

Amendments to the Virginia Division Constitution that have been received from the Resolutions Committee for consideration.

1. The Pro-rated dues amount Amendment is RECOMMENDED for approval.
2. The Division Executive Council Amendment is RECOMMENDED for approval.
3. The Standing Committee Amendment is NOT RECOMMENDED for approval.

The proposed amendments are in the order listed above. Please bring these amendments before your camps and these will be voted on at the annual Reunion/Convention in Bristol Va on April 18, 2026.

I propose the following entirely new Section 1.a. Be inserted between the currently existing Section 1 and Section 2.

***Article IX - Division Executive Council***

**Section 1.a.** For any Virginia Division member to be eligible to be elected or to serve in any officer position listed in Section 1 above, it is required that 1) he himself be a member in good standing at Headquarters, the Virginia Division, and his camp (i.e., that his dues have been paid), 2) the camp of which he is a member is in good standing (i.e., that the camp has the required number of members to maintain their charter and that their dues have been paid to both Headquarters and the Virginia Division), 3) he is not a member of the Headquarters Camp 530 (Alexander L. Hensley Camp) 4) his membership is not currently suspended pending the outcome of any disciplinary action, and 5) he has and maintains a viable means of electronic communication (i.e., both via telephone [voice and text] and email.

**RATIONALE:**

The need for this (or some similar) amendment had gone without saying until a certain officer was found not meeting three of these criteria. The officer happened to have been a brigade commander, but upon reflection on the need to say/write it, I realized that, of course, these criteria certainly apply equally to everyone currently serving or seeking to serve as a division officer. This is a business decision.

Occasionally, certain business of the Division Executive Council (DEC) is time-sensitive, even urgent, and cannot wait for the next scheduled quarterly DEC meeting or for a letter to be delivered to and then received from an individual officer by the US Postal Service or any of their competitors. It is, in fact, imperative that every officer on the DEC be able (and willing) to receive and send communications conceivably within minutes, but certainly within hours, if the need arises. The telephone is no substitute for a lengthy printed document; texted messages cannot accommodate attachments. There are numerous email providers from which one can choose, many of them are available at no cost. If one does not own a personal computer, he can freely or inexpensively have access to one at local public libraries, hotel business centers possibly, or Fedex/Kinkos or similar such places, not to mention friends or family.

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## **Article X - Standing Committees**

**Section 2.** (Recommend the following sentences be appended to the end of the existing paragraph if adopted.)

The slate of nominees shall also include any known additional candidates wishing to compete for a given position.

### **Rationale:**

I believe that in a more perfect world every office should be contested. Our members deserve to have a choice between two or more good men for each office (ideally). We all know that the job of finding good men who are willing to serve is not easy. If the Nominating Committee has a preferred candidate/nominee for a given position they can explain that preference when they announce the slate, but to ignore other candidates seems to have a discouraging effect on those who might otherwise be willing to participate in the election and we run the risk of not getting the best man/men for the job(s).

This amendment is not in any way intended to limit the members' freedom to nominate candidates from the floor at the convention.

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**Current Language:**

**ARTICLE XIII - FINANCE**

**SECTION 1.** The revenue of the Virginia Division shall be derived from the annual membership dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the Division Executive Council. The amount of \$3.00 per annual member dues will be forwarded to the Oakwood Restoration Fund. \$1.00 per each annual member dues will be forwarded to the Relief and Welfare Fund.

**Proposed Language:**

**ARTICLE XIII - FIANCE**

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**Rationale:** The primary purpose of this amendment is to give new members the option to save money by not having to pay the full amount for only a partial year's membership. If a new member applies in the 3rd or 4th quarter, January 1 - July 31, they will have the option to pay a set amount plus a year's membership fee that will cover membership for these quarters in addition to the upcoming dues year. This will secure membership for one year plus the months in the previous fiscal year. The pro-rate fee will cover the months of January - July of said year. This follows the National Constitutions Verbiage which can be found in Article 11.1.4.