

National Active & Retired **Federal Employees**

# 2019 National Bylaws Referendum

2019 Federation Presidents' Meeting

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# 2019 Bylaws & Resolutions Committee (BRC) Report

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## 2019 BRC Charter

- ◆ Purpose: assess/make recommendations about proposed bylaws and standing rules amendments to membership ballot vote
- ◆ Responsibilities:
  - ◆ Among others, for 2019 submit items for referendum vote based on bylaws review and in line with planned assessment of NARFE governing documents
  - ◆ Provide deliverables timeline to NEB

## 2019 BRC Process

- ◆ Initial contact December 2018
- ◆ Received charter mid-January
- ◆ Committee began deliberations via email mid-January
  - ◆ Straw poll on possible referendum items
    - ◆ Initial list of six; increased to 9 including full reformat of current bylaws
- ◆ Conducted first GoToMeeting session 25 January
  - ◆ Subsequent sessions 1 and 12 February
  - ◆ Final session 18 February

## 2019 BRC Deliverables

- ◆ Revised [F-3A/F-3C forms](#)
  - ◆ BRC recommends eliminating F-3A and submission of general resolutions.
- ◆ 2019 referendum items
- ◆ 2019-2020 [timelines](#)
  - ◆ 2019 Referendum
  - ◆ 2020 Bylaws/Standing Rules amendments
  - ◆ 2020 Elections
- ◆ 2019 referendum article for *narfe* magazine
- ◆ 2019 BRC 1-page report and referendum items
- ◆ 2019 referendum ballot

## 2019 Referendum

- ◆ Any referendum requires 2/3 NEB approval vote
- ◆ NEB also set referendum parameters
- ◆ Proposed 2019 referendum fixes previous problems from 2016 and 2018 bylaws
  - ◆ Certain articles omitted
  - ◆ Certain articles in improper order
  - ◆ OMOV/OCM assumptions made in 2016/2018 bylaws
- ◆ 2019 referendum items
  - ◆ Eight total items
    - ◆ including items that MUST be in the bylaws before 2020 (list not all-inclusive)
      - ◆ Reformatted bylaws
      - ◆ Preferential voting
      - ◆ “Convention” to “Conference”
      - ◆ Standing rules requirements
  - ◆ Items have A and B versions
    - ◆ A if item 1901 adopted
    - ◆ B if item 1901 rejected

## 2019 Referendum Items

- ◆ [1901](#) & [1902](#)—[Bylaws](#) and rules reformat
  - ◆ Necessary to bring our bylaws into compliance with RONR and generally accepted practices
  - ◆ Fixes certain problems arising from OMOV/OCM
- ◆ [1903AB](#)—Replaces “convention” with “conference” throughout
  - ◆ One of the problems not corrected in 2018
- ◆ [1904AB](#)—Replace “national” members with “national-only”
  - ◆ Correctly identifies membership category of those members who are not chapter members
- ◆ [1905AB](#)—Adopts preferential voting for more than two candidates for office
  - ◆ Eliminates possibility of (multiple) runoff elections
  - ◆ Recommended by our parliamentary authority (RONR)
- ◆ [1906B](#)—Separates voting and committee article
  - ◆ Current bylaws incorrectly had them together
  - ◆ Eliminates “supermajority;” incorrect terminology

## 2019 Referendum Items

- ◆ [1907AB](#)—Amending standing rules
  - ◆ “Resolution” is incorrect because standing rules require amendments
- ◆ [1908AB](#)—Supporting Members Dues
  - ◆ Current language does not state who sets dues
  - ◆ Clarifies that NEB sets supporting member dues (as it does for all association members)



## What's Next?

- ◆ July magazine full article about proposed amendments
- ◆ Amendments will be on the website and members may request a printed copy at [resbylaws@narfe.org](mailto:resbylaws@narfe.org)
- ◆ Referendum ballot:
  - ◆ Each voted on individually, no “accept all” /”reject all” option
  - ◆ No penalty for not voting on individual amendments
  - ◆ BRC recommendations not included
- ◆ Balloting live online August 20 and in September magazine.
  - ◆ September 30 is closing date
- ◆ 2020 proposed bylaws and/or standing rules amendments due 1 January 2020

