

From the Judge Advocate to the Membership.

All of the enclosed Amendments to the Post 1 Constitution and Bylaws were read to the membership at the last Post meeting. The Newsletter is our method of publishing the Proposed Changes before we vote on them at the Annual Meeting on May 9, 2024 at Post 1.

One of the proposed Constitution changes, **Con-Amend 2024-4** deals with the number of Board of Trustee members elected to run the business side of the Post Corporation.

I had a lengthy conversation with the Department Judge Advocate about this Proposal. Since 1992, we have had 8 Trustees. One of them is the Commander, another is the Immediate Past Commander. The six remaining are Positions 1 through 6. All of these are 3 year positions and 2 of them are typically up for re-election or election every year.

We currently have 3 nominated for election on May 9, 2024, Positions 5 and 6, and the 1 year remaining for Vacant Position 1. IN the Proposal Con-Amend 2024-4, the reduction to 5 Board members would be (1) the Commander, (2) Immediate Past Commander and 3 elected Board members. Considering there are 3 currently serving in their Duly Elected terms, I placed the call to our next level.

The Dept. J.A. said it works like this, "the 3 currently elected serve out the rest of their elected terms and as their term is done, the position is eliminated. So, 2 years from now, we will have 3 elected Board of Trustee Positions." If this Proposal is Adopted, I will rewrite the Bylaws Article XI, Section 3 to reflect the necessary change.

If there are further questions, I will address them at the Post 1 Annual Meeting on May the 9th.

Charles Wharton, P.N.D.C. , Judge Advocate, AMVETS Post 1, Tacoma

From the Office of the Judge Advocate: April 25, 2024

To the CBL Committee,

Constitution Amendment 2024-1

Whereas: Post 1 has a Communications Officer that has been appointed multiple times by the Post Commander to meet the Social Media requirements of the Post,

Whereas: Post 1 Constitution Article IV, Section 2 contains the list of Appointed Officers but does not list the Communications Officer,

BE IT RESOLVED that: Constitution Article IV, Section 2 be AMENDED by adding "Communications" to the list of Appointed Officers.

Proposal requested in writing and signed by: Brenda Martin and Charles Wharton, both members in good standing.

CBL Committee recommendation:

YAY _____ NAY _____

From the Office of the Judge Advocate: April 25, 2024

To the CBL Committee,

Constitution Amendment 2024-2

Whereas: The Post Adjutant and the Post Service Officer are both listed under Article IV, Section 2 as Appointed Officers,

Whereas: Post 1 is currently transitioning from its previous business model with numerous employees to an all volunteer management style,

BE IT RESOLVED that: The positions of Adjutant and Service Officer be removed from Section 2 of Article IV and placed under Section 1 as ELECTED OFFICERS.

Proposal requested in writing and signed by: Joe Taylor and Mike Hardy, both members in good standing.

CBL Committee recommendation:

YAY _____ NAY _____

From the Office of the Judge Advocate: April 25, 2024

To the CBL Committee,

Constitution Amendment 2024-3

Whereas: Under Article X, Section 2, "Emergency Amendments" is an extremely arbitrary statement,

Whereas: Section 2 requires steps "A" through "C" of Section 1 to be completed. That process would require 30 days to complete before a vote on the Amendment, and (a 30 day delay does not constitute an "Emergency"),

BE IT RESOLVED that: Article X, Section 2 should be deleted, and Section 3 should be re-numbered Section 2.

Proposal requested in writing and signed by: Dave Meyers and Mike Hardy, both members in good standing.

CBL Committee recommendation:

YAY _____ NAY _____

From the Office of the Judge Advocate: April 25, 2024

To the CBL Committee,

Constitution Amendment 2024-4

Whereas: In previous years Post 1 had 28 employees including Bingo, Management, Bar and Janitorial, (supervised by 6 elected Board members), now we have 5 or 6 employees and the rest are volunteer positions,

BE IT RESOLVED that: Article V be Amended to read "The Board of Trustees shall consist of **Five members. The incumbent Post Commander shall be an ex-officio member with the title of President and chair all meetings of the Board- He shall have the privilege of vote only in the event of a tie vote. The Immediate Past Post Commander shall be a member of the Board, with full voting privileges. Voting members shall be elected from the membership of Post #1 at an annual meeting, as outlined in Article XI, Section 3 of Post I By laws.**

Proposal requested in writing and signed by: Joe Taylor and Mike Hardy, both members in good standing.

CBL Committee recommendation:

YAY _____ NAY _____

From the Office of the Judge Advocate: April 25, 2024

To the CBL Committee,

Bylaws Amendment 2024-1

Whereas: Post 1 has a Communications Officer that has been appointed multiple times by the Post Commander to meet the Social Media requirements of the Post,

Whereas: Post 1 Bylaws Article III, Section 4 contains the list of Duties of Officers but does not list the COMMUNICATIONS Officer,

BE IT RESOLVED that: Bylaws Article III, Section 4 be AMENDED by adding “Section 12”, “The Communications Director shall:

▪ **Be responsible for the planning, formation and development of the communications program,**

This is to including publicity, organization publications and other material.

▪ **Be responsible for efficient and proper liaison with all communications of the media;**

This includes the press, radio, etc.

▪ **Receive, consider and develop resolutions and/or other initiatives concerning all facets of communications**

▪ **Between AMVETS, veterans and general public consistent with the long-range plans of AMVETS.**

▪ **Set the tone for messaging and portray AMVETS values. Be responsible for; Developing strategic marketing plans and handling of public relation issues that arise internally or externally.**

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▪ **Review, draft and finalize all statements, press releases and other media massaging;**

IE: social media.

Proposal requested in writing and signed by: Brenda Martin and Charles Wharton, both members in good standing.

CBL Committee recommendation:

YAY _____ NAY _____

From the Office of the Judge Advocate: April 25, 2024

To the CBL Committee,

Bylaws Amendment 2024-2

Whereas: Many elected positions that become vacant are only for 1 year,

Whereas: Article 2 Section 8 pertains in sentence 1 to the Commander, and sentence 2 pertains to "unexpired terms", requires clarification,

BE IT RESOLVED that: Article 2 Section 8 (Requirement for Office), sentence 2 be amended to read" A member elected to complete an unexpired term may serve two complete subsequent terms provided the unexpired term is less than 6 months."

Proposal requested in writing and signed by: Joe Taylor and Mike Hardy, both members in good standing.

CBL Committee recommendation:

YAY _____ NAY _____

From the Office of the Judge Advocate: April 25, 2024

To the CBL Committee,

Bylaws Amendment 2024-4

Whereas: In the past years, Post 1 had income sufficient to compensate the Adjutant and a lot of paperwork was done for the elected Officers that pertained to their duties,

Whereas: Post 1 is now transitioning to an all volunteer staff,

Be it Resolved that: Bylaws Article IV, Section 7, be Amended to read

"The Adjutant shall keep a written record of all Post Meetings, Special Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings. He shall post a copy of the approved minutes in a place designated by the Commander. He shall make a tape recording of all Post Meetings, Regular or Special, and shall keep the tapes for 3 years. All other duties previously identified as belonging to the Adjutant shall be reassigned to the proper Officer or Exec to whom the duties would be particular to."

Proposal requested in writing and signed by: Joe Taylor and Mike Hardy, both members in good standing.

CBL Committee recommendation:

YAY ____ NAY ____