PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NARFE MARYLAND FEDERATION BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

The below proposed amendments are needed to fix grammar, reflect the change to a one member one vote system, make text and process clearer, and provide a process for dealing with non-majority voting results due to a large number of candidates. They were proposed by the Maryland Federation Resolutions and Executive Committees.

Proposed Set of Amendments #0: Corrections & Clarifications

Heading:

After "Ocean City, Maryland" add a new line reading "Amended [appropriate date]"

Throughout the bylaws:

Wherever the phrase "National Members" appears, replace it with "National Only Members"

Article IV, Section 6, Second Paragraph

Strike out the first sentence and insert in its place:

"Any member may submit to the Federation Secretary for action at any Board meeting resolutions on any topic pertinent to NARFE and Federation objectives."

Article V, Section 9

Strike out extra space between "or" and "other" in the first line.

Article VII, Section 2, first sentence

Place a "." (full stop) at the end of the sentence, after "as approved by the Board". Article IX, Section 2.C

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Strike out Sub-Section 2.C and Insert:

"C. Prior to the Biennial Membership Meeting, manage the ballot voting, counting, and reporting on officer elections and resolutions, and serve as Tellers at the Biennial meeting, if necessary."

Article X, Section 4:

Delete Section 4 as this is a National NARFE process not governed by the Federation.

Delete: Section 4. A group of members, as determined by the NARFE Bylaws, is free to transmit directly to NARFE National Headquarters, by a deadline set by National Headquarters, a resolution intended for national consideration, whether or not adopted by a Federation ballot.

Article XII, Section 1, last sentence

Strike out the hyphen, "-", between "Newly" and "Organized" and insert a blank, "".

Article XII, Section 5

Substitute for Section 5, the following:

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall establish the mileage rate and travel expense reimbursement rate for each member of the Board (or for a designated alternate) attending Federation meetings and Biennial Membership Meetings, for the Chairs of the Federation Committees, and for those Chairs appointed under Article XI, Section 1 and those persons appointed under Article V, Section 8. The mileage rate shall not exceed the rate established by the National Executive Board of NARFE for reimbursement of travel by National Officers.

Article XII, Section 7, last line:

Change the comma ",", between "amount" and "the amount" to a semi-colon ";".

Article XIV, Section 1, first line:

Strike out "of" and insert "by"

Standing Rule #1, first line:

Strike out the words "of Chapters".

Formatting Key for the below proposed bylaw amendments:

<u>Underlined print</u> = insert or add <u>Line through print</u> = strike out

Proposed Amendment # 1: Single Candidate Election by Acclamation

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."

Current Text	Amendments Highlighted	Text if Amendments Adopted
A. Any member wishing to run for any office shall notify the Federation secretary of his or her intent, in sufficient time to prepare the election ballots to be sent to all members.	A. Any member wishing to run for any office shall notify the Federation <u>Nominating</u> <u>Committee and the</u> <u>Federation</u> Secretary of his or her intent, in sufficient time to prepare the election ballots to be sent to all members. <u>If</u> <u>there is only one</u> <u>candidate for a</u> <u>particular office. that</u> <u>candidate shall be</u> <u>declared elected by</u> <u>acclamation. his or</u> <u>her name will not be</u> <u>included on the</u> <u>ballot. and the</u> <u>Executive</u> <u>Committee shall be</u> <u>informed of the</u> <u>election.</u>	A. Any member wishing to run for any office shall notify the Federation <u>Nominating Committee</u> and the Federation Secretary of his or her intent, in sufficient time to prepare the election ballots to be sent to all members. 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.

Rationale: Eliminates necessity for balloting if only one candidate Committee Recommendation: Adopt

Proposed Amendment # 2: Clarification of Electronic Voting for Officers & BMAL

Article IV, Section 3.B, second line:

Current Text	Amendments Highlighted	Text if Amendments Adopted
B. The Officers and the	B. The Officers and the	B. The Officers and the
Board Member At	Board Member At	Board Member At
Large, excepting	Large, excepting	Large, excepting
Past Presidents,	Past Presidents,	Past Presidents,
shall be elected by	shall be elected by	shall be elected by
ballot, prior to the	ballot, <u>that may be</u>	ballot, that may be
Federation's	<u>returned to the</u>	returned to the
Biennial	<u>Tellers by postal mail</u>	Tellers by postal
Membership	and/or electronic	mail and/or
Meeting, held during	means as deemed	electronic means as
odd-numbered	appropriate by the	deemed appropriate
years, to serve a	Federation President	by the Federation
term of two years or	prior to the	President prior to
until their	Federation's	the Federation's
successors are	Biennial	Biennial
elected and	Membership	Membership
installed, their terms	Meeting, held during	Meeting, held during
of office to begin on	odd-numbered	odd-numbered
the day of	years, to serve a	years, to serve a
installation.	term of two years or	term of two years or
However, the	until their	until their
immediate past	successors are	successors are
Treasurer is	elected and	elected and
authorized to	installed, their terms	installed, their terms
continue making	of office to begin on	of office to begin on
payments of the	the day of	the day of
Federation's	installation.	installation.
obligations for up to	However, the	However, the
forty-five days after	immediate past	immediate past
the installation of his	Treasurer is	Treasurer is
successor. The past	authorized to	authorized to
Treasurer's records	continue making	continue making
shall be transferred	payments of the	payments of the
to the new	Federation's	Federation's
Treasurer as soon	obligations for up to	obligations for up to

as practicable; but	forty-five days after	forty-five days after
in no case later than	the installation of his	the installation of his
forty-five days after	successor. The past	successor. The past
the Biennial	Treasurer's records	Treasurer's records
Membership	shall be transferred	shall be transferred
Meeting. The	to the new	to the new
immediate past	Treasurer as soon	Treasurer as soon
Officers shall serve	as practicable; but	as practicable; but
as consultants to	in no case later than	in no case later than
and work with their	forty-five days after	forty-five days after
successors for one	the Biennial	the Biennial
month after their	Membership	Membership
installation.	Meeting. The	Meeting. The
	immediate past	immediate past
	Officers shall serve	Officers shall serve
	as consultants to	as consultants to
	and work with their	and work with their
	successors for one	successors for one
	month after their	month after their
	installation.	installation.

Rationale: Makes the balloting process clear and more flexible.

Proposed Amendment # 3: Completing an Incomplete Election

Article IV, Insert a NEW Section 3.D:

Section 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).

Current Text	Amendments Highlighted	Text if Amendments Adopted
[none]	Section D:	Section D:
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Rationale: Eliminates the necessity of a long delay re-balloting all Maryland Federation members in the unlikely case of an incomplete election.

Proposed Amendment # 4: Member Parliamentarian Rights

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".

Current Text	Amendments Highlighted	Text if Amendments Adopted
Section 8. The President	Section 8. The President	Section 8. The President
shall appoint persons to	shall appoint persons to	shall appoint persons to
serve in such capacities as	serve in such capacities as	serve in such capacities as
Auditor, Budget Officer,	Auditor, Budget Officer,	Auditor, Budget Officer,
Chaplain, Historian,	Chaplain, Historian,	Chaplain, Historian,
Parliamentarian, Sergeant-	Parliamentarian, Sergeant-	Parliamentarian, Sergeant-
at-Arms, and in other	at-Arms, and in other	at-Arms, and in other
assignments as the	assignments as the	assignments as the
President deems	President deems	President deems
necessary.	necessary <u>. If a Board</u>	necessary. If a Board
	member is appointed as	member is appointed as
	Parliamentarian, he or she	Parliamentarian, he or she
	shall retain full	shall retain full membership
	membership rights, and	rights, and shall be entitled
	shall be entitled to exercise	to exercise them at all
	them at all meetings.	meetings.

Rationale: Robert's Rules does not allow an appointed parliamentarian who is a member of the association to exercise his or her normal membership rights. This amendment removes that restriction.

Proposed Amendment # 5: Electronic Voting Option for Resolutions

Article X, Section 3:

Insert, after "ballots", the following: "by postal mail and/or electronic means as deemed appropriate by the Federation President"

Current Text	Amendments Highlighted	Text if Amendments Adopted
Section 3. The	Section 3. The	Section 3. The resolutions
resolutions shall be sent	resolutions shall be sent	shall be sent out to all
out to all Federation	out to all Federation	Federation members in
members in sufficient time	members in sufficient time	sufficient time to allow for
to allow for the return of	to allow for the return of	the return of ballots by
ballots to the Federation	ballots <u>by postal mail</u>	postal mail and/or electronic
Secretary for tabulation	and/or electronic means as	means as deemed
and preparation of a report	deemed appropriate by the	appropriate by the
of the decisions reached to	Federation President to the	Federation President to the
be presented to the next	Federation Secretary for	Federation Secretary for
Biennial Membership	tabulation and preparation	tabulation and preparation
Meeting.	of a report of the decisions	of a report of the decisions
	reached to be presented to	reached to be presented to
	the next Biennial	the next Biennial
	Membership Meeting.	Membership Meeting.

Rationale: Makes the balloting process clear and more flexible.

Proposed Amendment # 6: Electronic Voting Option for Bylaw Amendments

Article XIV, Section 1:

Insert, after "ballots", the following: "by postal mail and/or electronic means as deemed appropriate by the Federation President"

Current Text	Amendments Highlighted	Text if Amendments Adopted
Section 1. These Bylaws	Section 1. These Bylaws	Section 1. These Bylaws
may be amended by a two-	may be amended by a two-	may be amended by a two-
thirds (2/3) vote of the	thirds (2/3) vote of the	thirds (2/3) vote of the
members returning ballots	members returning ballots	members returning ballots
following the Resolutions	by postal mail and/or	by postal mail and/or
procedure of Article X.	electronic means as	electronic means as
	deemed appropriate by the	deemed appropriate by the
	Federation President	Federation President
	following the Resolutions	following the Resolutions
	procedure of Article X.	procedure of Article X.

Rationale:

Makes the balloting process clear and more flexible.