

Office Notes

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We would like to take this opportunity to make a few announcements.

We are getting a lot of **returned emails** for the weekly membership reports. If you are not getting correspondence, please email ncalahq@nclegion.org and ncala-membership@nclegion.org your current email address.

We have a new email address specifically for our **Membership Secretary, Amanda McMillan**. Please address all membership-related issues to her at ncala-membership@nclegion.org.

We still have plenty of our centennial Edition ALA Magazine, please let us know if you would like one.

We also need to be mindful of the proper policy related to **cancellation of membership**. According to Karin Romani at National Headquarters, Membership Outreach Coordinator, the following is true:

“If a unit is requesting a membership be cancelled due to a disciplinary or eligibility challenge situation, the unit must have followed due process and held a hearing with appropriate documentation used and then submitted to the Dept with minutes from the meeting/hearing and good details written. The member then has a certain time in which they can appeal to the DEC about this ruling. After that period, departments then submit all of the documentation to ALA National HQ and ask us to cancel that membership so we can appropriately mark them and keep documentation. The decision of the DEC is not appealable to ALA National. These steps have been outlined (though vaguely) in past Unit Guides and in the Dept Operations Guide. The current Unit Guide is a little confusing on this subject and is being revised. But in general, we can’t violate a member’s “rights” of membership. Some people have a tough year or years and can’t or don’t want to pay their dues. That is their prerogative. A member should not be removed without their consent or knowledge.”

Thank you for all you do as Members of Department of NC American Legion Auxiliary.

“You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”
John Bunyan