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Attached is the May special edition of the Palomar Chapter 455 newsletter. This is almost totally devoted to an analysis of the resolutions and issues appearing on the referenda ballot you will receive in the mail with your June NARFE magazine. Please read the resolutions [they are available from the NARFE web site or by mail (free) from NARFE by calling (703) 838-7760 Ext. 252.

Please, when you receive your ballot, **do NOT** just blindly mark the box saying "Adopt All" or "Reject All" referring to the national bylaw/resolutions committee recommendations. Take the time to familiarize yourself with the resolutions (books will be available at our May meeting) and consider all analyses you receive - even this one from your old and ornery former chapter president - I won't lead you astray. But most importantly, make up your own mind about each individual resolution. Also look at my recommendation regarding the candidates for national office. I did make a recommendation about who NOT to vote for but with the dearth of useful information in the candidate statements and the lack of the ability to question them directly at a convention I can not make a useful recommendation on who to elect.

Note that I did not call anyone or their resolution "stupid", this time, although I did, a couple of times, refer to our NEB as the "Dirty Dozen" regarding their obvious power grabbing actions and resolutions. Even a cursory reading of the resolutions, including the four submitted after the deadline by the "Dirty Dozen", will show the attempt to take the association away from the members in favor of the ruling class at the national office. You will also note the absence of any vote on the NARFE legislative agenda, as has been the business practice for the last 50 or so years, as well as the

sneaky way the short "business" session was scheduled after the advertised end of the conference, and changes made to our corporate statement without any explanation or rationale [just a "here it is vote yes" and shut up]. These are subjects for another day but check out the resolutions by the D/D to achieve their desires without any explanation.

Anyway, read and enjoy!

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