

REGION VIII VICE PRESIDENT REPORT OF SPECIAL NARFE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING CONDUCTED VIA TELEPHONE AND Go-To WEBINAR

ON JULY 6, 2017

There was a special NARFE National Executive Board (NEB) Meeting held via Go-To-Meeting on July 6, 2017. The agenda for this meeting included: Approval of the Revised Budget; Strategic Planning information and approval to finalize the hiring of a Parliamentarian.

Budget: Tayo Coker, Budget and Finance Director, presented a Power Point Presentation to show the changes to the Budget. Following her presentation and several questions from NEB members, the Budget was approved unanimously.

Parliamentarian: Barb Sido, Executive Director, used her contacts in the Association world to search for a Parliamentarian to serve NARFE. She received the name of a highly recommended Parliamentarian, Colette Trohan of A Great Meeting, Inc. Ms. Trohan has more than 25 years of experience providing governance to associations, and has no connection to NARFE and as such offers a high degree of objectivity. A motion was made to designate Colette Trohan, of A Great Meeting, Inc., as the NARFE Parliamentarian for one year. The NEB voted 9 – 2 to approve this one-year contract.

Proposed Resolution for a Third Term: The proposed resolution to all members approved unanimously by the Strategic Planning Committee and by the NEB with a 9 in favor and 1 against vote, in June 2017 contained the wording: The Proposed Resolution would amend Article II, Section 1.C.1. to read: *“The national officers shall assume office on November 1, following their election by a majority of the ballots cast. These officers shall serve two-year terms, ending when their successors are elected and assume office. The president shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in that office. The current sitting president is allowed to run, and if elected, serve a third consecutive term (November 2018 through October 2020). For subsequent elections, term limits for NARFE president revert to two (2) consecutive terms.”* It was intended that this proposed resolution be a referendum to all members and be included in the August issue of the NARFE magazine.

After the June 6, NEB Go-To Meeting, revised wording (which would not appear to favor one person, and would allow subsequent Presidents to run for a third term) for the proposed resolution was prepared, and approved by a vote of the SPC with 8 in favor and 2 against. The change was made to the last paragraph of the proposed resolution, Paragraph 4.b. Proposed Change: “The president shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in that office, except that the president may request permission from the National Executive Board to run for a third consecutive term. Such permission shall

require a two-thirds vote of the National Executive Board, and the vote shall be taken by ballot.” This wording appears in the proposed (revised wording) resolution to be published in the NARFE magazine.

On June 30, a copy of the Sample article describing the process for the referendum, the proposed resolution (revised wording) and ballot which would appear in the August issue of the NARFE magazine was distributed to each Federation President in Region VIII.

On the morning of July 6, President Thissen issued an email stating that the proposed (revised wording) resolution for a third term (referendum) would not be included in the August Magazine.

The NEB discussed this proposed (revised wording) resolution and a motion was made to rescind the motion (01-06-17) which was approved by the NEB on June 6, 2017 with a 7 in favor and 4 against vote. The NEB then approved a motion to table a decision on the proposed (revised wording) resolution until after the Federation Presidents can discuss the issue at the Joint NEB/FP Meeting next week. The NEB voted 10 in favor and 1 against. After discussion, the NEB will vote on the proposed (revised wording) resolution, and report the results of their vote prior to the end of the Joint NEB/FP Meeting July 11–13, 2017.

Strategic Planning: Jon Dowie, National Secretary/Treasurer reported on the actions that have been taken by the SPC. He provided an overview of the Power Point presentations, and topics to be discussed at next week’s meeting. These documents will be forwarded to the Federation Presidents of Region VIII for information and review prior to the meeting.

If anyone has questions regarding this matter, please contact me:

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