

Whereas, under Section 804E the National Regional District Council Members are listed in this Section, and a few numbered Council Member's Departments have more membership than those representing a single department/Area, and to ensure that the smallest through largest Departments are matched as closely as possible, and

Whereas, National District Council Members 14 and 17 each have three Departments, and can be better matched in size and location, and

Whereas, Council Members wish to remain within the same Conferences, and in close geographic proximity, and

Whereas, the current number of "Area" Council Members equals 7, and the proposed "Area" Council Members would equal 8,

Therefore, be it resolved that the following changes take place:

**ADOPTED**

Option 1:

Remove New York from Area "C" and combine them with Delaware (NDCM #4) immediately following 2018 National Convention. New York's NDCM #4 would then serve through 2020 for an even turnover of the Council. Upon which Delaware elects their Council Member serving the next term (2020-2022) for two years.

**ADOPTED**

Option 2:

Remove Washington from NDCM #14, and Oregon from NDCM #17 to combine them into a newly established NDCM #20 effective following the 2019 National Convention. This allows a smooth transition and election for the Departments of Utah and Washington at their 2019 Department Conventions. Washington's new NDCM #20 will serve a three-year term from 2019-2022 for an even turnover of the Council, after which a two-year term will resume. Idaho's NDCM #14 elects at their June 2018 Department Convention and serves the normal two-year term. Idaho continues to represent Washington until 2019 National Convention. Oregon's NDCM #17 continues to represent Nevada and Utah until the end of their 2017-2019 term. Utah will then elect NDCM #17 at their 2019 Department Convention for the 2019-2021 term.

**ADOPTED**

Option 3:

Separate NDCM #21 (Nebraska & Minnesota), and Separate NDCM #23 (South Dakota & Michigan); forming a new NDCM #21 for Nebraska and South Dakota; while Michigan and Minnesota become Areas B and E respectively, effective following the 2019 National Convention. Nebraska elects the next NDCM #21 at their 2019 Department Convention. Michigan as Area B would elect at their 2019 Department Convention and serve a three-year term from 2019-2022 for an even year turnover of the Council. After which Michigan begins the regular two-year term (2022-2024). Minnesota's term will remain on the odd years (2019-2021).

**ADOPTED**

Option 4:

Separate NDCM #5 (Indiana & Missouri) making Indiana Area C due to their membership count effective following the 2019 National Convention. New NDCM Area C (Indiana) will elect at their 2019 Department Convention serving 2019-2021. Remove Illinois from Area B to join Missouri becoming NDCM #5, effective following the 2019 National Convention with Illinois electing the next Council Member at their 2019 Department Convention serving 2019-2021.

**ADOPTED**

Option 5:

Florida is currently designated as Area J. Change Florida to Area F following the 2018 National Convention, and their next term will be 2019-2022 to achieve an even year turnover for the Council.

In step with changes adopted by the 2018 National Convention, National Headquarters will administratively make those changes and effective dates in Sections 804D and 804E of the National Bylaws. Further, National Headquarters will add those approved changes and effective dates to future phone directories to alleviate confusion during this transition.\*

\*Attached is information on the Current and Proposed Council Member plan, and membership statistics as of 30 June 2017.

Submitted by the VFW Auxiliary National Bylaws and Resolutions Committee

## 2017 Department Membership Statistics

| Department          | 30-Jun-17     | Department    | 30-Jun-17      |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Ohio</b>         | <b>43,272</b> |               |                |
| <b>Pennsylvania</b> | <b>35,376</b> |               |                |
| <b>Florida</b>      | <b>30,991</b> | Louisiana     | 4,955          |
| <b>Michigan</b>     | <b>26,098</b> | Georgia       | 4,829          |
| <b>Indiana</b>      | <b>25,786</b> | Arkansas      | 4,812          |
| <b>Texas</b>        | <b>25,752</b> | Oklahoma      | 4,456          |
| <b>Minnesota</b>    | <b>23,472</b> | Massachusetts | 4,452          |
| <b>California</b>   | <b>21,927</b> | Alabama       | 4,383          |
| Illinois            | 20,527        | Vermont       | 4,153          |
| New York            | 19,248        | New Hampshire | 4,122          |
| Missouri            | 14,343        | Connecticut   | 3,906          |
| Kansas              | 12,373        | North Dakota  | 3,741          |
| Wisconsin           | 10,290        | Mississippi   | 3,655          |
| Arizona             | 10,156        | New Mexico    | 3,649          |
| Maryland            | 9,914         | Maine         | 3,427          |
| Washington          | 9,032         | Montana       | 3,307          |
| New Jersey          | 8,700         | Wyoming       | 2,711          |
| Virginia            | 8,532         | Alaska        | 2,707          |
| North Carolina      | 7,655         | Delaware      | 2,635          |
| Nebraska            | 7,012         | Nevada        | 1,646          |
| Iowa                | 6,845         | Idaho         | 1,517          |
| Colorado            | 6,697         | Rhode Island  | 865            |
| West Virginia       | 6,434         | National HQ   | 787            |
| Kentucky            | 6,357         | Utah          | 770            |
| South Dakota        | 5,880         | Hawaii        | 558            |
| Oregon              | 5,577         | Dist of Col.  | 32             |
| Tennessee           | 5,539         |               |                |
| South Carolina      | 5,411         | <b>Total</b>  | <b>491,271</b> |

CURRENT COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

PROPOSED COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

| NDCM | Department                 |                | Year | odd | even | NDCM | Department   |              | Year      | odd | even |
|------|----------------------------|----------------|------|-----|------|------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----|------|
|      |                            |                |      |     |      |      |              |              |           |     |      |
| 1    | Maine                      | New Hampshire  | 2019 | 1   |      |      |              |              |           | 1   |      |
| 2    | Massachusetts              | Vermont*       | 2018 |     | 1    |      |              |              |           |     | 1    |
| 3    | New Jersey                 | Maryland       | 2019 | 1   |      |      |              |              |           | 1   |      |
| 4    | Delaware                   |                | 2018 |     | 1    | 4    | Delaware     | New York     | 2017-2020 |     | 1    |
| 5    | Indiana                    | Missouri       | 2019 | 1   |      | 5    | Illinois     | Missouri     | 2019-2021 | 1   |      |
| 6    | West Virginia              | Virginia*      | 2018 |     | 1    |      |              |              |           | 1   |      |
| 7    | Tennessee                  | Kentucky       | 2019 | 1   |      |      |              |              |           | 1   |      |
| 8    | Alabama                    | Georgia*       | 2018 |     | 1    |      |              |              |           | 1   |      |
| 9    | South Carolina             | North Carolina | 2019 | 1   |      |      |              |              |           | 1   |      |
| 10   | Arkansas                   | Oklahoma*      | 2018 |     | 1    |      |              |              |           | 1   |      |
| 11   | Wisconsin                  | Iowa           | 2019 | 1   |      |      |              |              |           | 1   |      |
| 12   | North Dakota               | Wyoming*       | 2018 |     | 1    |      |              |              |           | 1   |      |
| 13   | Colorado                   | Kansas         | 2019 | 1   |      |      |              |              |           | 1   |      |
| 14   | Washington                 | Idaho*         | 2018 |     | 1    |      |              |              |           | 1   |      |
| 15   | Arizona                    | New Mexico     | 2019 | 1   |      |      |              |              |           | 1   |      |
| 16   | Alaska                     | Hawaii*        | 2018 |     | 1    |      |              |              |           | 1   |      |
| 17   | Nevada                     | Utah           | 2019 | 1   |      |      |              |              |           | 1   |      |
| 18   | Rhode Island               | Connecticut*   | 2018 |     | 1    |      |              |              |           | 1   |      |
| 19   | Mississippi                | Louisiana      | 2019 | 1   |      |      |              |              |           | 1   |      |
| 20   |                            |                |      |     |      | 20   | Washington   | Oregon       | 2019-2022 |     | 1    |
| 21   | Nebraska                   | Minnesota      | 2019 | 1   |      | 21   | Nebraska     | South Dakota | 2019-2021 | 1   |      |
| 22   |                            |                |      |     |      |      |              |              |           |     |      |
| 23   | South Dakota               | Michigan       | 2019 | 1   |      |      |              |              |           |     |      |
|      | *Electing new NDCM in 2018 |                |      |     |      |      |              |              |           |     |      |
| A    | Pennsylvania               |                | 2019 | 1   |      | A    | Pennsylvania |              | 2019-2021 | 1   |      |
| B    | Illinois                   |                | 2019 | 1   |      | B    | Michigan     |              | 2019-2022 |     | 1    |
| C    | New York                   |                | 2019 | 1   |      | C    | Indiana      |              | 2019-2021 | 1   |      |
| D    | Ohio*                      |                | 2018 |     | 1    | D    | Ohio         |              | 2018-2020 |     | 1    |
| E    |                            |                |      |     |      | E    | Minnesota    |              | 2019-2021 | 1   |      |
| F    |                            |                |      |     |      | F    | Florida      |              | 2019-2022 |     | 1    |
| G    | California                 |                | 2019 | 1   |      | G    | California   |              | 2019-2021 | 1   |      |
| H    | Texas*                     |                | 2018 |     | 1    | H    | Texas        |              | 2018-2020 |     | 1    |
| I    |                            |                |      |     |      |      |              |              |           | 15  | 14   |
| J    | Florida                    |                | 2019 | 1   |      |      |              |              |           |     |      |
|      |                            |                |      | 17  | 11   |      |              |              |           |     |      |