



NEW YORK AMERICAN LEGION PRESS ASSOCIATION

Resolution to Amend Constitution and Bylaws regarding Board of Directors et al.

Whereas the NYALPA has for several years found it necessary to elected or appoint members to multiple positions to maintain staffing required by the association constitution and bylaws, including past presidents being elected to vice president and director positions and at least 8 members having 2 and at least 2 members having 3 or more positions and

Whereas the position of executive director was created, in part, to run day-to-day association operation, however, the position was administrating numerous functions including treasurer, membership and awards causing excessive centralization and the 2019 vacancy in this position has resulted in a loss of records, property and membership and

Whereas the constitution and bylaws of most other legion organizations distributes the operations workload between the president, secretary and treasurer and it would be beneficial to the association to return the constitution and bylaws to pre-executive director position status,

Therefore it is resolved by the 2021 Annual meeting that constitution article 6 (Officers, Executive Board and Committees) sections 2 (Board of Directors) and 8 (Executive Director) and Bylaws article 2 (Officers) section 1 (Executive Director) and constitution article 6, section 11 be DELETED and all references to executive director and board of directors be deleted in any sections they appear, or be replaced as appropriate with president eg. Bylaws Article 3 section 1 (business between meetings), or treasurer eg. article 12 section 2 (tax exempt and EIN), and secretary, eg Constitution Article 6 section 10 (reports);

and Bylaws Article 7 (finance) section 7 is amended to read: “All checks in excess of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars shall be signed by two of the Treasurer, President and Secretary, unless authorized in the budget or at a regular meeting. If circumstances prevent two officers from signing, sufficient documentation indicating second approval may be written and sent to the treasurer who shall maintain the approval in the records.”;

and Bylaws Article 2 section 7 (Executive Director) be replaced with: “Liaison: A liaison member may be appointed by the Department of NY American Legion.”;

And Constitution article 6 section 3 be amended to read: “The Executive Board or committee shall consist of all elected and appointed officers and all past presidents of this Association. Elected officers and the immediate past president shall be voting members. Appointed officers and all other past presidents shall have voice but no vote. All must be in good standing and shall serve for one (1) year. A quorum for any Executive Board meeting shall be five (5) voting members.”;

And that the secretary be authorized to make all the specific changes to accomplish the intent of this resolution including re-numbering affected sections, in a reasonable time and submit the document for necessary approvals and publish the new constitution & bylaws.

Submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee: Kevin Harrington, Secretary