

NARFE MARYLAND FEDERATION
OFFICIAL BYLAWS AMENDMENTS BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

This mailing provides the instructions and ballot for your vote on the proposed amendments to the NARFE Maryland Federation Bylaws. The amendments include: corrections to typos, clarification of text, changes to support one member/one vote, and a process for non-majority votes. The proposals were made by the Federation Resolutions and Executive Committees. To see proposal details with examples of the current law, changes being requested, and text if amendments are adopted, go to <https://mdnarfe.org/the-maryland-federation/federation-constitution-and-bylaws/> .

Please:

- 1) Review each bylaw amendment proposal
- 2) Record your choices on the attached ballot
- 3) Mail completed ballot in an envelope to:

Ballot and Teller Committee
P. O. Box 1016
Bowie, MD 20718

The mailing envelope must contain a United States Post Office date stamp on or before **June 30, 2020**.

You must provide your NARFE member ID number, printed signature, written signature, and date on your ballot for validation of your vote. Your ballot will be considered void if this information is not included. You can find your NARFE member ID number on the label of your monthly *NARFE* magazine.

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Please indicate with (✓) or (✗) or ■ whether you are **For** or **Against** the adoption of the below amendments. A 2/3 affirmative vote is required for the adoption of any specific amendment. The current Maryland Federation (MDFed) bylaws document is available for review on the MDFed website at:

<https://mdnarfe.org/the-maryland-federation/federation-constitution-and-bylaws/>

AMENDMENT NUMBER	FOR	AGAINST
#0 CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS (CHECK ONE) This proposal is a set of several changes needed to fix grammar, make the verbiage clearer, and remove an item that was not a Federation function. No substantive changes are included.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
#1 SINGLE CANDIDATE ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION (CHECK ONE) For Article IV, Section 3.A: Add, at the end, a sentence reading: "If there is only one candidate for a particular office, that candidate shall be declared elected by acclamation, his or her name will not be included on the ballot, and the Executive Committee shall be informed of the election."	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
#2 CLARIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC VOTING (CHECK ONE) For Article IV, Section 3.B: Adds language which makes clear that voting may be completed by postal mail and/or electronic means. It adds: "that may be returned to the Tellers by postal mail and/or electronic means as deemed appropriate by the Federation President."	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
#3 COMPLETING AN INCOMPLETE ELECTION (CHECK ONE) For Article IV, Insert a New Section 3.D: "In the event that there is a tie vote for the election of one or more of the Officers or the Board Member At Large, or no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for any position, an election by ballot will be held at the Biennial Meeting for the unfilled position(s). Nominations shall be opened for the unfilled positions and all previous candidates may remain on the ballot. A majority vote of those present and voting or if no majority obtained, the candidate with the most votes, shall be determined the winner(s)."	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please go to Page 2 of the ballot.

AMENDMENT NUMBER	FOR	AGAINST
<p>#4 MEMBER PARLIAMENTARIAN RIGHTS (CHECK ONE)</p> <p>For Article V, Section 8: Add, at the end, a sentence reading: "If a Board member is appointed as Parliamentarian, he or she shall retain full membership rights, and shall be entitled to exercise them at all meetings."</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>#5 ELECTRONIC VOTING OPTION, RESOLUTIONS (CHECK ONE)</p> <p>For Article X, Section 3: Add language, "by postal mail and/or electronic means as deemed appropriate by the Federation President" to make the balloting process clear and more flexible.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>#6 ELECTRONIC VOTING OPTION, BYLAW AMENDMENTS (CHECK ONE)</p> <p>For Article XIV, Section 1: Add language, "by postal mail and/or electronic means as deemed appropriate by the Federation President" to make the balloting process clear and more flexible.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MEMBER ID NUMBER: _____

MEMBER PRINTED SIGNATURE: _____

MEMBER WRITTEN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

To be valid, ballots must:

- Be USPS **postmarked on or before June 30, 2020**
- Include (a) Member ID number, (b) Member printed signature, (c) Member written signature, and (d) date signed.

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Note from your NARFE Maryland Federation President

We need your help to fix grammatical errors and clarify provisions in our bylaws. Your vote allows us to make those changes, so please take a few minutes and vote.

Gary Roundtree, Sr., Ph.D.

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BALLOT INSIDE

Submission Deadline: Must be Postmarked on or by JUNE 30, 2020