

Resolution 01-2019

Riders Unified By-Laws

Submitted By: AMVETS Riders Department of Iowa Executive Committee

Whereas: Article XIII sets the requirements for Uniforms and Insignia

And Whereas: It is recommended that AMVETS Riders and Supporters wear a uniform American flag patch

Therefore, be it Resolved: to amend Article XIII, Section 13.4 A.)to read as:

13.4 A.) 1.) American Flag. Shall be the highest patch on the front of the vest. The American flag patch will be red, white, and blue with gold border. The American flag patch shall not have any insignia or words covering it.

Committee Recommendations

Adopt_____ Adopt (as amended)_____ Reject_____

Vote of Convention Delegates

Adopt_____ Adopt (as amended)_____ Reject_____

Resolution 02-2019

Riders Unified By-Laws

Subject: Amend Article VIII 8.3

Submitted by: Riders National CBL Committee

Whereas: Article 8.3 states that voting at the Chapter level shall be done by hand or voice.

And Whereas: This process of voting by hand or voice can affect a member from voting for the candidate of their choice, because their vote can be observed by either the candidate or friends and family of the said candidates. This can lead to hard feelings amongst the Chapter and possible future retaliation. It in many instances it prohibits the best qualified candidate from being fairly elected.

Therefore, be it Resolved: to amend the last sentence to say: The voting shall be held by hand, voice, or secret ballot.

Committee Recommendation

Adopt_____ Adopt (as amended)_____ Reject_____

Vote of Convention Delegates

Adopt_____ Adopt (as amended)_____ Reject_____

Resolution 03-2019

Riders Unified By-Laws

Subject: Amend Article VII 7.2

Submitted by: Riders National CBL Committee

Whereas: Article 7.2 states that voting at the Department level shall be done by hand or voice.

And Whereas: This process of voting by hand or voice can affect a member from voting for the candidate of their choice, because their vote can be observed by either the candidate or friends and family of the said candidates. This can lead to hard feelings amongst the Department and possible future retaliation. It in many instances it prohibits the best qualified candidate from being fairly elected.

Therefore, be it Resolved: to amend the last sentence to say: The voting shall be held by hand, voice, or secret ballot.

Committee Recommendation

Adopt_____ Adopt (as amended)_____ Reject_____

Vote of Convention Delegates

Adopt_____ Adopt (as amended)_____ Reject_____

Resolution 04-2019

Riders Unified Constitution

Subject: Amend Article 7.1

Submitted by: Riders National CBL Committee

Whereas: Article 7.1 reads: Membership in the AMVETS Riders shall be limited in good standing of AMVETS, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, and Sons of AMVETS.

And Whereas: where the wording (and Sons of AMVETS) could be construed to mean that you have to be a Son to be a Rider. This is obviously an error in typing up the document and never intended to have this meaning.

Therefore, be it Resolved: for Article 7.1 to read: Membership in the AMVETS Riders shall be limited to AMVETS, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, or Sons of AMVETS.

Committee Recommendation

Adopt _____ Adopt(as amended) _____ Reject _____

Vote of Convention Delegates

Adopt _____ Adopt(as amended) _____ Reject _____

Resolution 05-2019

Riders Unified By-Laws

Subject: Amend Article 6.4 B.)

Submitted by: Riders National CBL Committee

Whereas: Article 6.4 B.) has created some confusion as to who collectively has a vote as well who is defined as the Executive Committee.

Therefore, be it Resolved: to delete 6.4 B.) in whole and write it to read: Every member of the National Executive Committee, as defined in Article 9.3 B) of the Riders Unified Constitution, shall be entitled to one vote at the National Convention. However, all Past National Presidents who are members of the National Executive Committee shall collectively be entitled to only a single vote providing the member's Chapter and Department is in good standing. The National President shall vote only in case of a tie.

Committee Recommendation

Adopt_____ Adopt(as amended)_____ Reject_____

Vote of Convention Delegates

Adopt_____ Adopt(as amended)_____ Reject_____

Resolution 06-2019

Riders Unified By-Laws

Subject: Amend Article 7.4 C.)

Submitted by: Riders National CBL Committee

Whereas: Article 7.4 C.) has created some confusion as to who collectively has a vote as well who is defined as the Executive Committee.

Therefore, be it Resolved: to delete 7.4 C.) in whole and write it to read: Every member of the Department Executive Committee, as defined in Article 9.3 B) of the Riders Unified Constitution, shall be entitled to one vote at the Department Convention. However, all Past Department Presidents who are members of the Department Executive Committee shall collectively be entitled to only a single vote providing the member's Chapter is in good standing. The Department President shall vote only in case of a tie.

Committee Recommendation

Adopt_____ Adopt(as amended)_____ Reject_____

Vote of Convention Delegates

Adopt_____ Adopt(as amended)_____ Reject_____

Resolution 07-2019

Riders Unified By-Laws

Subject: Amend Article 10.8 A.)

Submitted by: Riders National Executive Board

Whereas: Article 10.8 A.) set the term limits for the Vice Presidents and the President at (2) one-year terms.

And Whereas: it has been the belief that the Judge Advocate and Treasurer should not have term limits due to longevity in these positions is beneficial. The Sergeant-at-Arms position is considered as the entry level position and affords the time to become familiar with the progression of moving up in the chairs. With no term limits for that position the person can choose to stay at that position which forces the entry level position in most cases to be the Second Vice. This should not be an entry level position.

Therefore, be it Resolved: to set term limits for the Sergeant-at-Arms position. Therefore Article 10.8 A.) should read: AMVETS Riders National President, the Riders National 1st Vice President, Riders National 2nd Vice President, and the National Riders Sergeant-at-Arms may hold office for two (2) one-year terms and shall not succeed themselves. All other National Officers shall have no term limits.

Committee Recommendation

Adopt_____ Adopt(as amended)_____ Reject_____

Vote of Convention Delegates

Adopt_____ Adopt(as amended)_____ Reject_____

Resolution 08-2019

Riders Unified Constitution

Subject: Amend Article 7.7

Submitted by: Riders National CBL Committee

Whereas: Article 7.7 prohibits the acceptance of Members at Large into the AMVETS Riders.

And Whereas: in 2020 the AMVETS Organization's goal is to become involved with the Rolling Thunder event in Washington D.C. It is not clear at what level of involvement the Organization will have, but it is quite clear that it will be an enormous membership drive for all entities of AMVETS. Major efforts to recruit and sign up new members on-site at this event is imperative.

And Whereas: the AMVETS Riders do not allow for Members at Large to participate as Riders. We should allow for this to maximize our opportunity for growth. We need to accept Members at Large and set the guidelines for their participation as members.

Therefore, be it resolved: to delete Article 7.7 as it exists and add the following language:
Article 7.7 Members at Large will be accepted as AMVETS Riders. These Members at Large shall not be entitled to vote, hold office, or wear the AMVETS Riders uniform until they attach themselves to an existing Riders Chapter where they shall meet all the criteria of Riders Membership. At that time, they shall have full membership privileges. The Member at Large must attach themselves to an existing Chapter within one (1) year from the date they sign up as a Member at Large. If they do not meet that one (1) year deadline, they will be dropped from the roster as a Member at Large.

Committee Recommendation

Adopt_____ Adopt(as amended)_____ Reject_____

Vote of Convention Delegates

Adopt_____ Adopt(as amended)_____ Reject_____

Resolution 09-2019

Riders Unified By-Laws

Subject: Amend Article 5.2 D.)

Submitted by: Riders National CBL Committee

Whereas: Article 5.2 D.) prohibits the acceptance of Members at Large into the AMVETS Riders.

And Whereas: in 2020 the AMVETS Organization's goal is to become involved with the Rolling Thunder event in Washington D.C. It is not clear at what level of involvement the Organization will have, but it is quite clear that it will be an enormous membership drive for all entities of AMVETS. Major efforts to recruit and sign up new members on-site at this event is imperative.

And Whereas: the AMVETS Riders do not allow for Members at Large to participate as Riders. We should allow for this to maximize our opportunity for growth. We need to accept Members at Large and set the guidelines for their participation as members.

Therefore, be it resolved: to delete Article 5.2 D.) as it exists and add the following language: Article 5.2 D.) Members at Large will be accepted as AMVETS Riders. These Members at Large shall not be entitled to vote, hold office, or wear the AMVETS Riders uniform until they attach themselves to an existing Riders Chapter where they shall meet all the criteria of Riders Membership. At that time, they shall have full membership privileges. The Member at Large must attach themselves to an existing Chapter within one (1) year from the date they sign up as a Member at Large. If they do not meet that one (1) year deadline, they will be dropped from the roster as a Member at Large.

Committee Recommendation

Adopt_____ Adopt(as amended)_____ Reject_____

Vote of Convention Delegates

Adopt_____ Adopt(as amended)_____ Reject_____