

NARFE
WASHINGTON STATE FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS
Proposed Convention Resolution
(Please follow instructions on reverse side of this form)

Date: March 1, 2010

1. Subject: Establish single NARFE dues

FEDERATION BYLAWS REFERENCE (Article/Section/Paragraph) Article 1, Sections 2&C; Section #A,B,C; Section 4A,B,C,D,E,F; Article IV, Section 3C, and Article V, Section 3A Deleted

2. Adopted by Federation:

Chapter Number:

Federation Name:

State:

3. Federation Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Rejected
Date of Meeting:

4. WHEREAS: (Provide the reason that the Convention should take the proposed action. Limit to no more than three paragraphs).

NARFE Regular members (defined as those who are members of both the National Association and a chapter) and Members-at-Large (defined as those who are members of the National Association only) pay dues either through the annual, biennial, or triennial billing or the dues withholding systems. Chapter leaders and members have found the present dues structure at twenty-nine (\$29.00) for one year, fifty-two dollars (\$52.00) for two years, seventy-four dollars (\$74.00) for three years and \$24.60 annual dues withholding to be cumbersome and messy to explain and to sell to prospective members. At a time when the country is in the midst of economic stress and Congress is exploring entitlement cuts, the NARFE Association has and is experiencing significant loss of members and is finding difficulty in recruitment. In an effort to gain and retain NARFE membership – the priority strength of the NARFE Association – following is a proposed dues schedule change.

Adoption of the above proposal would:

- a. Put to rest the constant arguments of the chapter requirement. There would be no National dues or Chapter dues, only ONE dues, the NARFE Dues.
- b. Help retention efforts. Members could chose to participate in chapter activities or not and both ways they would have one simple and easy dues.
- c. Enhance recruiting efforts with only one dues for new members. No longer do we have to answer what happens after the first year membership fee expires. Presently we have to tell potential members that dues depend on the chapter of assignment.

5. BE IT RESOLVED: (Proposed action Convention should take).

BE IT RESOLVED: AMENDED that NARFE dues for Regular Members shall be forty dollars (\$40.00) with ten percent (10%) rebated to the Federation and nine dollars (\$9.00) going to the chapter of record. NARFE Life membership shall be established by the National Executive Board based on actuarial tables, National dues for Honorary members shall be waived and any member whose dues are in arrears for three (3) months or more shall, after due notice by Headquarters, be dropped from the rolls and all rights and privileges granted under the provisions of the Bylaws shall cease. Two dollars (\$2.00) of the first year's dues of all new members recruited by the chapters shall be rebated to the Chapters by the Treasurer's office.

6. Estimated Annual Cost: (Necessary for informed decisions). None

Instructions for Convention Resolutions

Please read before completing reverse side!

This form is used for the National Conventions for all resolutions that do NOT involve an amendment to the Bylaws or Standing Rules. It may also be used for federation conventions under the federation's bylaws and convention rules.

For National Conventions

All resolutions SHOULD be electronically submitted.

- The WHEREAS section must include rationale for the change. The case for the proposed action should be capable of being justified in no more than three paragraphs.
- Clearly identify the proposed action the Convention should take.
- The federation must show the action taken by the federation.

Estimated Cost

Many changes to the bylaws result in administrative cost only; however, some can involve significant cost. The membership cannot evaluate the proposed amendment without having some estimate of the cost involved if the amendment is adopted. Refer to the National Treasurer for assistance.

Submitting Resolutions

Resolutions should be forwarded to federation secretaries as soon as written using the interactive form F-3A from the NARFE Web site, www.narfe.org.

Federation secretaries:

1. Submit resolutions as soon as received to Headquarters via www.narfe.org.
2. Report federation action no later than June 2, 2008, to Headquarters via www.narfe.org.

Assignment of Resolutions

The National Secretary will assign properly completed resolutions to the appropriate convention committees.

National Convention Procedures

For each resolution referred, a National Convention committee may amend, combine with similar resolutions, or prepare a substitute, then recommend adoption, adoption as amended, or rejection.

NOTE: The National Secretary will return any resolution not complying with these instructions to the originating federation with an explanation of the reason for not accepting the resolution. Chapters are encouraged to submit resolutions through their federations.