NARFE
Strategic Plan 2016

One Member,
One Vote
Why?
In an association that prides itself on being member-directed, only a very small fraction of NARFE’s membership currently participates in the voting process.

At the 2014 National Convention:

• Of the 237,359 eligible voting members, only 581 members cast votes for the bylaw amendments and elections. (Two tenths of one percent.)
The vast majority of NARFE members are disenfranchised.

As chapter attendance continues to diminish, the largest segment of NARFE members eligible to vote, chapter members who do not attend meetings, most often have no input.
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The current structure passes votes “up the line” via delegates and proxies, with no guarantee a member’s voice will be heard.

• The cost of attending a national convention is prohibitive for many.

• Proxies are often passed up the line with little direction on how to vote.

• When new motions are presented at convention, members at home do not have an opportunity to provide input.
Affording each member a vote is no longer prohibitively expensive or cumbersome.

- For many organizations, including not for profit membership associations, one person, one vote has become the norm.

- Electronic balloting can now quite easily and inexpensively be accomplished, with paper ballots available to all who choose.
Goal
One Member, One Vote

With cost no longer an issue, and fewer and fewer members attending meetings, one member one, vote is intended to truly provide members with input into NARFE’s governance.

Each and every NARFE member is given an opportunity to participate in the voting process.
How Does It Work?
• Every member of NARFE will be entitled to one vote.

• Resolution committees will be appointed every two years.

• Committees will continue to review, combine or accept resolutions.
• Voting for national officers, regional vice presidents and resolutions will take place, and ballots will be counted prior to each national convention.

• Both electronic and paper ballots will be made available.
• Any other resolutions agreed upon from the convention floor will be voted on by referendum post-convention.

• All members of the Association, regardless of chapter status, will be eligible to run for national office.
Questions?