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MEMORANDUM

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To: General Membership

Subject: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES AND BYLAWS

Pursuant to Article Thirteen of the Articles of incorporation, any proposed change to the articles must be distributed to the general membership at least sixty (60) days before the general assembly. Pursuant to Bylaw XII, any proposed change to the bylaws must be distributed to the general membership at least thirty (30) days before the general assembly. The National Board of Directors intends to present proposed amendments to both the articles and bylaws at the 2012 annual conference to start on July 23, 2012 in New Orleans. I am posting this one notice to cover both documents.

The proposed changes to the Articles and Bylaws (if adopted) will change the term of office for all three service representatives as well as the Reserve Representative and Retired Representative from their current one year term to two year terms. The changes will also substantially alter the structure of the board of directors. Consistent with the rules of parliamentary procedure, we are required to give notice of what the changes will be but the exact language can be provided later.

In order to simplify matters and avoid possible confusion, we will vote on each proposed change individually. The proposed changes will be presented numerically as follows:

(1) Change the term of office from one year to two years for all three service representatives as well as the reserve representative and the retired representative. Their terms will be staggered.

RATIONALE: Prepare more continuity at these positions and make their terms consistent with other board members.

(2) Make the Immediate Past President a non voting member of the board and allow the board to determine on a case to case base when the board wants or needs the IPP to attend board meetings.

RATIONALE: Eliminate some travel expenses.

(3) Add a Senior VP.

RATIONALE: Provides for a chief of staff and trains a successor to the president.

(4) Eliminate the Parliamentarian position.

RATIONALE: Give those duties back to the JAG and eliminate some travel expenses.

(5) Make the Chaplain an appointed position

RATIONALE: Chaplain would be a non-voting member of the board and not required to attend quarterly meetings. This would eliminate some travel expenses.

(6) Eliminate the MAA position.

RATIONALE: A group of officers could be selected at the conference to fill the MAA duties. This would eliminate some travel expenses.

(7) Eliminate the Reserve representative position.

RATIONALE: Duties of reserve representatives would be assumed by service representatives. This would eliminate some travel expenses.

(8) Make the Historian an appointed position

RATIONALE: Historian would be a non-voting member of the board and not required to attend quarterly meetings. This would eliminate some travel expenses.

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