

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN
89th NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE ON
BUDGET & FINANCE
LEXINGTON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, JACKSONVILLE, FL
OCTOBER 13, 2016**

The National Convention Committee on Budget and Finance met in the Propeller Room of the Lexington Hotel & Conference Center, Jacksonville, FL, at 0900 on Thursday, October 13, 2016.

In attendance were:

Chairman:	PNP Gary C. Blackburn, Branch 008
Members:	PRPEC W. G. "Jerry" Butler, Branch 141
	PRPSE Gerald "Jerry" Brice, Branch 187(arrived at 9:20a.m.)
	PRPSW Michael "Mick" Fulton, Branch 289
	PRPNEng Paul F. Loveless, Jr., Branch 156
	PRPWC Nathan "Joe" Nash, Branch 192
Advisors:	NED Thomas J. Snee, Branch 181
	FO Nora M. Graham
Visitors:	PRPSC Leo Vance, Branch 159
	PRPSW Michael Frontz, Branch 47
	PNP Jim Scarborough, Branch 40
	NVP Donald Larson, Branch 94
	PRPEC Paul Gunther, Branch 182
	NP Virgil Courneya, Branch 274
	PNP Bill Combs, Branch 05
	Shipmate S.D. Martin, Branch 166
	PRPNC Marty Posekany, Branch 298
	PRPNE John Rotheimer, Branch 231
	PRPNE Bill Starkey, Branch 57
	PNP Lawrence Boudreaux, Branch 275

New Business:

Due to the issue of lack of printing capabilities etc., the budget & finance committee recommends making pen and ink changes for any proposed changes to the budget in the delegate kit.

A question came up regarding the awards section of the proposed budget with a S/M requesting additional funding. The Budget & Finance committee rejected this request as this line item is already over-expended.

Discussion by the committee on line item 14 regarding the funds taken out of restricted reserves. These funds, if used for operating expenses, will incur a tax liability.

The next discussion was on a recommendation from the Past National President's committee to have the current budget year actuals with line item numbers reflected in the budget. The committee recommends to have the line items placed on the current budget year actuals report. Have these pages perforated, so the delegates can remove the report and place it alongside the proposed budget.

The budget and finance committee recommends approval of the dues increase.

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Discussion ensued on the need to show justification details for the proposed dues increase.

Discussion by S/M Martin on the fact that the income does not match the expenditures and how can the organization continue to exist.

PNP Combs stated that a newly formed committee will be taking a close look at each line item expenditure, in the proposed FRA budget.

With no further business, the chair adjourned the committee at 1100.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

PNP GARY C .BLACKBURN
Chairman