUBMISSION – NATIONAL CONVENTION INFORMATION, REGISTRATION, AND TICKETING**

A website link will be provided to department secretaries in May for submission of the following:

- National Convention Department Pages
- States Dinner Ticket Purchases
- Packet Pickup and Delivery Information

Once the delegate strength has been determined by each department after August 1, 2026, instructions will be sent to register and certify delegates and alternates via the online system. Auxiliary departments will also be able to register guests utilizing the same online system. This system will enable departments to register guests and designate their delegates or alternates for pre-convention committee meeting representatives.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

National Officers  
Past National Presidents  
National Executive Committee  
Alternate National Executive Committee  
National Chairs  
National Committee Members  
Department Presidents  
Department Secretaries  
National Convention Chair  
Candidates for 2026-2027 National Office