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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



PRIMARIES APPROACHING

This coming Tuesday, March 20, 2018, Primary Elections will be held in Illinois for National, State and locally elected officials. It is both our right and one of the freedoms that no one can legally take from us. Study the candidates and incumbents well for all these positions to insure your vote is informed on the issues that each candidate supports and opposes. The winners in this Primary will become the final Candidates on the ballot of the General Election on November 6 when we will make our final choices to fill these offices.

In case you do not have a list of the 18 U.S. Representatives to identify the one who represents your area, it is attached on page 2 of this newsletter. For us in NARFE, it is important to review the Committees your Representative is on to be an advocate for NARFE and government employees and retirees and the NARFE Mission of protecting our earned benefits and promoting actions and votes that support the Federal workforce and retirees. More will be presented on advocacy strategies in a later issue of this newsletter.

All of the Legislation and Budgets affecting the Federal Employee and Retiree normally begin with a Member of the House of Representatives or a Senator who sponsors a proposal and gathers fellow co-sponsors. He or she then presents the proposal to the respective Senate Majority Leader or the Speaker of the House for acceptance and assignment to the appropriate Committees and Subcommittees for review and comment and eventual vote to dismiss the Bill or return it to the House or Senate leadership for consideration of bringing it to the floor for a vote of the respective Chambers.

List of IL U.S. Representatives in the current 115th Congress:

<i>Illinois</i>					
District	Name	Party	Office Room	Phone	Committee Assignments
1st	Rush, Bobby L.	D	2188 RHOB	(202) 225-4372	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy and Commerce
2nd	Kelly, Robin	D	1239 LHOB	(202) 225-0773	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign Affairs Oversight and Government Reform
3rd	Lipinski, Daniel	D	2346 RHOB	(202) 225-5701	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation and Infrastructure Science, Space, and Technology
4th	Gutierrez, Luis	D	2408 RHOB	(202) 225-8203	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judiciary
5th	Quigley, Mike	D	2458 RHOB	(202) 225-4061	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriations Intelligence
6th	Roskam, Peter J.	R	2246 RHOB	(202) 225-4561	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ways and Means
7th	Davis, Danny K.	D	2159 RHOB	(202) 225-5006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ways and Means
8th	Krishnamoorthi, Raja	D	515 CHOB	(202) 225-3711	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education and the Workforce Oversight and Government Reform
9th	Schakowsky, Jan	D	2367 RHOB	(202) 225-2111	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Energy and Commerce
10th	Schneider, Bradley	D	1432 LHOB	(202) 225-4835	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign Affairs Judiciary Small Business
11th	Foster, Bill	D	1224 LHOB	(202) 225-3515	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Services Science, Space, and Technology
12th	Bost, Mike	R	1440 LHOB	(202) 225-5661	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture Transportation and Infrastructure Veterans' Affairs
13th	Davis, Rodney	R	1740 LHOB	(202) 225-2371	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture House Administration Transportation and Infrastructure
14th	Hultgren, Randy	R	2455 RHOB	(202) 225-2976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Services Science, Space, and Technology
15th	Shimkus, John	R	2217 RHOB	(202) 225-5271	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy and Commerce
16th	Kinzinger, Adam	R	2245 RHOB	(202) 225-3635	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign Affairs Energy and Commerce
17th	Bustos, Cheri	D	1009 LHOB	(202) 225-5905	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture Transportation and Infrastructure
18th	LaHood, Darin	R	1424 LHOB	(202) 225-6201	Natural Resources & Science, Space, and Technology

NARFE ELECTIONS NOW ALSO ON

While we make our choices for a U.S. Congressman and many State and local officials this year, so too the time is coming for us to choose new NARFE National leadership in June and July before the National Conference (FEDcon18) is held in Jacksonville, FL on August 26-28. As a result of the approval of the “One Member, One Vote” By-Law change, all NARFE Members now have the opportunity to choose among the Candidates for NARFE National Officers and the By-Law changes they personally choose from the lists on pp. 4-10 of this newsletter which summarize the NARFE magazine list already available in the March NARFE magazine and to be released in their entirety in the upcoming April to June NARFE magazines.

The following individuals have filed as Candidates for the NARFE Leadership positions that are open this year. ALL NARFE voting Members will have an opportunity to make their selections in June and July of this year by paper ballot, electronically on the Internet or by telephone. You will need to provide the appropriate identification items before voting on both the above candidates and on your personal preferences for the Resolutions for By-Law changes that NARFE Members across the country have submitted for consideration. More will be presented on the Resolutions for By-Law changes on later pages of this issue.

The following NARFE National Officer positions are open this year and will require our individual votes to determine who will lead NARFE for the next two years. Their Resumes can all be found on pp. 52-64 of your March 2018 NARFE Magazine.

For the Office of NARFE National President:

Candidates:	Jon Dowie Steve Lenkart Ken Thomas Theodore A. (Ted) Van Hintum
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For the Office of NARFE Secretary/Treasurer:

Candidates:	Kathryn Hensley Richard G. Thissen
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For the Office of NARFE Region IV Vice President:

(this Region includes Illinois along with MI, WI, IN, & OH)

Candidates:	Robert L. Helfrich Donald F. Wiese
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RESOLUTIONS MADE; WHICH KEPT?

Since the last NARFE National Convention in 2016, there were a series of Resolutions to change or amend the NARFE National By-Laws for the coming two years. Because of “One Member, One Vote” all Members can review and vote on each and all of these 47 Resolutions, 3 By-Laws Committee comments, and 1 By-Laws Committee Resolution which follow:

REPORT OF BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE 2018

BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Number	Subject	Effect	Recommendation
1802	NARFE Executive Director	Spells out duties of executive director	ADOPT
1803	Federations	Defines federation membership/organization	ADOPT
1804	Committees	Redefines committees.	ADOPT
1805	Proxies	Disallows proxies on NEB	ADOPT
1811	Membership Lists & Labels	Removes language from standing rules	ADOPT
1818	Clarify National Membership	Replaces "national" with "association"	ADOPT
1824	Federations and Chapters	Incorporates OCM and OMOV into federations/chapters	ADOPT
BC01	Supporting Members (1806/1810)	Allows those supporting NARFE mission as nonvoting members	ADOPT
BC02	RVP Term Limits (1812/1817)	Restricts RVPs from serving more than three consecutive terms	ADOPT
BC03	Vacancies (1814/1822)	Allows NEB to fill vacancy in president from NEB	ADOPT
BCR-01	Membership Forms (1832R/1833R/1834R/1836R/1845R)	Requests review and possible redesign of membership forms	ADOPT

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR REJECTION

Number	Subject	Effect	Recommendation
1801	Term Limit Exception	Allow president to run for third consecutive term.	REJECT
1807	Access to Lists and Labels	Defines access to labels for federation candidates	REJECT
1808	Timing of Ballot Votes	Issue month of magazine coincides with conference	REJECT
1809	Expand Federation Duties	Federations become communications hub	REJECT
1813	Reallocate Chapter Dues	Reallocates new member dues from federation to chapters	REJECT
1819	First Year Chapter Fee	Extends period of chapter fee receipt to six months	REJECT
1820	Publication of Roll Call Vote	Requires publication of board votes on policy changes.	REJECT
1826	Publication of NEB Agendas	Requires publication of board agendas 7 days ahead	REJECT
1827	Changes to Regions	Requires a two-thirds vote to change regions	REJECT
1828	Renew Chapter Membership	Change to renewal form	REJECT
1829	Member Category Names	Changes "national" to "non-chapter" members	REJECT
1840R	NARFE Cannot do it Alone	Forms a new coalition of similar interest organizations	REJECT
1846R	Consolidation of Rosters	Consolidates national and chapter member data	REJECT

Content of Proposals Acted on By Committee

Number	Type	Subject	Effect	Recommendation
1801	Bylaws	Term Limit Exception	Allow President to run for third consecutive term	Reject
1802	Bylaws	NARFE Executive Director	Spells out duties of Executive Director	Adopt
1803	Bylaws	Federations	Defines Federation membership/organization	Adopt
1804	Bylaws	Committees	Redefines committees	Adopt
1805	Bylaws	Proxies	Disallows Proxies on NEB	Adopt
1806	Bylaws	Caregivers Membership	Allows Children and Caregivers of NARFE Members to become members	Supplanted by BC-01
1807	Standing Rule	Access to Lists and Labels	For Federation offices, only labels for chapter or National members may be purchased	Reject
1808	Standing Rule	Timing of Ballot Vote	Issue month of ballot magazine coincides with conference	Reject
1809	Standing Rule	Expand Federation Duties	Federations become communications hub	Reject
1810	Bylaws	Supporting Members	Allows those supporting NARFE mission as nonvoting members	Supplanted by BC-01
1811	Standing Rule	Membership Lists/Labels	Eliminates the need for lists and labels	Adopt
1812	Bylaws	Regional VP Term Limits	Limits RVPs to no more than three consecutive terms	Supplanted by BC-02
1813	Bylaws	Chapter Dues Reallocation	Reduces new member first-year chapter reimbursement to 10%; payments to federations begin in second year	Reject
1814	Bylaws	Vacancy in Office of President	NEB fills vacancy for remainder of term	Supplanted by BC-03
1815	--	--	--	Withdrawn by Proposer
1816	--	--	--	Withdrawn by Proposer
1817	Bylaws	Regional VP Term Limits	Limits RVPs to term limits	Supplanted by BC-02
1818	Bylaws	Clarify National Membership Prerequisite	Changes language from National membership to Association Membership to become a chapter member	Adopt
1819	Bylaws	First-year Chapter Fees	Changes time allotted for chapters to receive new member first-year chapter fees	Reject
1820	Bylaws	Roll Call Votes on Policy Issues	Requires roll call votes include in summary of NEB meetings; requires posting on the NARFE website	Reject
1821	--	--	--	Withdrawn by Proposer

1822	Bylaws	Vacancies in Office of President	NEB fills vacancy for remainder of term	Supplanted by BC-03
1823	--	--	--	Withdrawn by Proposer
1824	Standing Rules	Federations and Chapters	Defines roles, responsibilities, and structure of federations and chapters	Adopt
1825	Bylaws	Reversal of Optional Chapter Membership	Make Chapter Membership mandatory	Not in order; no specifics provided
1826	Bylaws	Publication of NEB Meeting Agenda	Requires publication of agendas seven days in advance of meetings	Reject
1827	Bylaws	Changes to Regions	Requires a 2/3 majority vote of NEB to establish and modify NARFE regions	Reject
1828	Bylaws	Chapter Membership Renewal	Provides for members to renew chapter membership on the renewal form	Reject
1829	Bylaws	Membership Category Names	Changes names of chapter and national member categories	Reject
BC-01	Bylaws	NARFE Supporting Members	Composite of two amendments (1808 & 1810) received by the committee	Adopt
BC-02	Bylaws	Regional VP Term Limits	Composite of two amendments (1812 & 1817) received by the committee	Adopt
BC-03	Bylaws	Vacancy in Office of President	Composite of two amendments (1814 & 1822) received by the committee	Adopt
1830R	Resolution	Electronic Membership	Offers free one-year electronic non-voting membership to current and retired federal employees	Not in order; is bylaws amendment
1831R	Resolution	NARFE PAC	NARFE PAC decision process revised	Not in order; PAC is a separate entity not governed by NARFE
1832R	Resolution	Redesign Membership Renewal Form	Changes form to clarify chapter renewal opportunity	Supplanted by BCR-01
1833R	Resolution	Redesign Membership Application	Changes application to highlight joining a chapter	Supplanted by BCR-01
1834R	Resolution	Redesign Membership Application	Changes application to highlight joining a chapter	Supplanted by BCR-01
1835R	Resolution	Eliminate title "National Division"	Identifies two member categories--chapter and non-chapter	Not in order; term not in documents
1836R	Resolution	Revise Membership Renewal Letter	Change letter to reflect chapter renewal first	Supplanted by BCR-01
1837R	Resolution	Management of FLTCSP	NARFE support of new employee paid benefit--Federal long-term care savings plan	Not in order; beyond NARFE scope
1838R	Resolution	Create a 501(c)(3) Foundation	Establish tax-exempt foundation	Requires further investigation; place on hold

1839R	Resolution	Refocus the NEB	Change responsibilities of the NEB	Not in order; a bylaws amendment
1840R	Resolution	NARFE Cannot Do It Alone	Create new partnership with other advocacy groups supporting overall NARFE mission	Reject
1841R	Resolution	Eliminate Residency Requirement	No longer requires National President and National Secretary/Treasurer to live in the NARFE HQ area	Not in order; no residency requirement in any documentation; a budget function
1842R	Resolution	Uniform Term Limits for National Officers	Set term limits to no more than six years	Not in order; a bylaws amendment
1843R	Resolution	Reopen CSRS Retirement System	Lobby Congress to reopen CSRS or create hybrid CSRS/FERS system	Not in order; beyond NARFE scope
1844R	Resolution	Federal Long-Term Care Savings Program	Establish Long-Term Care Savings Program	Not in order; beyond NARFE scope
1845R	Resolution	Revise Membership Renewal Letter	Change form to reflect only chapter membership or chapter membership first if national membership also included	Supplanted by BCR-01
1846R	Resolution	Consolidate Federation Membership Rosters	Combines Federation chapter and national-only member rosters	Reject
1847R	Resolution	Revise Defined Benefit Plan	NARFE lobby for revisions to Thrift Savings Plan and to FERS basic annuity	Not in order; counter to current NARFE position or pensions
BCR-01	Resolution	Membership Forms	Compilation of five resolutions (1832R, 1833R, 1834R, 1836R, and 1845R)	Adopt

BC = Bylaws Committee

BCR = Bylaws Committee Resolution

R = Resolution

BCR01

Number	Title	Sponsor
BCR01	MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORMS	Bylaws and Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION

- Whereas Chapter membership has been declining significantly and dramatically, and
- Whereas, Many chapters believe one major reason for this is that the NARFE redesigned membership application and renewal forms and membership letter tend to guide members to renew as "National Only" members, and
- Whereas, If this trend continues, chapters will face large drops in chapter membership, and
- Whereas, The continuance of this trend will cause irreparable harm to ongoing chapter operations and result in fewer potential future leaders, thus hampering NARFE's plans for succession management and long term organizational development, and
- Whereas, The NARFE membership renewal letter is confusing to many of our members, who as a consequence failed to renew their chapter membership when they renewed their annual membership; now therefore be it
- Resolved,* That the NARFE membership application form, membership renewal form, and membership renewal letter be reviewed and, if necessary, redesigned to address these concerns.

2018 BYLAWS COMMITTEE RATIONALE – BALLOT ITEMS

Number	<u>Bylaws Committee Recommendation</u>
1801	In order to ensure the introduction of new ideas into the Association, limiting the term of the National President to two consecutive terms is necessary. The 2016 convention affirmed this notion. This was made clear in 2017 when the NEB voted not to allow this particular proposal to go forward as a referendum to the membership. The committee recommends rejection of this amendment.
1802	With the changes made to internal organization, this is the next logical step. The bylaws committee recommends approval.
1803	The bylaws committee recommends approval.
1804	The bylaws committee recommends approval.
1805	Regional Vice Presidents represent the entire association, not just their regions. Therefore, all members are represented at NEB meetings. The bylaws committee recommends approval.
1807	This amendment is not inclusive enough. The bylaws committee recommends rejection.
1808	The intent of an early ballot vote is that all ballots can be tallied and the results announced before or at the National Conference. Having the issue month of the ballot be the same as the month of the National Conference impedes this process of having votes counted in time to be announced. Further, if the voters have until the last day to vote, the National Conference likely will have already occurred. Finally, if this were approved, it could allow attendees at the National Conference to have an unfair advantage over non-attendees because they wouldn't be able to address the issues. The committee recommends rejection of this amendment.
1809	This is not a federation duty. Headquarters should provide the mechanism for communicating with its members, both chapter and national. Federations would have to provide their own conduits, which potentially could lead to 54 disparate and dysfunctional systems. The committee recommends rejection of this amendment.
1811	This is administrative and does not need to be in the rules. The bylaws committee recommends adoption.
1813	This amendment is very confusing. The intent is unclear and the disincentive is not legitimate. Federations are allowed to receive ten percent of the dues per member and this would deprive Federations of much-needed funding in the first year. Further, it would appear more advantageous for chapters to receive one-third of the new member dues

	<p>instead of ten percent. The finance advisory committee has reviewed and recommends rejection.</p> <p>The bylaws committee recommends rejection of this amendment.</p>
1818	Based on the advice of the marketing and member resources advisory committee recommendation, the bylaws committee recommends adoption.
1819	This amendment is confusing and the rationale as well. The rationale is unclear as to why the six-month period is necessary. Chapters would have to wait up to six months to receive any money, as opposed to receiving the chapter fee when a new member joins NARFE. In addition, the finance advisory committee has reviewed and recommends rejection. The bylaws committee recommends rejection.
1820	This amendment is unnecessary because the NARFE website is an official publication of the Association. Further, putting the roll call requirement into the bylaws is unnecessary because this is procedural and can be handled by the NEB administratively. The bylaws committee recommends rejection.
1824	The bylaws committee recommends adoption.
1826	This amendment is in conflict with section D, as some meetings can be called with a 24 hour notice. The committee also feels this is administrative in nature and doesn't belong in the bylaws. The bylaws committee recommends rejection.
1827	This amendment would restrict the ability of the NEB to change the number of regions, if necessary. The bylaws committee recommends rejection.
1828	This amendment is unnecessary because members have the option to renew their chapter membership on the renewal form. It is just a matter of checking the correct box. The committee feels this is a design issue and not a change to the standing rules. The bylaws committee recommends rejection.
1829	<p>This change is unnecessary because the language is clearly defined and its intent is clear for the terms "chapter member" and "national member." They need no further distinction. It should be further noted that "national division" is not and has never been an official membership division, so the rationale is irrelevant. In addition, the application form is clear that members can join a chapter at the same time as they join NARFE. There is no need to wait for any option. The proposed change to Section 3B actually would cause a lack of revenue for the chapter. If the membership application is the problem, a simple administrative change by NARFE HQ can be made.</p> <p>The bylaws committee recommends rejection.</p>
BC-01	This is a composite of two amendments received by the committee. The

Please note that 1820R, 1826R, 1827R, & 1828R were submitted by IL Federation Member Jim Glover of Chapter 1309 - Arlington Heights after earlier review and endorsement by the Federation late last year.