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TO: Cary Haerlin, Judge Advocate Department of Florida Marine Corps League  
FROM: George LaMont, Commandant Department of Florida  
SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to Department Bylaws – Convention/Conferences Committee

The following amendment/addition to the Department of Florida By Laws and Administrative Procedure Section 300 – CONVENTION/CONFERENCES COMMITTEE is proposed for consideration of adoption by the membership.

**CURRENT:**

**SECTION 300 – CONVENTION/CONFERENCES COMMITTEE**

(a) The Convention/Conferences Committee will consist of the Chairman, Assistant Chairman, Department Adjutant, Department Sr.Vice Commandant, Protocol Officer, representatives of the Department of Florida Marine Corps League Auxiliary and Military Order of Devil Dogs Florida Pack.

(b) The Convention / Conference Committee is responsible for receiving and reviewing all bids for sponsorship of Department Meetings.

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5. Bids for Sponsorship of the Fall Conference should be received prior to the scheduled Annual Convention of the current calendar year to be considered. Bids for Sponsorship of the Spring

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**PROPOSED: (*change underlined*)**

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Department of Florida – Marine Corps League, Inc.

Web Site: [www.mclfl.org](http://www.mclfl.org)

Marine Corps League was formed in 1923 - Chartered & Incorporated by Congress on August 4, 1937

Not for profit veterans service organization per IRS Code 501(c) (4)

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**RATIONAL:**

The current section calls for the Commandant and the Paymaster to sign the contract. The Paymaster is an appointed position serving at the pleasure of the Commandant. The proposed amendment replaces the Paymaster as a signatory on the contract with that of the Judge Advocate who is elected by the membership and does not serve at the pleasure of the Commandant. The proposed amendment also provides for more time between the vote to approve a bid and the fall conference; which may enhance contract negotiation and allow sufficient time for the planning and preparation by the conference host organization.

Respectfully submitted,  
*George LaMont*, Commandant