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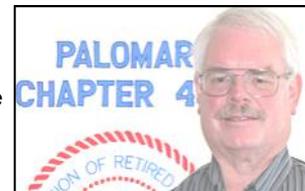
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President's Thoughts

by Robert N 'Bob 2' Davidson II



Summer is almost upon us as Spring moves on. Memorial Day is this month and also this month we will be reviewing the FedCon18 resolutions that will be voted on starting May 10th.

I would like to thank our chapter 455 friend and CPA Dale Huffman for his informative talk with regard to the new tax laws that will affect all of us. His handouts let us see how we are going to benefit or not in 2018 taxes. Many questions were asked and answered and once more I believe all were highly satisfied with Dale's presentation.

All of us need to read our NARFE magazine this month and double check the NARFE.org website for all information with regard to the voting of National Officers, resolutions and possible surprise issues that are slipped into the ballot. Voting begins May 10th but you should not be quick to vote as additional information will be coming to you from Old Bob Davidson that will help you with all the issues. The resolutions book does not contain the latest NEB four "proposed" resolutions which appeared on the website and were sent out via email in April. Old Bob Davidson will be commenting more on this and many other issues facing our Association.

Two Passing's of NARFE Friends.

We received sad news on Monday April 16th that our Federation Executive VP Judy Majora had passed away and then very next day that former Federation President Ken Boffin had also. Old Bob and I drove up to Visalia on Friday to be at Judy's funeral where a large gathering of friends and NARFE members were there to remember her. Judy will be sadly missed as she loved NARFE and was always there when NARFE needed her. On Saturday we attended Ken's memorial service in Sacramento which was attended by many of his close friends and neighbors along with our Federation President Lea Zajac and Region VIII VP Helen Zajac and other NARFE members.

Hold on to your family and friends, they may leave far too quickly and unexpectedly or you may; love them intensely, enjoy their company, be a joy in someone's life.

As always - Live long and Prosper

"The older I grow the more I distrust the familiar doctrine that age brings wisdom."

H. L. Mencken

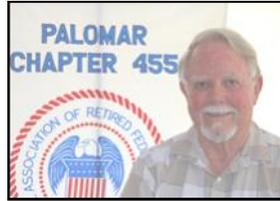
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OPINION

By Old Bob Davidson, Editor

FEDCON18



As promised, this month's newsletter is devoted almost entirely to the NARFE business conference called "FedCon18" being held in Jacksonville, Florida August 26-28, 2018 as well as related issues. This conference replaces our traditional national convention and changes the entire relationship between NARFE leaders and the general membership. We will be considering all (at this time) the resolutions that are going to appear on the referendum voting ballot being mailed with your June 2018 NARFE magazine. We will also discuss other issues relative to the operation of NARFE National, Federations, Chapters, and the non-chapter members.

[Please remember, the opinions expressed in this column are editorial in nature and are mine—not NARFE's, not the CSFC, nor Chapter 455's. They are designed to get you thinking, whether you agree or not with my opinions is immaterial, at least you are thinking.] So let's get started.

The Dates of the NARFE FedCon18 are August 26-28, 2018? NO IT IS NOT!!!!

What do you mean, Bob? The NARFE magazine states the dates of the conference as August 26-28, the web site states the dates of the conference as August 26-28. Every letter and notice we have gotten says the dates are August 26-28, 2018. And I made my hotel and airline reservations to accommodate the dates in the NARFE publications, what do you mean those are not the correct dates? Simple, remember back in 2016 at the Reno National Convention when, after a lot of discussion about OMOV and promises by our national president that glitches would be fixed and that at the next convention/conference in 2018 attendees would be able to propose and vote on resolutions during a business session at that conference? The caveat being that any resolution adopted at the conference would have to be sent for a membership vote by referendum. Remember that? Well, do you see in any NARFE publication or announcement about the FedCon18 a planned business session? No! Only if you go to the trouble to bring up from the web site the AGENDA for the conference. Then you will see that on **Wednesday, AUGUST 29TH** [the day after the banquet and the day after the end of the conference as advertised in official NARFE publications] between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM there is a business "meeting" scheduled. Now, how many NARFE members do you think will be attending the business session [after the training, speeches, and banquet are over]? Do you think there will be a quorum? 350 members? Are you kidding? And, do you think this was an "honest" mistake or a calculated move to keep the membership from doing business?

This means that if a "...member, chapter, federation," wishes to submit a bylaw amendment, resolution, or motion for consideration of the conference attendees it will

have to be done in the three hour period on the day after the advertised end of the conference. How sneaky can you get?????

As Will Rogers said about the grand opera, "It ain't over till the fat lady sings." Well, the fat lady may have sung but it's not over!

**NO, the true FedCon18 conference dates are:
August 26th thru August 29th, 2018.**

So, what about the referendum and voting that is scheduled to be completed before the FedCon18 conference? Let us consider the following:

1. The National Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.
2. The resolutions the membership is allowed to vote on.
3. The resolutions the membership are not allowed to vote on.
4. Manipulation of the national bylaws and rules by the national office.
5. Candidates for national office and the basic responsibilities of the Regional Vice Presidents.
6. The NARFE Legislative Program.

The National Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

This five man committee, was selected from volunteers by the national president [Standing Rule II, Section 1.A.6.]. The committee apparently was given a "charge" or list of duties by someone in the national office. I asked our RVP if she could get me a copy of the charge as I could find no mention of the duties of the committee in the bylaws, rules, or policies and I asked who would have authored those rules and who approved their use. Our RVP obtained a copy for me but was unable to specify who, or what office, had promulgated those charges, or rules. **This charge is printed on page 3 of this newsletter.**

Did you realize that this five person committee was authorized by someone—not the membership—to select some resolutions for us to vote on and to **veto** others so the membership would not be able to vote on those resolutions? In other words, five people especially selected by the national president were given the authority to determine what the membership would vote on and what they would not—and because of the interpretation by the national officers of the 2016 OMOV resolution, no appeal, debate, or consideration of the vetoed resolutions would be allowed. So, in the April issue of the NARFE magazine you saw the list of resolutions submitted for full membership vote by the committee but you were not made aware of the 20 some odd additional resolutions vetoed by the committee. To find these hidden resolutions you had to get the "Resolution Book" by downloading it from the web site or requesting a copy by calling the phone number, (703) 838-7760 Ext. 252, furnished by the national office. [I was going to review each of the "Vetoed" resolutions for this newsletter but ran out of time and energy although I will mention a couple for your information.]

Improper Bylaws/Resolution Committee "Charge".

The following “charge” given to the committee apparently has no author [none that our RVP-8 could determine] and it gives this committee of five specially selected members the charge to “assess and approve” bylaw amendments, resolutions etc. for placement on the ballot. It also gives these five people the authority to determine [including the right to veto] what to

include on the ballot for the full membership vote. The committee is to also “advise and support the Secretary/Treasurer” . [This discriminatory and unethical power given to only five people is also part of Bylaw Amendment NEB01 which I recommend to REJECT.]

Bylaws and Resolutions 2018 Committee Charge

Background

In the October 2017 NARFE magazine, there was a call for volunteers to serve on one of the newly formed Standing Committees. Committees would be comprised of representatives from across NARFE. The NEB approved the creation of these standing committees. The National President made the appointments from those who volunteered. The President did appoint a Regional Vice President to serve as an NEB liaison, with the exception of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee. The President and Executive Director would be ex officio members of all committees with the exception of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

All Standing Committees met at National Headquarters during the week of January 22, 2018, and their assignments will continue through October 31, 2018 when the current term of office ends.

The October 2017 article described the duties of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee by stating: **“The charge of the Bylaws and Resolutions committee is to advise and support the Secretary/Treasurer in the review of and action on current and proposed bylaws and resolutions** and other governance matters consistent with the current strategic and operating plans.”

Once the Committee was assigned, the committee members were provided with the **Bylaws and Resolutions 2018 Committee Charge** (as follows). **The NEB received information copies of the Charge for each Committee but did not review or approve the Charge.**

Statement of Purpose

The charge of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee is to assess and approve proposed bylaws amendments and other resolutions for placement on a ballot for a vote of the membership.

Committee Responsibilities

- Assess proposals submitted by the deadline and determine whether and which to refer to the other standing committee (s) for review and recommendation
- Gather input from strategic committees to develop list of amendments and resolutions to be considered by the committee at its face-to-face meeting
- Determine whether and how to work with the submitter of the amendment (s) and other resolution (s) to revise and or re-submit
- **Convene to determine which amendments and other resolutions should be included on the ballot for a full membership vote**
- Develop committee report by February 1 for publication in *narfe* magazine
- Seek and consider input of the NARFE parliamentarian and adhere to Roberts Rules of Order
- Provide support to the planned assessment of the NARFE governing documents for compliance and consistency
- Align governing documents and structure with findings of NARFE Next project
- Provide input into governance matters as may arise
- **Act as a champion for committee outcomes**

Manipulation of the Bylaws and Rules by the National Office.

Although we ordinary “animals” have to follow the rules, “...some animals are more equal...” (Pg 5) and don’t have to do so. Thus the NEB has submitted four issues for vote on the ballot.

1. Ballot Question 1: Preferential Voting. Although the NEB had nearly two years to consider the unintended consequences of the OMOV issue, it wasn’t until the actual number of candidates for national president were counted that they realized that a different method of voting for any office with more than two candidates had to be arranged. This has been explained in the May NARFE magazine. However, as a newly offered bylaw we have nothing but an offering from the NARFE parliamentarian but a paraphrased reprint of a section of Robert’s Rules—but no exact language as a bylaw must have. Robert’s Rules, which have precedence over the vagaries of the NEB, specifically states, **“It can be used with respect to the election of officers only if expressly authorized in the bylaws.” §45** . All of this indicates that to be a change to the bylaws this issue should have been presented as a bylaw amendment and subject to a

2/3 supermajority vote. Unless properly presented I believe this “Question” should be **REJECTED**.

2. Ballot Question 2: Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation. This “Question” is not explained in the slightest. The RVP’s are apparently no longer listed as directors of the corporation. Nor are the national officers. Yet new language has been proposed to indemnify “A director” which if taken as written the newly hired Executive Director , Barbara Sido, is our only director. I would like to see the analysis of these proposed changes by our attorney [and perhaps Mr. Ron Bower, our resident corporate law specialist] **before** this issue is put to a vote. Although only a few words are used, the changes in our corporate articles appear massive—with no explanation. I guess our NEB feels we ordinary “animals” are not equal enough to understand why the NEB feels the need to change the Articles of Incorporation. But for one, I should like to know more before I vote to adopt and until such is presented I recommend **REJECT**.
3. Ballot Question 3. Secretary/Treasurer Salary. This is written as a resolution and is adequately explained. Given the change in work status and non-resident status of the national Secretary/Treasurer this resolution makes sense. I recommend **ADOPT**.

4. This is a properly submitted resolution [if you don't count the missed deadline, which privilege apparently is limited to the NEB]. However, please read this late arrival very carefully. This is a "Draconian" amendment in several ways:

1. No longer can an individual member submit an amendment for vote of the full membership. If passed this amendment requires **20 members, in good standing**, to be able to submit a resolution to amend the bylaws, while still allowing chapters, federations, committees, and the NEB to submit resolutions, only the single member will be prohibited. This effectively eliminates any **non-chapter member** from this membership function. When was the last time 20 non-chapter members got together to discuss or work on NARFE issues? That's primarily the reason non-chapter members don't belong to chapters—they want to remain individuals. Some of the most valuable resolutions have come from individuals and this amendment would prohibit those ideas from being considered.
2. Any amendment approved at a "Business Conference" would have to wait two years for an "election ballot" unless 2/3's of the NEB voted to put it on a referendum. So the "Dirty Dozen" will control when a vote is to be taken.
3. This amendment establishes, in the bylaws, the Bylaws Committee and allows the committee to "...edit, combine, substitute, or **reject** [read that as VETO] proposals" . In other words the five members of the committee chosen by the national president will have established in the national bylaws the right to veto and not send to a vote of the membership any proposed resolution they wish. The five (5) carefully selected members will have more power than the 210,000 [or what ever the number is at that point] association members. Oh, there will be the opportunity to appeal a veto or rejection to the NEB who can vote by 2/3's supermajority to uphold or overturn the decision of the committee. Big wow—now a committee of 12 (The Dirty Dozen) will decide if the membership will get to vote on an issue. Talk about rigging the vote and as this will be in the bylaws, good luck getting it changed in the future.

Please carefully read the rationale used to justify the objectionable parts of this resolution. One point in particular stands out—the NEB admits that they have not made and evidently will not make provisions for any discussion, debate, or official manner of pro and con communications regarding any resolution relying purely on the viewpoint of the select members of the National Bylaws/Resolutions Committee.

[Old Bob's Opinion—The above rationale is why serious consideration should be given to reversing the current procedure and having debate at the membership conference and the voting done **after** the conference instead of voting first and doing nothing but training and listening to speeches at the conference. NARFE business is more important than speeches and the excuse that debate would not allow non-attending members to get the

benefit of the debate is specious [internet streaming and "Webinars" are common and available to those members who care] and a ploy being used by those who want all power to remain with the national office via the bylaw/resolution committee gambit.]

Resolution 1840R. I bring this resolution to your attention simply because it makes sense and was rejected by the Bylaws Committee and the NEB. This resolution is just that, a general resolution or motion giving direction to the national office. It is supported by many of our long time members dedicated to the success of NARFE and its mission. Please read the resolution. Printed below is the author's rationale as given to the Federation Presidents:

TO ALL FEDERATION PRESIDENTS — "Crunch time" is coming! All NARFE members will have the opportunity to vote and direct our organization forward, starting May 10 thru June 30, 2018!

First point, let's do all we can to get out the vote! This is a first time vote under 1M1V for all members. There are still a number of unknowns and member turnout is one of them. The turnout will provide a way of assessing member interest and involvement in NARFE. The greater amount of voting members will reflect a positive measure of our organizations inner strength and ability to fulfill our MISSION and goals.

Point two — To help assure NARFE moves forward, VOTE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 1840R. This provides the means to achieve our MISSION and goals -- The proposed "Amalgamation" of partners/allies organizational resources, both from within and outside the Federal/Postal Community. It's a given, there is strength in numbers, mutually speaking with one voice! Which collectively provides for a bigger bang within the local Congressional District and Statewide, supporting the National advocacy lead. Meaning the greater turnout we can project/exhibit at the Voting Booth, the greater is the opportunity to gain the attention and support of our local Congressional District and Senatorial Representatives to support our cause -- to preserve and protect your earned benefits.

That's all you really need to know about the main reason to vote yes and adopt Resolution 1840R.

DO YOURSELF AND NARFE A BIG FAVOR -- VOTE YES TO SUPPORT YOURSELF AND THE FUTURE OF NARFE! VOTE YES TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 1840R!

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-Past NFVP, Region II and NEB Member
-Past FP, NJFED
-Past CP, Cherry Hill, NJ***

And a Past National President's view:

Sam, 4/3/18

A few days ago, you asked me if I supported Resolution 1840R and the answer is "yes". When I was at Hdq, we attempted to do the exact thing that Resolution 1840R is proposing since we realized then (with about 300K members) that we were NOT that big a fish in the pond and if we wanted to accomplish our goals and objectives, we needed help from the other fish in the pond.

Since Congressmen 'listen' to their constituents and not other citizens, even though NARFE may be 207+K strong, in each Congressman's district, there may be only a "handful" of constituents that are NARFE members. Having only a few NARFE constituents to lobby for our agenda is 'not' enough to persuade the Congressmen to vote for the NARFE Legislative Agenda. We need help and your proposal can be a giant step towards accomplishing our political agenda. The Postal Unions, as well as the other organizations that represent federal employees, should band together in order for our 'voice to be heard' and to get the attention of the Congressmen.

Look at what is happening with the teachers across the country, especially in WV, OK and AZ. They are banding together and making their voice heard since there are thousands of them. An "AMALGAMATION" of federal employees organizations would be listened to since many more of them (collectively) live in the Congressional Districts than just NARFE members. Again, Congressmen listen to their constituents and 100, 1000, or more constituents writing or calling their Congressmen should (will) get the Congressman's attention vs 5 or 10 NARFE members. If we can't get their attention, then we will not be heard and/or we will not succeed.

Jessie's group does a great job - but Jessie's department (personnel) only belong to a couple of Congressional Districts. When she and John and others from her department visit the Hill (including our NP), the Congressmen will politely listen to them but since they do not vote in their Congressional Districts, the Congressmen are not going to be that concerned or persuaded to support the (NARFE) agenda that is being proposed (unless it benefits their constituents). The real work is done locally in the Congressional Districts and NARFE needs 'help' locally to persuade Congressmen to support our (NARFE) national agenda.

In closing, I do support your Resolution and the reasons for my support are stated above. I hope that our members will seriously consider this Resolution and just not take the Committee's recommendation to reject it - because the committee, in this case, was wrong to reject this Resolution,

Best regards,

Joe B
Joseph A Beaudoin
Immed. Past NP

And another Past National President:

MARGARET BAPTISTE; "Sam, I am in support of your resolution. NARFE's numbers have diminished over the past twenty years and as we all know there is safety in numbers so we must ensure that we constantly work with other Associations and the National Association must get this message loud and clear!

And another Past National President:

CHARLES FALLIS; "Sam, I believe your Resolution 1840R should be SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) in connection with NARFE's legislative program and I am on record advocating for such (attached is a copy of my first campaign program for National President -- note the first bullet). So yes, I endorse Resolution 1840R."

"Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). At all levels of NARFE we need as much legislative clout as we can muster to resolve our problems. I will encourage the formation of reliable and effective legislative coalitions with groups and organizations that have interests in common with NARFE. First, I will concentrate on state government agency personnel such as schoolteachers, both active and retired, who are just as victimized as federal retirees where GPO and WEP are concerned. NARFE has been struggling too long on these issues. We need reinforcements to help us in the battle to first reform, and then eliminate these unfair laws."

Candidates for National Office. For the first time in quite a while we have multiple candidates for the offices of national president and national secretary/treasurer. I urge all NARFE members to read the candidate statements carefully, my strongest opinions are towards who NOT to vote for so I don't think it quite right for me to recommend who to vote FOR. The not to vote for are, frankly, the incumbents, four years of trying to change NARFE from a member based association to a headquarters based "agency" type organization is enough to preclude reelection of these persons even if they are merely trying to exchange positions. We need new ideas!

Resolutions Approved for Vote. Beginning on page six (6) of this newsletter are the Old Bob recommendations for the resolutions we are permitted to vote on. I am not a total contrarian, there are some committee recommendations I agree with and others I do not. You don't have to agree with me but please take the time to review and make up your own mind.

"On every question of construction carry ourselves back to the time when the Constitution was adopted, recollect the spirit manifested in the debates and instead of trying what meaning may be squeezed out of the text or invented against it, conform to the probable one in which it was passed." —Thomas Jefferson (1823)

* (page 3) "*Animal Farm*" by George Orwell.

Responses to "Opinion" are always welcome, keep them clean and, please, sign them, no anonymous responses.

"LAUS DEO"

Old Bob's Bylaw/Resolution Recommendations

The first 11 are the committee's adopt recommendations then their 13 reject recommendations. Please take the time to read the whole resolution as printed in the NARFE resolutions book, available on line, and read the committee's rationale (at the very end of the book) and my recommendations then make up your own mind. Just, PLEASE, do not do the easy thing and vote the committee recommendations by selecting the "Vote for All" boxes that will appear on the ballot you get with your magazine or the "on-line" ballot.

RESOLUTION NUMBER	RESOLUTION PURPOSE	BOB'S ANALYSIS	RECOMMENDATION
1802	Sets duties of Executive Director, modifies duties of NEB and national officers.	This would revise Bylaw Art. IV by making current language into par. A and adding paragraphs B & C which describe the duties of the National Executive Director. The rest of the resolution are conforming changes. The only problematical issue is the wording for Rule II, sec. 1B2 if resolution BC03 fails to be adopted. Then the vacated position of nat. pres. would be automatically filled by the nat. sec/treas.	Adopt
1803	Makes provisions for the inclusion of non-chapter NARFE members in Federations.	The "Proposed changes" and "If Adopted" section for Art. IV, sect. 4A contains a conflict in wording with the proposed language using the term " national members " and the adopted language using the term " non-chapter members ".	Adopt, but only if term "non-chapter" is used in final language.
1804	Removes a word thought to be unnecessary .	The proposed change removes the word "special" from Bylaw Art. III, sect.2B2. The conforming change to Rule II, sect.1A6 adds superfluous language duplicating the meaning of language already in this rule. The bylaw word change is meaningless and the change to the rule is confusing and duplicates the "...deemed necessary by the NEB." language left in the rule.	Reject.
1805	Does not allow a proxy to be made for an NEB member absent from a meeting.	Our NARFE lawyer has alleged that DC corporate law prohibits the assignment of proxies by NEB members who are absent from meetings. Although asked for the law reference, the national Executive Director has not furnished the reference nor language prohibiting such. This is important because the national office also claims that NEB members represent national interests not regional interests even though elected by regions to represent the concerns of the members of their respective regions, Bylaw Art. II, sect. 2E. The lawyer's opinion is not backed up by any quoted law prohibiting such proxy or restricting an RVP from representing the concerns of that region's members. [It is my opinion that this resolution is submitted to cover up the ignoble act by the NEB of changing the 2014 Bylaws without the benefit of a membership notice or vote and having the illicit bylaw change printed in the 2016 bylaw book, as reported in previous issues of this newsletter.]	Reject.
1811	Removes mailing list instructions for candidates wishing labels.	Label/list functions have been replaced by the OAM and are no longer necessary in the bylaws.	Adopt
1818	Clarifies language re: national membership vs association membership.	This changes Bylaws Art. IV, sect. 5D to replace the word national when referring to the prerequisite for chapter membership and substitutes "Association" for clarification.	Adopt

1824	Revises Standing Rule IV, Sect. 1&2 changing the organizational structure and responsibilities of federations and chapters to incorporate the OMOV concept.	<p>This resolution revises the organization and responsibilities of both federations and chapters. The language used is confusing and burdensome i.e. describing in detail federation and chapter officers numbers and duties, requires both to have “..an annual meeting.” [many federations have biennial convention or meetings which would be negated by this provision of the resolution], etc., and essentially requires unnecessary changes in both federation and chapter bylaws.</p> <p>This resolution proposes solutions to problems that do not exist and are not articulated in the resolution. Although, ostensibly, to incorporate the OMOV concept into federation and chapter operations this resolution constantly uses confusing language such as “chapter member” and “national member” as though they were separate categories when all NARFE members are national members. The resolution is long and burdensome and if adopted would only cause constant problems for federation and chapters and appears to resolve problems that do not currently exist. A lot of fancy sounding words that accomplish little if anything but do confuse both federation and chapter concepts. This is a “one size fits all” attempt to standardize our association as though it were a federal agency or business owned by the board of directors and not an association of individual owners [we the members]. This rule change should be rejected!</p>	Reject.
BC01	Establishes a non-voting member category.	<p>This resolution purports to establish a new category of membership, a “supporting member”. Yet the resolution fails to define what a supporting member is and what the difference in qualifications are between the proposed supporting member and the traditional regular NARFE member. This is an issue of sloppy language and a failure to properly define a new member category and as such does not belong in our governing documents, the national bylaws.</p>	Reject.
BC02	Establishes term limits for the Regional Vice Presidents.	<p>Term limits for the RVP’s is long overdue. Long time office holders tend to become complacent in their positions and tend to resist new and different ideas and methods.</p>	Adopt.
BC03	Establishes the procedure for filling the position of association president if vacated.	<p>This resolution allows the NEB to chose a member of the NEB to fill a vacated national president position. It also prohibits any NEB member who has already served as national president for two terms from being selected to fill the vacated position.</p>	Adopt.
BCR-01	Asks for a review and, if necessary, redesigned membership application, renewal form, and renewal letter.	<p>This is a resolution submitted by the Bylaws/Resolution Committee and is reportedly a compilation of five individual resolutions on the same subject [it should be noted that the five resolutions were removed from consideration by this action of the committee]. This issue is raised because of the headquarters delegation of chapter membership/renewal on the documents to a minor position on the forms/letters and has caused many chapter members to fail to renew their chapter membership and therefore automatically become national only members, without the member’s knowledge. Note that this committee resolution only requests a review of the letters/forms but does not require such nor does this “watered down” version require the modification of the letters/forms to grant equal status to the chapter and national only membership categories. Though the committee has changed the scope of the original resolutions from <u>requiring</u> a change to only, “...be reviewed and if necessary...”, it appears that this is our only chance at this subject with this referenda. If no change is made this issue will reappear.</p>	Adopt
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The following 13 resolutions were considered by the National Bylaw/Resolution Committee to be subject for vote by the membership but the committee recommended to reject them all. I find, however, that some do merit adoption and have recommended so. Please read the resolutions and make your own determination.

1801	Again, this advocates allowing the national president to request a third term in office.	In spite of being soundly rejected by the 2016 convention, the Strategic Planning Committee has again advocated allowing the NEB (not the membership) to authorize a third consecutive term for the national president.	Reject
1807	Would again authorize candidates for office to purchase mailing labels including for "National" members.	Resolution 1811, if adopted, would negate this resolution. The issue of mailing labels has effectively been resolved by the OAM procedure and makes the order of specific labels unnecessary.	Reject
1808	Would require the publication of referenda ballot in the same month magazine as the convention/conference is scheduled.	The rationale for this is to allow for possible debate and candidate query at the conference prior to voting. Such debate can be TV streamed to non-attendees so they could be informed. The committee logic that this would interfere with the date of the conference is specious as the date is flexible. This resolution cannot hurt anyone and does allow for the free exchange of ideas that we are denied with the vote required prior to the conference procedure as mandated by the national office. The only thing better would be a bylaw amendment requiring resolution debate and candidate hearings at the conference PRIOR to voting.	Adopt
1809	Would require national standing rules directing federations to provide for a "communications conduit".	This resolution would dictate another interference by the national office in an issue better suited to federation action. The fewer "regulations" from the national office the better the chapters and federation will operate.	Reject
1813	Delays payment of federation share of national dues for a new chapter member until the second year of membership.	Again, a solution to a problem that doesn't exist. Little would be accomplished except to deprive/delay a federation of a legitimate share of the national dues for new chapter members.	Reject
1819	Allows payment of first year representative chapter dues from the "new member fee" for new members who make the decision to join a chapter within six months of their beginning NARFE membership.	Allows chapter to collect the first year representative dues fee for new NARFE members that make a decision to join a chapter within six months of joining NARFE rather than restricting the decision to the same time as joining NARFE. This resolution is good for chapters and for the new members.	Adopt
1820	Requires NEB meeting minutes to be published on the NARFE web site and requires any NEB policy vote to be a roll call vote and that vote to be published in the minutes.	Now the NEB may pick any national publication to publish their meeting summaries. This resolution requires they publish such on the NARFE web site. This also requires any policy vote [this excludes personnel matters in executive session] by the NEB to be a roll call vote and that vote to be published with the summary (minutes) of that meeting. Although currently being published, this roll call vote publication can be cancelled by the NEB at any time and the NEB may hold secret votes and the membership will not know who voted, how, and on what. This resolution requires transparency of the actions of the NEB.	Adopt
1826	Requires the NEB to publish on the NARFE web site the agenda for the Art. III, sec. 3A meetings in advance of the meeting.	The NEB does not publish an agenda prior to their section 3A meetings for the membership to see. Therefore in the interests of transparency this bylaw resolution will require the agenda to be published on the web. This will not interfere with Sect. 3d contrary to the committee's reasoning as sect. 3d refers to the method of meeting not to the meeting itself.	Adopt

1827	Would require the NEB to have a 2/3 majority vote to change any regional aspect.	This resolution would unreasonably restrict the NEB in establishing or otherwise changing regions. Art. III, Sec. 2B1. has little or no practical effect on federations, chapters or members. No need has been articulated to require a 2/3 vote of the NEB in their duties with regard to regions.	Reject
1828	Member to be able to renew chapter membership on the NARFE renewal form.	Although apparently designed to emphasize national membership, there is a poorly designed and less noticeable box to mark for chapter renewal. The entire set of forms need revising but this resolution is not accurate.	Reject
1829	Would require NARFE member to be designated "chapter affiliated" and the national only member would be designated as "non-chapter". Would also allow collection of representative chapter dues when a member had first notification of ability to join chapter.	While the designations of "chapter affiliated" and "non-chapter" members is good and should be adopted, the representative dues collection (a second subject) would be difficult to administer particularly since the proof of when a member received the "first notification" triggering the payment of chapter dues, would be hard to verify.	Reject
1840R	Would require NARFE to make efforts to expand current coalitions to include any organization with NARFE related concerns and to also open the coalition to "partnership allies" with other interests that may be directly/indirectly compatible.	This resolution is neither a bylaw amendment nor a rule change but a direction to NARFE national to expand our coalition efforts to increase our effect on the congress. This resolution is supported by many current and former NARFE executives and members. (See the letters attached to this newsletter from former NARFE National Presidents and other national executives.) This resolution can be adopted by a simple majority vote.	Adopt
1846R	Would require the consolidation of all Federation member rosters into one instead of separating into two [one for chapter members and the other into non-chapter members] and require identical information for each category.	This resolution is neither a bylaw amendment nor a rule change but a direction to the NARFE national office, specifically the Configuration Advisory Board (CAB), to consolidate the Federation membership rosters to make the use of the information more manageable by the Federations. The rationale by the Bylaw/Resolutions Committee that this is an administrative function and therefore not subject to member direction is specious. There is no assurance the CAB will resolve this problem without being subject to the will of the membership. This is a good resolution and can be adopted by a simple majority vote.	Adopt

Vetoed Resolutions.

It had been my intent to review all the "vetoed" resolutions but I've run out of time and energy. Some of them are good, some are not within NARFE's purview, and some were improperly submitted. But it is my contention that the committee should be charged only with assuring resolutions are submitted and formatted on the proper form, submitted in a timely manner, are bylaw/rules amendments, are resolutions otherwise within NARFE's purview and are related to NARFE's mission statement. Guidance, perhaps, but censorship definitely not. Whether to adopt or reject should be the choice of the membership not five appointees.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

In accordance with the bylaw change ratified at our December 2017 meeting, Chapter 455 will have afternoon luncheon meetings the third Wednesday of every odd numbered month of the year. The luncheons will be at a local restaurant with each member responsible for ordering off the menu and paying his/her own check. The luncheon will normally start at 1:00 PM with the program and business meeting from 1:45± - 3:00 PM. **The May general meeting will be on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at the Marie Calendar's Restaurant, 515 W. 13th Street [corner of Center City Pkwy & 13th Street], Escondido from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.**

Future Meeting Dates. (All on the 3rd Wednesday of the odd numbered month), write these dates on your calendar!

May 16, 2018 at Marie Calendar's Restaurant: NARFE Referenda—review of candidates and resolutions before voting.

July 18, 2018 at Marie Calendar's Restaurant: (Program not set)

September 19, 2018 at Marie Calendar's Restaurant: (Program not set.)

Executive Board Meetings. We meet at 10:00AM in the Library Room at the Escondido Marie Calendar's Restaurant every 2nd Wednesday of the odd numbered months of the year. All chapter members are welcome to attend.