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97th Fleet Reserve Association  
National Convention

Second Business Session

5 November 2025

Oasis Hotel and Convention Center  
Springfield, Missouri

1 (Called to order at 1338.)

2 NP BEHM: Shipmate Master at Arms, the  
3 assembly will now come to order. Would you  
4 invite the shipmates in and close the door  
5 please?

6 Uncover please. Shipmate National  
7 Chaplain, would you please open the Bible?

8 NCHAP FALU: Shipmate National  
9 President, the Bible is now open.

10 NP BEHM: Thank you, shipmate. Hand  
11 salute. Two.

12 JPNP ROBBINS: Shipmate National  
13 President.

14 NP BEHM: Yes, Shipmate.

15 JPNP ROBBINS: Let it reflect I'm in  
16 uniform of the day.

17 NP BEHM: Thank you, Junior Past. I now  
18 declare the second business session of the 97th  
19 National Convention regularly convened.

20 The chair now requests the second  
21 credentials report if there have been any

1 changes.

2 PRPWC MATTHEWS: Shipmate President,  
3 Matthews, Branch 197, credentials chair. This  
4 will be the second report at, the time is 1320  
5 local.

6 Number of branches represented by  
7 delegates, 52. Number of votes represented by  
8 delegates, 408. Number of branches represented  
9 by proxy, 75. Number of votes registered by  
10 proxy, 332. Number of branches not registered,  
11 three. Number of delegates registered, 106.  
12 Registered voting strength, 740. Number of votes  
13 not registered, 18. Two-thirds vote is 494,  
14 majority vote is 371.

15 I request that my report be received.

16 NP BEHM: Is there a second?

17 PRPSC GRUETZNER: Gruetzner, Branch 201,  
18 second.

19 PRPWC MATTHEWS: And if there's any  
20 question on your sheets that show the branches,  
21 307, during the NBR pre-board that was revoked,

1 so you can take them of your list.

2 NP BEHM: Thank you. Suspended,  
3 Shipmate. Any discussion?

4 PRPSE RICHMOND: Richmond, Branch 22,  
5 delegate. I just have a question. So number of  
6 delegates registered is 106. Is that not the  
7 same numbed down below?

8 PRPWC MATTHEWS: No, that didn't change.

9 NP BEHM: It has been moved and  
10 seconded. Any further discussion? Any further  
11 discussion? Any further discussion? All in  
12 favor?

13 (Chorus of ayes.)

14 NP BEHM: Any opposed? Any abstained?

15 We are now going to continue receiving  
16 reports of the national convention committees,  
17 where is my chairman of the steering committee?  
18 Okay. We're going to move ahead. Will the  
19 chairman of the -- I'm going to start calling  
20 these out now, so we're going to start with the  
21 constitution and bylaws and resolutions with PNP

1 Donna Jansky.

2 PNP JANSKY: Hello, shipmates, I'm ready  
3 for fighting. All right. Let's get going.

4 Resolution number one, Article 7 from Branch 112.  
5 But before I do that, I need to do something.

6 The committee reviewed all the  
7 resolutions to insure they do not violate the  
8 Association's mission, depth of vision, values or  
9 the law. Please remember, you the delegates will  
10 be voting on the resolution itself and not on the  
11 committee's recommendation. We are only  
12 recommending you vote whether you approve or  
13 disapprove the resolution.

14 So resolution number one, I'll read the  
15 resolved. Section 702(j), if the regional  
16 president and the regional vice president are  
17 absent from the meeting of the national board of  
18 directors for any reason, the regional president  
19 may appoint past regional presidents from the  
20 region to represent the region at the meeting of  
21 the national board of directors. That national

1 board of directors is authorized by two-thirds  
2 vote to appoint the designated past regional  
3 president to represent the region with the same  
4 authority as the regional president.

5 The committee is recommending approval.  
6 This is just another person that is in the line  
7 of succession in case the regional president  
8 cannot attend.

9 We also recommend that on this  
10 resolution, you will note that there's a Section  
11 702(i). There was no change to that, so we would  
12 to recommend this motion be amended first to not  
13 include that 702 part, and to amend the resolved  
14 that the Article 7, Section 702(j) be added to  
15 read, instead of being amended.

16 NP BEHM: I have a motion on the  
17 amendment, I need a second.

18 PRPWC MATTHEWS: Second. Matthews, 197,  
19 second.

20 NP BEHM: We have a motion and a second.  
21 Any discussion? All those in favor of the

1 amendment?

2 (Chorus of ayes.)

3 Any opposed?

4 Now we will vote on the resolution. I  
5 need a motion.

6 PRPSE RICHMOND: Richmond, delegate,  
7 Branch 22. I make a motion that Constitutional  
8 and Bylaws Resolution 1 as amended be approved.

9 NP BEHM: Do I have a second?

10 S/M HOLMES: Holmes, delegate, Branch  
11 269, second.

12 NP BEHM: Any further discussion? I  
13 have a motion and a second. Any further  
14 discussion? All in favor?

15 (Chorus of ayes.)

16 Opposed?

17 PNP JANSKY: I didn't get beat up.  
18 Resolution number two, the resolved, that Article  
19 12 Section 1214 be amended to read: Section  
20 1214, branch meetings. Each branch of the Fleet  
21 Reserve Association shall be required to hold

1 stated meeting not less than one time per year  
2 but not less than nine times per year -- oh, I'm  
3 sorry. One time a year would be great. All  
4 right.

5 If a meeting is missed, it is required  
6 to document the reason why the meeting was not  
7 held for future audit purposes.

8 The board recommends approval with the  
9 striking out of the words not less than before  
10 one time per month. Do you understand? The  
11 reason for that is for clarity. There was a  
12 little problem with understanding what one  
13 meeting a month meant, and so we thought if we  
14 struck out those three words it would be better.

15 S/M BOWLES: Bowles, delegate, Branch  
16 269, second.

17 NP BEHM: I have a second on the  
18 amendment. Any discussion?

19 PRPSC GRUETZNER: Gruetzner, Branch 201.  
20 Okay. You confused me. It was one per month,  
21 but not less than nine. You wish to remove the

1 term not less than, or --

2 PNP JANSKY: Yes. Not less than, before  
3 the word one time per month.

4 PRPSC GRUETZNER: Okay, not the second  
5 one but the first one. Okay, got it.

6 PRPNC COMBS: Combs, delegate, Branch  
7 161. Can you please read what that says now, or  
8 what the proposal is?

9 PNP JANSKY: Sure. Let me find it.  
10 Each branch of the Fleet Reserve Association  
11 shall be required to hold stated meetings one  
12 time per month but not less than nine times per  
13 year.

14 PRPNC COMBS: Thank you.

15 PNP JANSKY: Yes?

16 S/M LEWIS: Lewis, Branch 268. I'm  
17 confused. If you have to have a meeting once a  
18 month, how can you have less than nine times per  
19 year?

20 PNP JANSKY: There are times where, say  
21 you have your holidays, that you're not meeting

1 on holidays. We're not asking you to make that  
2 up in that same month. You can skip that month  
3 because of the holiday. Thanksgiving is a good  
4 example, the fourth Thursday of November, and so  
5 you're not going to make that month's meeting  
6 up. Also, snow days, you know, you don't have to  
7 make up that meeting. I should say, I said snow  
8 days because I'm from New England, but you know,  
9 hurricanes.

10 S/M LEWIS: But if you're required to  
11 have a meeting once a month --

12 PRPNC CUNNINGHAM: Cunningham, Branch  
13 14. Yes, I see this going and going and going,  
14 but I think that the word required is calling  
15 people out. I think if it said that each branch  
16 of the Fleet Reserve Association shall hold  
17 stated meetings one time per month but not less  
18 than nine times per year, putting the word  
19 required in there kind of makes it a little  
20 confusing.

21 PNP JANSKY: The way it currently is

1 worded is each branch of the Fleet Reserve  
2 Association shall be required to hold stated  
3 meetings not less than one each month. That's  
4 how it is now written, so are you saying we  
5 should take out the word required?

6 PRPNC CUNNINGHAM: That's right, shall  
7 hold one meeting per month.

8 PNP JANSKY: I didn't hear you from your  
9 seat, and who are you?

10 PRPNC CUNNINGHAM: Cunningham, Branch  
11 14. We're wanting the branches to hold one  
12 meeting each month, but then you're changing it  
13 to say but not less than nine per year. If you  
14 say required to hold one meeting per month, you  
15 can't tell them that yeah, you can change that to  
16 nine times per year.

17 PNP JANSKY: The second sentence --

18 PRPNC CUNNINGHAM: It's not the second  
19 sentence.

20 PNP JANSKY: No, no. The second  
21 sentence says if the meeting is missed, it is

1 required to document the reason.

2 PRPNC CUNNINGHAM: Okay.

3 NP BEHM: Because it's in the bylaws, to  
4 change it, that needs to become a motion.

5 PRPNC CUNNINGHAM: Cunningham, Branch  
6 14. Okay. We're one of the branches to hold one  
7 meeting each month, but then it says not less  
8 than nine per year.

9 SPEAKER: (Inaudible), Branch 32. One  
10 of the questions that I have, and this is stuff,  
11 if we're going to do this, I realize that we have  
12 snow days and stuff that's going to affect  
13 meetings. Use Zoom. Is it not, if you use Zoom  
14 for a meeting, that is a recognized meeting, is  
15 it not?

16 PNP JANSKY: It is recognized. We're  
17 not saying that you cannot have 12 meetings,  
18 that's not what this is for. We recognize there  
19 are branches that do not hold 12 meetings a year.  
20 You can't tell me that that's a false statement.  
21 There are branches that do not hold meetings 12

1 times a year. They are not compliant with the  
2 bylaws the way it is written right now.

3 We're trying to alleviate that, give  
4 branches some room to be able to not be  
5 noncompliant.

6 SPEAKER: (Inaudible), Branch 117.  
7 Would not having a quorum count as an excusal of  
8 a meeting?

9 PNP JANSKY: As long as you don't do it  
10 more than three times.

11 NP BEHM: And you have it documented,  
12 that's the key. I'll give you an example. If  
13 I'm unable -- I'm the branch president as well.  
14 If my vice president isn't able and I can't get  
15 ahold of the second vice, then we don't have a  
16 quorum, so we have to write that because of the  
17 quorum we could not meet, but we can't do more  
18 than the three.

19 PRPSE RICHMOND: Richmond, delegate,  
20 Branch 22. So I'm going to help with what Maria  
21 just said there. I make a motion that we amend

1 this to read, each branch of the Fleet Reserve  
2 Association shall hold, take out the required to,  
3 shall hold stated meetings one time per month and  
4 but not less than nine times a year, and that  
5 should alleviate anything.

6 NP BEHM: I have a motion on the floor.

7 PRPNC CUNNINGHAM: Cunningham, Branch  
8 14, second.

9 SPEAKER: You've got to be at the mic to  
10 second.

11 PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, Branch 159,  
12 second.

13 (Applause.)

14 NP BEHM: We have a first and a second.  
15 Any further discussion? All in favor?

16 (Chorus of ayes.)

17 Any opposed? Carries. Thank you. Now  
18 we have to vote on the resolution here. So, do I  
19 have a motion -- excuse me, at the mic please.  
20 I'm sorry we don't have more microphones.

21 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) Branch 294,

1 delegate. Were there not two motions on the  
2 floor before we did that motion? We can't vote  
3 on the second motion before the first motion.

4 NP BEHM: Thank you. All right. So we  
5 have a motion on the amendment.

6 PNP JANSKY: So what we will do, and red  
7 hats, you can tell me if I'm doing it right or  
8 wrong, since you found me talking. The first  
9 amendment we are not voting on, we withdraw that.  
10 Right. The second amendment covers both what the  
11 committee recommended plus the word, I'm sorry,  
12 deleting the word required.

13 So I will read what the amendment is.  
14 Each branch of the Fleet Reserve Association  
15 shall hold stated meetings one time per year --  
16 no, it's one time per month, but not less than  
17 nine times per year. If a meeting is missed, it  
18 is required to document the reason why the  
19 meeting was not held for future audit purposes.  
20 Does that make sense?

21 NP BEHM: All right. So we're going to

1 vote on the amendment, so I have a first. Do I  
2 have a second?

3 S/M GRIMES: Shipmate Grimes, 294,  
4 delegate. Now that we understand what the  
5 amended amendment is, should we have a motion to  
6 accept that amended amendment? If so, I motion  
7 that we accept the change as currently amended,  
8 so I need a second on that.

9 NP BEHM: Right. We have a motion to  
10 accept the change as currently amended. Do I  
11 have a second?

12 S/M JACOBSON: Jacobson, Branch 32. I  
13 second the motion.

14 NP BEHM: All right, we've got a first  
15 and a second. Any discussion? All right. All  
16 in favor?

17 (Chorus of ayes.)

18 Any opposed? The motion passes.

19 PNP JANSKY: I get to come back up to  
20 the mic. We are now going to vote on the  
21 resolution as amended. You just voted on

1 amending the resolution, and now we're going to  
2 vote on the resolution as amended.

3 NP BEHM: Do I have a second? I need a  
4 first.

5 S/M GRIMES: Grimes, Branch 294, second  
6 the resolution.

7 NP BEHM: We need a first.

8 S/M GRIMES: Grimes, Branch 294, make a  
9 motion to accept the resolution as amended.

10 RPNENE RIZZO: Rizzo, delegate, 124,  
11 second.

12 NP BEHM: Any further discussion? All  
13 in favor?

14 (Chorus of ayes.)

15 Any opposed? The motion passes.

16 PNP JANSKY: Now we get to the hard  
17 part. We have resolutions number three and four.  
18 Four is going before resolution three. Lots of  
19 whereases on this one. I'm only reading the  
20 resolved.

21 Resolved, Section 816(a), committee is

1 appointed by the national president. The  
2 committee shall consist of a chair and eight  
3 members, one from each region. Terms shall be  
4 for three years with three members being replaced  
5 or reappointed each year by the national  
6 president; and be it further

7 Resolved, that Section 816(b), duties of  
8 the committee shall be to manage and oversee the  
9 FRA VAVS Center of Development and Community  
10 Engagement, providing education and outreach of  
11 the same to the membership of the Association,  
12 including VA MHA policy and regulations  
13 associated with this program, to report on the  
14 number and activities of the FRA designated  
15 VAVS/CDCE representatives in each region and each  
16 medical facility. To solicit branches to promote  
17 shipmates to become VAVS/CDCE representatives or  
18 volunteers and become involved in Department of  
19 Veteran Affairs/services, medical facilities,  
20 state of national veteran cemeteries, or veteran  
21 homes, and to annually recognize outstanding

1 service by a shipmate in service to veterans in  
2 the area of hospital, welfare and rehabilitation;  
3 and be it further

4 Resolved -- I know this is long. Be it  
5 further

6 Resolved, Section 820(a) committee is  
7 appointed by the national president. The  
8 committee shall consist of a chair and eight  
9 members from each region, of which all members  
10 shall be VA accredited veteran service officers  
11 representing the FRA. Terms shall be for three  
12 years with three members being replaced or  
13 reappointed each year by the national president;  
14 and be it further

15 Resolved, Section 820(b), duties of the  
16 committee shall be to oversee the FRA veteran  
17 service programs, provide education and outreach  
18 of same to the membership of the Association,  
19 including the policies and regulations associated  
20 with the program, to report on the number and  
21 activities of FRA accredited VSO representative

1 programs in each region, to solicit branches and  
2 shipmates to become involved in Department of  
3 Veterans Affairs services on the local, state or  
4 national level, including VA regional offices,  
5 and to annually recognize outstanding service by  
6 a shipmate in service to veterans in the area of  
7 veteran services.

8 So our recommendation, we recommend  
9 approval with the striking out of current 820(b),  
10 the current 820(b) in the C&BL, in that it is in  
11 conflict with the new 820(a) in this resolution,  
12 and renumber the subsections.

13 The rationale is that this resolution  
14 puts the VAVS duties in the correct committee,  
15 the HWR.

16 NP BEHM: Let's try this again. So you  
17 heard the resolution. I need a motion.

18 S/M GRIMES: Grimes, 264. I have a  
19 question first.

20 SPEAKER: I make a motion that we  
21 accept.

1 PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, Branch 159,  
2 second.

3 NP BEHM: Any discussion?

4 RVPNC HERNDON: As I understand it right  
5 now, we have eight regions.

6 SPEAKER: Who are you?

7 RVPNC HERNDON: Herndon, Branch 364. As  
8 I understand it, we have eight regions at this  
9 time. If North Central and South Central regions  
10 merge, we will only have seven regions, so --

11 PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, delegate, Branch  
12 159. I would like to amend that motion for  
13 Section 816(a). In the second sentence it says  
14 the committee shall consist of a chair and eight  
15 members. I'd like to change that to one member  
16 from each region. The national president may  
17 appoint additional members as desired. And then  
18 strike the second three in the next sentence.

19 PNP JANSKY: We do have the amendment  
20 further into the packet that is taking out those  
21 words.

1 PRPSC TALBOT: And it will take it out  
2 for this one too? Not a problem.

3 NP BEHM: The motion on the floor with a  
4 second is to amend the resolution. Any further  
5 discussion? All in favor?

6 (Chorus of ayes.)

7 Any opposed?

8 PNP JANSKY: I so move that the  
9 resolution as amended be approved.

10 NP BEHM: I need a second.

11 RPSE ANGER: Anger, Branch 112. I  
12 second.

13 NP BEHM: First and second. All in  
14 favor?

15 (Chorus of ayes.)

16 Any opposed? Thank you.

17 PNP JANSKY: Now we will go to  
18 resolution number three. This resolution becomes  
19 moot because we just approved resolution number  
20 four. It was more, it covered more than what  
21 resolution number three does, so we recommend not

1 to do this resolution. I'm sure I'm using the  
2 wrong words back there, if you can help me out.  
3 Rule it out of order, all right.

4 NP BEHM: I will rule that out of order.

5 PNP JANSKY: All right. Resolution  
6 number five.

7 Resolved, that Article 8, Section 802(b)  
8 C&BL, FRA, be added to read as follows: The  
9 national board of directors is authorized to  
10 advertise the position of national executive  
11 director no more than one year prior to the end  
12 of the national executive director's term. In  
13 the event of a vacancy or upon receipt of  
14 information that a vacancy in office of the  
15 national executive director will occur, the  
16 national board of directors shall appoint a  
17 designated representative to advertise the  
18 position, review resumes and make a  
19 recommendation to the national board of  
20 directors. The national board of directors is  
21 empowered to hire the best qualified candidate.

1           Be it further resolved that this section  
2 of 802 be ordered so that this new section  
3 precedes 802(h) and the remaining section be  
4 renumbered accordingly.

5           Resolved that this amendment become  
6 effective January 1st, 2026.

7           So, the committee recommends approval.  
8 Rationale is it allows the Association to draw  
9 from outside the Association for this position,  
10 just like we used to do for the finance officer.  
11 And I so move that it be approved.

12           NP BEHM: You heard the motion. Do I  
13 have a second?

14           PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, delegate, Branch  
15 159, seconds.

16           NP BEHM: We have a first and second.  
17 Any discussion?

18           NED REID: Reid, delegate, Branch 181.  
19 I just happen to be the outgoing NED if anyone  
20 doesn't know that, and I would definitely  
21 encourage that this assembly approve this. We're

1 not saying that there are no individuals  
2 internally that could hold this job, but the  
3 bottom line is that you want the best possible  
4 person to hold this job. As I engage with other  
5 VSOs, I can tell you that this is one of very few  
6 VSOs that limits the executive director to be a  
7 member of the organization, and I'm talking about  
8 the VFW, American Legion, et cetera, et cetera.  
9 All of those individual organizations have  
10 external executive directors. Some may happen to  
11 be eligible, but if you're going to move forward  
12 as an organization, you want the best people  
13 possible in the position of the national  
14 executive director.

15 (Applause.)

16 NP BEHM: Any further discussion? All  
17 in favor?

18 (Chorus of ayes.)

19 Any opposed?

20 (Scattered nos.)

21 It passes.

1 PNP JANSKY: Number six.

2 Resolved, that Article 7, Section  
3 701(b), C&BL, FRA be amended to read as follows:  
4 The annual national convention shall elect for a  
5 one-year term the national vice president and the  
6 national president.

7 Resolved, that Article 7, Section 701(f)  
8 and 701(g) be added to read as follows: 701(f),  
9 candidates for the national executive director  
10 may include members or nonmembers of the Fleet  
11 Reserve Association. Candidates for NED should  
12 have demonstrated relevant professional  
13 experience and skills commensurate to perform  
14 senior executive administrative and management  
15 functions, and maintain relationships with the  
16 national board of directors and other national  
17 officers.

18 Section 701(g), in the event that there  
19 are two or more equally qualified candidates for  
20 NED, and in consultation with external  
21 professional advisors retained for the purposes

1 of finding and reviewing candidates for NED, the  
2 candidates eligible for or already maintaining  
3 membership in the FRA shall be favored.

4 Resolved, that this amendment become  
5 effective January 1st, 2026.

6 I move that this be approved.

7 PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, delegate, Branch  
8 159. I didn't want to race Marcia to the mic  
9 again. Second.

10 NP BEHM: There is a first and second.  
11 Any discussion? Shipmate at the mic.

12 PNP COURNEYA: Delegate, Branch 274,  
13 Courneya. I recommend this be rejected for the  
14 pure fact, one, it costs money. This would have  
15 to go in front of the budget and finance  
16 committee for funds to use an outside source.  
17 And furthermore, this takes your vote away from  
18 whoever you want within your branches or within  
19 your region to hold an office.

20 NP BEHM: Any further discussion?

21 S/M JACOBSON: Jacobson, Branch 32. My

1 question is this. Are we saying that we are  
2 going to be looking outside our organization for  
3 somebody to hold those positions, and not a part  
4 of our organization?

5 NP BEHM: That's possible, but not  
6 necessarily. If we don't, that if we don't find  
7 a qualified candidate, let's say that nobody  
8 steps up, let's say that three years from now we  
9 have no one, it gives us an option.

10 PNP JANSKY: It's not a done deal that  
11 the NED will come from the outside. If you  
12 notice, the last sentence there is, the candidate  
13 eligible for or already maintaining membership in  
14 the FRA shall be favored.

15 S/M JACOBSON: I understand that part,  
16 but from my perspective and just from my  
17 perspective, I have a very strong aversion to  
18 bringing anybody outside that's not a part of it.

19 NP BEHM: Duly noted. Shipmate at the  
20 mic.

21 PRPEC MURRAY: Murray, delegate, Branch

1 40. The questions I have is in this resolution  
2 it has nothing about the term limits if we hire  
3 somebody from the outside. Presently it's every  
4 three years that an NED is reelected. So with  
5 this resolution there is no date set as far as  
6 the time limits, so I recommend rejection,  
7 because again, it's going outside the entity of  
8 the FRA.

9 NPAR POSEKANY: Posekany, delegate,  
10 Branch 14, speaking as a delegate of Branch 14 to  
11 address a couple of those concerns.

12 Again, it does not have to be outside  
13 the FRA. To address the concerns of budget and  
14 finance, at this convention you're going to elect  
15 an NED for a term of three years because that's  
16 what this convention is running on, this change  
17 doesn't take effect until after, so the person  
18 who gets elected to NED will be in office for  
19 three years, or can be in office for three years.  
20 As any hired position within the FRA, finance  
21 officer, anybody that's hired be can be fired.

1 That's the job of the national board of  
2 directors, they have the authority to hire and  
3 fire.

4 Money wise, it will be three years  
5 before we get to this point, 12 months prior to  
6 the term ending for whoever you elect tomorrow or  
7 the next day, whenever we have the election for  
8 national executive director, so you have somebody  
9 from the FRA for the next three years. It  
10 doesn't mean after that we won't, but as long as  
11 we have a qualified candidate that submits the  
12 proper paperwork to become the NED, that's fine.

13 NP BEHM: Thank you, Shipmate.

14 NPAR POSEKANY: I support this.

15 NP BEHM: Any further discussion? Any  
16 further discussion? Shipmate?

17 S/M LARSON: Larson, delegate, Branch  
18 94. The question is, will the parliamentarian  
19 explain, when we elect the national executive  
20 director at this convention, should that NED  
21 resign, step down or pass away, then we're left

1 with no national executive director. We may have  
2 to look outside the organization, may. What do  
3 we do at that point?

4 NPAR POSEKANY: You keep the current  
5 C&BL, which states that shall the national vice  
6 president, national executive director resign,  
7 leave office, pass away, the national board of  
8 directors is empowered to appoint a member to  
9 fulfill the remaining term. In this case, NED  
10 Chris and the national board appointed one of our  
11 members to finish that term of office, which  
12 expires at the end of this convention  
13 essentially.

14 S/M LARSON: So that member shipmate  
15 would be have to be internal to be appointed.  
16 Thank you.

17 NP BEHM: Any further questions?

18 NED REID: Delegate Reid, Branch 181.  
19 If this is voted down, then you just voted down  
20 the other one as well, because there's no need to  
21 go out and advertise, because in fact what you've

1 done is you locked it in again. You're now  
2 saying we can only have an executive director  
3 that comes from within. So that makes this one  
4 out of order, the one you just voted for. This  
5 is not written in stone that you have to go with  
6 someone external. The question is three years  
7 from now, if you don't have someone in front of  
8 you or you have someone that's not quote-unquote  
9 as qualified as someone external, then there's  
10 going to be, you're going to have less, you're  
11 voting for -- this is something that this  
12 organization from my point of view we do wrong,  
13 we try to keep it internal. And at some point  
14 you're going to have to go outside. As I said,  
15 none of the other organizations, large  
16 organizations, you can go to them and look on  
17 their websites, they go external. It could be  
18 that they are members, but they don't limit that.

19 I can tell you that when the board of  
20 directors looked at the Marine Corps, Navy-Marine  
21 Corps League, they interviewed six or seven

1 executive directors. Some of them, yes, were  
2 eligible for membership but other ones were not.  
3 So I mean, again, we're limiting ourselves. You  
4 have some brilliant people in this organization.  
5 Will they step up to be the NED, will they be the  
6 best person to be the Ned? So just a reminder,  
7 if you vote no for this, then you simply just  
8 eliminated the one you voted yes for.

9 NP BEHM: Shipmate?

10 NED REID: That was right on time.

11 NP BEHM: Shipmate, any further  
12 discussion? Any further discussion? All right.  
13 All in favor --

14 PRPNC CUNNINGHAM: Cunningham, Branch  
15 14. I just want to reiterate, it says candidates  
16 may include members or nonmembers of the Fleet  
17 Reserve Association, so we're not saying we're  
18 going to be just looking outside. Members or  
19 nonmembers, the wording is just like that, and  
20 it's not like no, we're just going to look  
21 outside, okay? I just wanted to say that.

1 NP BEHM: Thank you, Shipmate. All  
2 right. Final, any further discussion? All in  
3 favor?

4 (Chorus of ayes.)

5 All opposed.

6 (Scattered nos.)

7 It passes.

8 PNP JANSKY: We've got an easy one this  
9 time, general resolution number seven. This  
10 resolution was withdrawn by Branch 382 at their  
11 northwest regional convention in September and  
12 should not be in this package, so I guess it's  
13 out of order.

14 Resolution eight, we're halfway through,  
15 all right.

16 Resolved, that Section 1203(a) be  
17 changed to read, when the membership of a branch  
18 decreases to less than ten members in good  
19 standing and no prior authorization has been  
20 granted by the national board of directors  
21 allowing the branch to operate with less than ten

1 members in good standing.

2 Now I know that it sounds like a  
3 sentence that shouldn't be there, but it is part  
4 of 1203 which says that the following things, and  
5 this is one of the first following, there's three  
6 following items. And if you need to know what  
7 that is, paragraph 1203 is for, oh, the national  
8 board of directors shall have the authority to  
9 suspend or revoke the charter of any branch of  
10 the FRA for any of the following reasons. This  
11 change is to the first reason.

12 We recommend approval. It's for clarity  
13 of that Subsection (a) of 1203, and I move that  
14 it be approved.

15 NP BEHM: Second?

16 S/M SMITH: Smith, Branch 98, second.

17 NP BEHM: We have a second. Do we have  
18 discussion? All right. All in favor?

19 (Chorus of ayes.)

20 Any opposed? Passed.

21 PNP JANSKY: Resolution number nine,

1           Resolved, that Article 12, Section 1204  
2 be changed to read: When a branch charter has  
3 been suspended as provided for in Section 1203,  
4 branch members in good standing prior to the  
5 suspension may appeal the decision to the  
6 national board of directors or the first annual  
7 national convention following such suspension.  
8 If appealing to the national board of directors,  
9 branch members will provide their written appeal  
10 to the regional president, who will request a  
11 vote of the national board of directors to  
12 reverse the suspension. A branch's appeal to the  
13 annual convention will be in writing and shall be  
14 delivered to the national president at least ten  
15 days prior to the said national convention.

16           The committee recommends approval.  
17 Rationale, the resolution is correcting who can  
18 appeal the suspension. If you notice in the  
19 original it says branch board of directors; this  
20 is to the branch members in good standing, and it  
21 removes the word revoked. I move that this be

1 approved.

2 NP BEHM: We have a motion. Do we have  
3 a second?

4 RVPNC HERNDON: Herndon, delegate,  
5 Branch 364, second.

6 NP BEHM: We now have a motion and a  
7 second. Any discussion? All in favor?

8 (Chorus of ayes.)

9 Any opposed? It passes.

10 PNP JANSKY: Number 10.

11 Resolved, that Article 12, Section 1206  
12 be changed to read: When a branch's charter is  
13 revoked, the national board of directors shall  
14 assume control of all books, records, properties  
15 and monies, keeping them in escrow until the  
16 branch can successfully reorganize following the  
17 procedures outlined in Article 12, Section 1201  
18 and 1202. The foregoing includes all assets and  
19 business ventures of the branch, and it must  
20 cease operation. Any and all assets of the  
21 branch or branch-controlled businesses shall be

1 surrendered to the Fleet Reserve Association  
2 national board of directors, who shall handle  
3 them in accordance with the FRA's directives and  
4 policies.

5           The board recommends approval.  
6 Rationale, it was separating out what happens  
7 during a revocation, and I move that this be  
8 approved.

9           PRPSC GRUETZNER: Gruetzner, 201,  
10 second.

11           NP BEHM: Thank you. We have a first  
12 and a second. Any discussion? Shipmate at the  
13 mic.

14           PRPSE RICHMOND: Richmond, Branch 22  
15 delegate. My only question is before going into  
16 all assets an business ventures of the branch, so  
17 you're saying that if you revoke my charter in  
18 Branch 22, that you can seize control of the  
19 building that's a separate entity corporation's  
20 that is not the Fleet Reserve, Fleet Reserve Inc.  
21 owns that building, how can you seize that

1 building? I don't think you can do that.

2 Now the argument, the resolution for  
3 going for all assets, I would not have business  
4 ventures in there, because I don't think the FRA  
5 can legally take a corporation's assets because  
6 the corporation is a separate entity from the  
7 Fleet Reserve Association. Just saying, prove me  
8 wrong.

9 So in continuation, I make a motion to  
10 amend it to read that the foregoing includes all  
11 assets, delete and business ventures, so it reads  
12 includes all assets of the branch and must cease  
13 operation, and any and all assets of the branch,  
14 and delete or branch-controlled businesses, shall  
15 be surrendered to the Fleet Reserve Association.

16 PRPEC PHELPS: Past Regional President  
17 East Coast Paul Phelps, Branch 40. In my  
18 opinion, we've already got control with this a  
19 couple of times. We tend to forget, no  
20 corporation that opens because of a branch,  
21 there's the word, you cannot have that

1 corporation or club without the branch sponsoring  
2 it. That means that branch, and this has  
3 happened more than once within this organization  
4 in the 30 years plus I've been a member of, they  
5 let the power of the money get ahold of them and  
6 they think they control it. The next thing we  
7 know, that branch is trying to exist because of  
8 what the club is telling them to do and it should  
9 never have gotten to that point. We need to  
10 leave it in there. Yes, you will get control of  
11 everything because you're the one that allowed it  
12 tho happen in the first place. Thank you.

13 NP BEHM: Shipmate, thank you. NED,  
14 clarify?

15 PRPSC TALBOT: Did we get a second? Did  
16 his motion die for lack of a second?

17 NP BEHM: Yes, the motion died. The  
18 motion to amend died for lack of a second. So we  
19 still have the original motion with a second.

20 PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, Branch 159. I  
21 was part of the board of directors that wrote

1 this at the 11th hour. So I think we ought to  
2 change, put the word sponsors in there, rather  
3 than a branch or branch-controlled business, say  
4 a branch-sponsored business. I move we change  
5 the phrase branch-controlled business to  
6 branch-sponsored business.

7 PRPNC COMBS: Combs, Branch 161, seconds  
8 that motion.

9 NP BEHM: Any further discussion?

10 NED REID: This is Phillip Reid, NED.

11 In my mind branch controlled versus branch  
12 sponsored, we're getting words and I think those  
13 are the same thing. If branch sponsored makes it  
14 clearer, that's fine. What we have done and what  
15 I've seen is that when we had looked at branches  
16 that had assets, you're absolutely correct. If  
17 it's an LLC in theory, that LLC is a separate  
18 entity, so that's not necessarily branch  
19 controlled, that's a separate LLC itself. So the  
20 question is how was the LLC set up, was it set up  
21 as a satellite of the branch, is it a 501(c)(3),

1 et cetera, et cetera. But branch controlled  
2 really means that you used the branch to set up  
3 an LLC. And I guess the question, the real  
4 question you ask is, if the branch goes away,  
5 does that LLC or entity continue to exist without  
6 the branch or without the FRA. My assumption is  
7 that you're going to have to do something with  
8 it, you're going to have to change. What I've  
9 seen in the past done is they change the name of  
10 the LLC and they call it something close, but  
11 they don't call it, it can no longer be the FRA.

12 NP BEHM: Any further discussion?

13 S/M GRIMES: Grimes, Branch 294,  
14 delegate. Point of order. We have a motion on  
15 the floor and a second, and during the discussion  
16 to accept the proposal as proposed, then a motion  
17 came in to amend the proposal with a second. Can  
18 we do -- do we have -- the original motion was to  
19 accept the proposal that we had. We were under  
20 discussion under a second to that motion. Then a  
21 motion came up to amend, and we seconded that.

1 We never voted on the first motion.

2 NP BEHM: The motion to amend was never  
3 seconded.

4 S/M GRIMES: That was not, yes, but now  
5 there's still a motion to amend?

6 (Side chatter.)

7 In order to vote on the amendment that  
8 they want to amend taking this one out, we either  
9 have to cancel the first motion, rescind it. Is  
10 that true?

11 NP BEHM: All right. If there's no  
12 further discussion, we're going to vote on the  
13 amendment. All in favor?

14 (Chorus of ayes.)

15 Any opposed?

16 All right. Let's get this finished. So  
17 right now, I need a motion -- okay. We're now  
18 voting on the resolution as amended. All in  
19 favor?

20 (Chorus of ayes.)

21 Any opposed?

1 (Scattered nays.)

2 Passed. We're going to take a break.

3 Shipmate National Chaplain, will you close the

4 Bible.

5 NCHAP FALU: Shipmate National

6 President, the Bible is now closed.

7 NP BEHM: Thank you, Shipmate. We'll go

8 to 2:40, 1440. Thank you, shipmates.

9 (Recess.)

10 NP BEHM: Shipmate National Chaplain,

11 please open the Bible.

12 NCHAP FALU: Shipmate President, the

13 Bible is opened.

14 NP BEHM: Thank you, Shipmate National

15 Chaplain.

16 Shipmates, before we get started back

17 into our debate here, I have a couple of messages

18 for you.

19 First, there is yesterday for the female

20 shipmates when we met over here, I don't know if

21 anybody else is over here, but Joyce is looking

1 for a white bag that was sitting on the table  
2 with an expensive shirt in it that she had just  
3 purchased, and I wanted to know if maybe somebody  
4 picked it up by accident. Joyce, what was the  
5 article inside, what did it have on it?

6 SPEAKER: It had on the front, it had a  
7 (inaudible) and then it had a different logo on  
8 the back, a tee shirt.

9 NP BEHM: Okay. So if anyone picked  
10 that up, please make sure you return it.

11 JPNP ROBBINS: Also, last night at the  
12 welcome aboard, somebody picked up a mason jar  
13 from a table and walked off with it. They were  
14 on loan and they need to be returned.

15 NP BEHM: It is a blue vase about so big  
16 and it was not part of the table decoration.  
17 This would be for Donna Lichteig. So it's a  
18 personal item, so if someone picked it up when  
19 there was only a few left and still some dancing,  
20 but anyway, if somebody, we don't know if it was  
21 staff or you know, but if you have a nice pretty

1 blue vase, one of those little jars, so let us  
2 know. If you have it or know anybody who has it,  
3 just check around. Thank you.

4 PNP JANSKY: And I'm back. We're on  
5 resolution number 11.

6 Resolved, that Article 12, Section 1207  
7 be changed to read: If a branch is reactivated  
8 within two years of its deactivation date, all  
9 assets held in escrow by the national treasury  
10 shall be forwarded to the branch within 30 days  
11 following the installation of that branch.

12 Be it further resolved, Section 1207 is  
13 changed to two years, so Section 1208 is to read:  
14 If the branch is not reactivated within two years  
15 of its deactivation date, the funds held in  
16 escrow and all assets belonging to the  
17 deactivated branch shall transfer to the national  
18 treasury of the Fleet Reserve Association.

19 The C&BL committee moves that this be  
20 approved. The rationale is that the branches for  
21 the past ten or so years turning in their charter

1 for any reason have not been reactivated except  
2 for one, one branch.

3 NP BEHM: We have a motion, looking for  
4 a second.

5 RVPNC HERNDON: Delegate Herndon, Branch  
6 364, second.

7 NP BEHM: We have a first and a second.  
8 Any discussion? Any discussion? Shipmate coming  
9 to the mic.

10 PRPEC MURRAY: Murray, delegate, Branch  
11 40. Why are we, if we're trying to keep  
12 branches, why are we going to penalize them from  
13 two years to three years and take all their  
14 assets when they may be in the works of  
15 rebuilding that branch in a two-and-a-half year  
16 timeline? Because that one branch you're talking  
17 about is Branch 299 on the east coast, and it  
18 took almost three years when I was the regional  
19 president, and we finally stood them back up, the  
20 Del Herrmann Branch 299. And it took them that  
21 long to reconcile and get everybody back in order

1 so that nothing was lost. So why are we going to  
2 penalize these branches and take everything away  
3 at two years, vice keeping it at three years at  
4 present? Is it costing anything for headquarters  
5 to keep that stuff in escrow?

6 PRPNC COMBS: Combs, delegate, Branch  
7 161. What is the rationale for lowering it from  
8 three years to two, whatever it is now?

9 NP BEHM: Many branches that have turned  
10 in their charters, surrendered, again, it's taken  
11 an awful long time or they don't even come up at  
12 all. I have yet to see any branches in the time  
13 I've been in come back up before -- usually after  
14 five years, they lose their name and number at  
15 that time, but the point is that we needed to  
16 basically make sure they're going to come back up  
17 or not. I don't see anybody coming up. If you  
18 can't get it up within the first year and a half,  
19 I don't see you coming back up. And I am a  
20 positive person because I like building branches,  
21 but just to keep them there for three years or

1 four years, how long does it take you to get a  
2 branch activated? Three. And then how many do  
3 we have from three? NED?

4 NED REID: Phil Reid, NED, also a  
5 delegate. So if you look in your book, one of  
6 the things that we presented were all the NBRs  
7 that were done by the board of directors. And  
8 I'm looking here under Tab N, November, and what  
9 we have here is you have all the branches that  
10 have merged, surrendered or revoked. I can tell  
11 you that the majority of these were not revoked  
12 by us but actually surrendered. And my  
13 assumption is if you're going to surrender your  
14 charter, the probability of you -- there's a  
15 reason why you did it, and under normal  
16 circumstances it's because they only had X amount  
17 of members, their youngest member is 80 years old  
18 and they are done with it.

19 We did hear, congratulations to 299,  
20 came back, that's one. I've been here five  
21 years, that's one --

1 SPEAKER: Branch 4.

2 NED REID: Branch 4 did it in less than  
3 two years, and I am the one who helped them get  
4 back. But Branch 4 was constantly getting at it,  
5 and they did it in less than two years. If you  
6 go two years, no other branch is going to come up  
7 and try to reactivate within the three-year  
8 period. And as we get older, as our members get  
9 older, as our branches get smaller, unless you  
10 are somewhere close to a sea service entity, it's  
11 not a reality.

12 There is an administrative cost. I've  
13 got to keep it on the books, I have to when the  
14 auditors come in, know exactly what we have. If  
15 there are assets or bills to be paid, all of  
16 those things, that's done by headquarters. So  
17 all of a sudden I'm babysitting a building and  
18 I'm paying electric bills, so there is a cost to  
19 us. And we're not charging, oh yeah, we're going  
20 to take that out. So it's far and few between.  
21 So we talked about two branches.

1           But I pointed to November, page eight  
2 and nine, so in one year, look at the number of  
3 branches that have turned in their charters.  
4 Revocations are very very very seldom, there are  
5 just not a lot of revocations happening, and if  
6 we are doing a revocation, it has to be a very  
7 very good reason. These are folks who are giving  
8 up. The brave thing about the board of directors  
9 is they try there damndest to keep them alive.  
10 We talk about branches all the time.

11           One of the things we just passed was  
12 this idea that we're going allow you to operate  
13 with nine people, with less than ten, because we  
14 want to keep you alive. But at some point the  
15 reality is -- it's just like me saying I'm going  
16 to use this one day, and one day just never  
17 comes.

18           NP BEHM: Thank you, NED. Any further  
19 discussion? Any further discussion? Shipmate at  
20 the mic.

21           S/M JACOBSON: Jacobson, Branch 32.

1 This may not be exactly to the point but it is in  
2 one aspect. Branch 32 when we started our branch  
3 four years ago, the original Branch 32 had been  
4 closed and gone, and we got their number, so in  
5 one aspect we reconstituted Branch 32. Now I  
6 wasn't aware, and I'm still not and I'm not going  
7 back to that aspect, but I think that any branch,  
8 if they are closing and something's going down,  
9 why they shouldn't be given that three-year  
10 window to be able to reconstitute? I'm not going  
11 to say that a lot of them don't, because I know  
12 they don't, but the ones that do should have the  
13 consideration to be able to get their stuff back  
14 after, or before three years is up.

15 NP BEHM: They have that consideration  
16 now. Thank you, Shipmate. Any further  
17 discussion? All right. All in favor?

18 (Chorus of ayes.)

19 All opposed?

20 (Chorus of nays.)

21 It fails. Thank you.

1 PNP JANSKY: All right. Resolution  
2 number 12.

3 Be it resolved that Article 12, Section  
4 1211 be changed to read, surrender of a branch  
5 charter, a branch desiring to voluntarily  
6 surrender its charter shall give notice to all  
7 branch members in good standing not less than ten  
8 days prior to the regular stated meeting that a  
9 vote on voluntarily surrendering the branch  
10 charter will be taken at the meeting. If such  
11 action receives a two-thirds vote, the branch  
12 shall then petition the national board of  
13 directors through the regional president for  
14 authority to voluntarily surrender the branch  
15 charter. When such authority has been received,  
16 a vote of the members in good standing at the  
17 time the charter was relinquished, decides as to  
18 the final disposition of the assets of the  
19 branch, provided that at no time shall the assets  
20 of the branch be distributed among individual  
21 members thereof, but they maybe donated to the

1 national treasury of the FRA, another branch of  
2 the FRA, or to some other worthy nonprofit.

3 CBL committee recommends approval.

4 Rationale, provides the procedure of what the  
5 branch is to do when surrendering their charter  
6 voluntarily. I move that it be approved.

7 NP BEHM: I have a motion.

8 PRPSE RICHMOND: Richmond, delegate,  
9 Branch 22. I second that motion.

10 NP BEHM: Okay. Any discussion?

11 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate, Branch  
12 17. I don't know how it is in other states but I  
13 know for a fact in Ohio, I sometimes post a  
14 letter and it takes more than eight to ten days  
15 for it to be received. So allowing only ten days  
16 to the next meeting to vote on giving up the  
17 charter, I don't think allows enough time. I  
18 think it should be they receive a letter and it's  
19 the following month's meeting, so they have at  
20 least maybe five weeks for members to get the  
21 notice when they're considering the entire

1 charter.

2 PNP JANSKY: It is not less than ten  
3 days. If you want to do it 30 days ahead, go  
4 right ahead.

5 NED REID: And it's only surrendering,  
6 you made that decision, we're not asking it.

7 SPEAKER: But if you're asking the  
8 members to vote on the resolution to surrender  
9 the charter, I think you need ore time.

10 PNP JANSKY: You can have more time, you  
11 can do it -- it's just not less than ten days.  
12 You can do it 40 days ahead of time.

13 NP BEHM: Shipmate at the mic.

14 PRPEC MARTIN: Martin, delegate, Branch  
15 166. At what point in this resolution does it  
16 say the number of members that must be present to  
17 vote this? So if you have five or six people in  
18 the room and your branch number is 150, are you  
19 telling me that five people is doing the job for  
20 150?

21 NP BEHM: Shipmate at the mic.

1           S/M RUDITICH (phonetic): Ruditich, 276,  
2 delegate. We had a Branch 145 that surrendered  
3 their charter. They did their voting by mail,  
4 they mailed out a postcard and asked for it to be  
5 sent back when they surrendered their charter and  
6 merged with us. So I'm thinking that, modify  
7 that amendment to include by mail, which would  
8 include a lot of people that don't get to  
9 meetings. If you're going to send out a letter  
10 saying we're going to surrender our charter, they  
11 would respond to that letter by mail as well.

12           PNP JANSKY: So the amendment does not  
13 say that it has to be by mail.

14           S/M RUDITICH: It says to notify, phone  
15 call, email, meeting, but it talks about a vote  
16 at the meeting to finalize the surrender is the  
17 way I understand it, that the amendment says that  
18 you're voting at the meeting to surrender the  
19 charter, although it's probably been discussed  
20 beforehand. I'm asking for a modification of  
21 that, that the vote, the final vote to surrender

1 your charter also be available by mail instead of  
2 just at the meeting.

3 PNP JANSKY: I hear you.

4 NP BEHM: So are you asking to amend it,  
5 are you making a motion to amend it?

6 S/M RUDITICH: Yes, I think I am, to  
7 amend it for the vote not necessarily be at the  
8 meetings but by mail as well.

9 NP BEHM: Shipmate, you have to be  
10 specific when you come up, all of you, when you  
11 want to make a motion. So I have a motion, I'm  
12 going to need a second to amend. What are we  
13 amending, to include mail --

14 S/M RUDITICH: To include the final vote  
15 by mail instead of just at the meeting.

16 NP BEHM: I always thought it was all  
17 inclusive, to notify, however you do it. We once  
18 did one by mail, and we got nothing back.

19 NPAR POSEKANY: Clarify something here.  
20 Posekany, Branch 14, delegate, national  
21 parliamentarian. I want to ask for some

1 clarification here. A branch desiring to  
2 voluntarily its charter shall give notice to all  
3 branch members in good standing not less than ten  
4 days prior to the date of the stated meeting. I  
5 believe what he's going to have an issue with is  
6 that a vote on voluntarily surrendering a branch  
7 charter will be taken at the meeting. So what  
8 this is stating, and it's stated all along is  
9 that if you want to surrender your charter that  
10 you need to notify all the members in good  
11 standing. Normally that's done nowadays with  
12 email or telephone calls or letters to notify  
13 them that at this regularly scheduled meeting,  
14 regularly scheduled meeting, we're going to take  
15 a vote to surrender our charter.

16 And you want to, how do you want to --  
17 you're going to make a motion to amend by saying  
18 what?

19 S/M RUDITICH: That they be allowed to  
20 vote by mail rather than at the scheduled  
21 meeting. Like it was pointed out, we don't have

1 a lot of people that show up at a lot of these  
2 meetings. Even if you send out a thing saying  
3 that -- well, my branch, I have like 153 members.  
4 I have maybe five to six people that show up at a  
5 meeting.

6 NPAR POSEKANY: Shouldn't those members,  
7 the ones that show up at the meetings, shouldn't  
8 they be the ones to make the decision then? The  
9 other people don't want to come to meetings,  
10 don't attend meetings?

11 S/M RUDITICH: Well, a lot of them are  
12 not able to travel, because we've got members in  
13 Virginia, Montana.

14 NPAR POSEKANY: Zoom.

15 NP BEHM: You might want to for 150,  
16 that's great.

17 PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, Branch 159.  
18 We're having a lot of discussion before a second.

19 NP BEHM: We don't have a second, so it  
20 dies for lack of a second. We were trying to  
21 clarify what the amendment was, we were trying to

1 clarify it for him, yes.

2 PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, delegate, Branch  
3 159. Again, I was part of the national board of  
4 directors that made these amendments at the 11th  
5 hour. We did not change the wording of the first  
6 half of this paragraph, that's right out of our  
7 existing bylaws. What we did was change the  
8 ending part that did change the order of how you  
9 distribute, how you can choose to distribute your  
10 money, and we put the Fleet Reserve Association  
11 first, another branch, or some other nonprofit.  
12 It used to specify those in the opposite order  
13 and we felt it was best to keep our money from a  
14 branch that was turning their money in within the  
15 organization rather than, or recommend rather  
16 than put into another nonprofit, so keep it in  
17 the organization. That's really all we changed  
18 in that when we put the revocation that we  
19 already voted on out of that bylaw.

20 NP BEHM: So we did not change anything  
21 that you said, that the shipmate is asking about,

1 it's all the same minus that last section?

2 SPEAKER: In response to the statement  
3 you made about five people running your branch,  
4 yeah. We have 41 people in our branch and eight  
5 people show up on a regular basis. And if we're  
6 going to vote to surrender our charter, which is  
7 not going to happen anytime soon because we're  
8 still hanging in there, I'm not going to let a  
9 bunch of people who never show up, never help  
10 with the essay contests, never ride in the float  
11 on Veterans Day parades vote to keep it alive  
12 when I'm the one who's working.

13 (Applause.)

14 PRPEC PHELPS: Phelps, Branch 40. This  
15 shipmate put a motion on the floor, you folks up  
16 front here got into a conversation, you never  
17 called for the a second, you never gave him a  
18 chance for a second. That's the second time you  
19 did that.

20 NP BEHM: I did call for a second.

21 THE RECORDER: You called for a second

1 and then Shipmate Talbot went on explaining,  
2 asking for clarification. After Talbot asked for  
3 clarification, then Posekany came in, and the  
4 single question you asked, do we have a second.

5 NP BEHM: All right. So. The issue  
6 was, Shipmate, we needed the proper wording of  
7 what you were asking to amend, so that is what's  
8 still here, and that's why we're having all this  
9 discussion, which we probably shouldn't have done  
10 before that, but we were trying to help you  
11 understand before, so that you would know what to  
12 think, okay? And I'll come back to you if you  
13 want to resubmit.

14 PRPSC GRUETZNER: Gruetzner, 201,  
15 delegate. I second on the grounds that when he  
16 sends the card for his members to send back to  
17 him on the decision, that's what I'm seconding.

18 I worked with a group, 258 members, I  
19 mailed a return card inside the letter. Out of  
20 the 258 members, 21 responded. But we also had  
21 Zoom, telephone calls and physical meetings to

1 get their signature on how they felt about  
2 surrendering their charter to us. It took two  
3 years to do that, so yes, second.

4 NP BEHM: Okay. So we still don't  
5 have -- I'm still looking for the wording that  
6 you want us to do because you still have the  
7 motion for the amendment.

8 NPAR POSEKANY: And the placement within  
9 the resolution.

10 NP BEHM: And the placement as to where  
11 you want to put it.

12 S/M RUDITICH: To have a return postcard  
13 added with the mail out, so they can respond to  
14 the surrender, whether they approve, disapprove,  
15 so a return postcard with the response on it when  
16 you mail out the notification, to include a  
17 prepaid postcard to come back with the response  
18 on it.

19 NP BEHM: Shipmate, we'll give you a few  
20 minutes to sit down and they're help you with  
21 what to write. How about that?

1           S/M DAVIS: Davis, Branch 38, delegate.  
2 To amend the two-thirds vote be from the meeting,  
3 by mail, by electronic or oral, by phone, not  
4 just people present at the meeting.

5           NP BEHM: Thank you.

6           PNP JANSKY: So there's one sentence  
7 that you're asking to amend, and I know I'm not  
8 doing it right, but I want to get the one  
9 sentence correct. If such action receives a  
10 two-thirds vote by either mail, electronically or  
11 phone call, the branch shall then petition the  
12 national board of directors through the regional  
13 president for authority to voluntarily surrender  
14 the branch charter. Is that a good amendment?

15           S/M DAVIS: That's a good amendment,  
16 yes.

17           PNP JANSKY: So now the amendment is to  
18 that, and now we need a second.

19           RVPEC SMITH: Smith, 98, I'll second it.  
20 Now the resolution doesn't tell you how you vote,  
21 the resolution itself is not saying you have to

1 have mail, you have to have this, it just says  
2 two-thirds vote. How you get to that two-thirds  
3 vote should be up to them, not written down in  
4 the C&BL.

5 NP BEHM: Shipmate?

6 S/M GRIMES: Grimes, Branch 29,  
7 delegate. The wording that was just presented  
8 did not include vote at a meeting, so if you  
9 could amend the amendment, proposed amendment to  
10 include the meeting by mail, electronic or oral,  
11 that would satisfy any of the votes, two-thirds  
12 vote but it did not include the meeting, the  
13 rewording did not include the meeting.

14 RPNENE RIZZO: Rizzo, delegate, Branch  
15 124. Shipmates, if you just leave it at  
16 notification, then it could be oral  
17 communication, space rocket, pigeon, whatever you  
18 have, so it's there in the meeting.

19 NP BEHM: Thank you, Shipmate.

20 NED REID: Delegate Reid, Branch 181. I  
21 just want to read from the original, this is

1 what's in the constitution and bylaws now. We're  
2 talking about amending 1211 and in the bylaws  
3 now, right now, before we do anything, what it  
4 says is surrender a branch charter, and you can  
5 read along at the bottom of how we changed this.  
6 So it says in the current constitution and  
7 bylaws, surrender of branch charter. A branch  
8 desiring to voluntarily surrender its charter  
9 shall give notice to all branch members in good  
10 standing not less than ten days prior to the  
11 regular stated meeting, and a vote on voluntarily  
12 surrendering the branch charter will be taken at  
13 that meeting. If such action receives a  
14 two-thirds vote, the branch shall then petition  
15 the national board of directors through the  
16 regional president for the authority to  
17 voluntarily surrender the branch. Once the  
18 authority has been received, the provisions of  
19 Section 1206 will be carried out.

20 I repeat, that's what's in the  
21 constitution and bylaws now. What this does is

1 simply add on to the bottom of this. When such  
2 authority has been received, what we're changing  
3 here as was said earlier, just the bottom part of  
4 this is what's changing. This is the original,  
5 this is what's in there now, it was not  
6 rewritten. And so if you're changing it, it's  
7 because I guess it's always been wrong in the  
8 first place, but we didn't change anything that's  
9 not already in the constitution and bylaws.

10 NP BEHM: Thank you, NED. Shipmate at  
11 the microphone.

12 S/M RUDITICH: Ruditich, 276. I would  
13 like to withdraw my motion.

14 (Applause.)

15 NPAR POSEKANY: Thank you, Shipmate. I  
16 was going to recommend that the national  
17 president rule the amendment not in order, out of  
18 order, because that's not the reason this  
19 resolution was submitted, so amending that  
20 portion of it wouldn't change the intent of this  
21 resolution. So thank you very much.

1 NP BEHM: All right, shipmate, we will  
2 have to come back --

3 S/M SMITH: Smith, delegate, Branch 98.  
4 I withdraw my second.

5 NP BEHM: Thank you. We have a motion  
6 to accept the resolution and a second. Any  
7 further discussion? All in favor?

8 (Chorus of ayes.)

9 Any opposed? The motion carries.

10 PNP JANSKY: I'm ready for a drink, how  
11 about you? Resolution number 13.

12 Now be it resolved that Article 12,  
13 Section 1212 be changed to read Section 1212,  
14 branch merger. When two or more branches desire  
15 to effect a merger between said branches,  
16 Sections 308(b), 309(d) and 1211 apply.

17 The C&BL committee recommended approval.  
18 Rationale, provides a procedure of what the  
19 branches should do when surrendering their  
20 charter voluntarily. Oh, we're on 13.  
21 Rationale, believing that Section 1206 is due to

1 resolution number ten being approved. Resolution  
2 ten changed Section 1206. 1206 does not apply in  
3 1212 anymore. And I move that this be approved.

4 NP BEHM: We have a motion on the floor.  
5 Any second? We need a second.

6 PRPNC CUNNINGHAM: Cunningham, Branch  
7 14, delegate, second.

8 NP BEHM: Any discussion? Any  
9 discussion? All in favor?

10 (Chorus of ayes.)

11 Any opposed?

12 SPEAKER: No.

13 NP BEHM: The ayes have it.

14 PNP JANSKY: Resolution 14, be it  
15 resolved that Article 12, Section 1215(g) be  
16 amended to read: 1215(g), at least five  
17 directors in Groups I and II branches, Group III  
18 branches shall elect at least three directors,  
19 Group IV branches shall elect and least two  
20 directors, and Group V branches shall elect at  
21 least two directors.

1           And be it further resolved that Section  
2 1216(a) should be amended to read: Group  
3 branches I and II may petition the regional  
4 president for permission to elect a branch  
5 president and four directors for the subsequent  
6 association year as an exception to 1215(g).

7           This resolution was rejected unanimously  
8 by the national board of directors on Tuesday,  
9 August 5th. No note is needed for this. It is  
10 out of order.

11           NP BEHM: PNP Blackburn, is this out of  
12 order?

13           PNP BLACKBURN: Sounds right to me.

14           NP BEHM: I rule this one out of order.

15           PNP JANSKY: Number 15, resolved that  
16 NBR 18-25 be revoked and an NBA be immediately  
17 issued updating the wording of Section 813(a) as  
18 was ratified by the FRA delegates on  
19 September 26, 2023.

20           What this does is, Section 813(a) was  
21 approved back on an NBR 18-25, and it never made

1 it into the constitution and bylaws. So when the  
2 resolution number 15 was written, it was using  
3 the wrong wording, and I, so the C&BL committee  
4 is recommending approval of the revocation of  
5 18-25. And I so move, that it be approved.

6 NP BEHM: We have a motion. Do I have a  
7 second?

8 S/M LEWIS: Lewis, Branch 268, second  
9 the motion.

10 NP BEHM: Thank you, Shipmate. Any  
11 discussion? Any further discussion?

12 PRPNC COMBS: Shipmate National  
13 President, Combs, delegate, Branch 161. If we  
14 say aye, we revoke something or disapprove  
15 something, or we -- how is it going?

16 NP BEHM: Yes.

17 PRPNC COMBS: An aye is approving the  
18 resolution.

19 NP BEHM: Of revoking NBR 18-25.

20 PRPNC COMBS: Thank you.

21 NP BEHM: Any further discussion? All

1 right. All in favor?

2 (Chorus of ayes.)

3 Any opposed? It passes.

4 PNP JANSKY: Number 16, resolved that  
5 Article 11, Section 1101(d) be amended to read:  
6 Section 1101(d), HeartLand Region, Arkansas,  
7 Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky,  
8 Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi,  
9 Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma,  
10 South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Texas east of the  
11 line running north and south of the Texas-New  
12 Mexico border.

13 Resolved, that Article 11, Section  
14 1101(h) be deleted.

15 Resolved, that the proposed change to  
16 Article 11, Section 1101(d) become effective at  
17 the close of the 2025 FRA national convention.

18 Let's see, what did I do? The C&BL  
19 committee recommends approval. I have no  
20 rationale except that they want to get together,  
21 and I so move that it be approved.

1 S/M LEWIS: I'll make a motion.

2 NP BEHM: I need a second. We have a  
3 motion, now we need a second.

4 S/M LEWIS: Lewis --

5 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate, Branch  
6 316 --

7 S/M LEWIS: Branch 268, we second it.

8 (Applause.)

9 NP BEHM: We have a motion and a second.  
10 Any discussion? Shipmate, who are you? Your  
11 name and your branch?

12 SPEAKER: Oh, sorry. (Inaudible),  
13 Branch 17.

14 NP BEHM: Thank you.

15 SPEAKER: Anyway, if we approve it, it  
16 goes into effect now, correct?

17 NP BEHM: At the close of this national  
18 convention.

19 SPEAKER: How does that then impact  
20 resolution number four, where it says we have to  
21 have eight members?

1 NP BEHM: We're not done with the  
2 resolutions yet.

3 Any further discussion? Any further  
4 discussion? All those in favor?

5 (Chorus of ayes.)

6 Any opposed? The ayes have it.

7 PNP JANSKY: Resolution 16-1.

8 Resolved, that Article 8, Section 819(a)  
9 be amended to read: The committee, in this case  
10 I just used C&BL because I don't have the name of  
11 a committee, the committee shall consist of a  
12 chairman and one member from each region. The  
13 national president may appoint additional members  
14 if desired.

15 Resolved, that Article 8, Section 820(a)  
16 be amended to read: The committee shall consist  
17 of a director, national service or designated FRA  
18 accredited national representative as chairman,  
19 and one member from each region. The national  
20 president may appoint additional members as  
21 desired. A member's term shall be for three

1 years, with a minimum of two members replaced or  
2 reappointed each year by the incoming national  
3 president. And

4 Resolved, that the proposed change of  
5 Article 8, Sections 813(a), 819(a) and 820(a)  
6 become effective at the close of the FRA national  
7 convention.

8 The C&BL committee recommends striking  
9 out 813(a) from the third resolved and the title  
10 of the resolution, and that is because of the  
11 revocation of 18-25 where it was previously  
12 approved under 18-23, where the amount of members  
13 on the membership in the retention was already  
14 changed.

15 And I propose that this, I move to  
16 adopt.

17 NP BEHM: There's a motion to approve,  
18 and I need a second.

19 SPEAKER: (Unintelligible), Branch 110,  
20 Seattle, Washington. I second it.

21 NP BEHM: Thank you, Shipmate. Shipmate

1 at the mic. Any discussion?

2 PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, delegate, Branch  
3 159. So this changes the wording for 819(a) and  
4 820 (a), and I tried to change the wording for  
5 the 820(d), or something. Thank you.

6 NP BEHM: All right. Any further  
7 discussion? We have a motion and a second. All  
8 in favor?

9 (Chorus of ayes.)

10 Any opposed? The ayes have it.

11 PNP JANSKY: Resolution number 17.

12 Resolved, that Article 3, Section 306 be  
13 amended to read as follows: Persons not eligible  
14 for regular membership in the Fleet Reserve  
15 Association but who have rendered distinguished  
16 service to the Association may by two-thirds vote  
17 of the delegates attending the national  
18 convention be elected to an honorary membership  
19 for an initial term of five years. Honorary  
20 members shall not pay dues nor will they be  
21 eligible to hold any elected office, vote, or

1 accept any benefit associated with regular  
2 membership, including scholarship fund awards.

3 Section 306(c), not more than five  
4 honorary members shall be elected at any national  
5 convention.

6 Resolved, that Article 3, Sections  
7 306(d), 306(e), Section 306(f) and Section 306(g)  
8 be added to read as follows:

9 Section 306(d). Upon expiration of the  
10 initial five-year term, a branch may renew the  
11 honorary membership for terms not to exceed five  
12 years by paying the current membership dues rate.

13 Section 306(e). Honorary membership  
14 will be revoked after the initial five-year term  
15 has expired and is not renewed.

16 Section 306(f). Honorary members are  
17 not eligible for life membership.

18 Section 306(g). Honorary members who  
19 become eligible for membership lose their  
20 honorary status and to remain in the organization  
21 they must pay dues, become dues paying members.

1           Section 306(h). Honorary members must  
2 complete a membership application upon initial  
3 election and renewal.

4           Resolved, that this amendment become  
5 effective January 1st, 2026.

6           Now, the C&BL committee recommends  
7 approval. Please remember, we are only  
8 recommending approval of how it is written, that  
9 it doesn't mess anything else up in the C&BL.

10          So we recommend approval, and I so move  
11 that it be adopted.

12          NP BEHM: Second?

13          PRPSE RICHMOND: Richmond, delegate,  
14 Branch 22, I second, but now I would like to say  
15 something about it.

16          NP BEHM: Discussion.

17          PRPSE RICHMOND: So an honorary member  
18 such as, let's say Congressman Gus Bilirakis of  
19 Florida, every year he puts forth the continuing,  
20 or the concurrent receipt resolution to Congress.  
21 He has been an honorary member for a long time.

1 I personally don't think that there should be,  
2 that they're not paying dues, they're not costing  
3 the FRA any money, they are honorary members.

4 So how much do they cost, what do they  
5 cost?

6 SPEAKER: FRA Today.

7 PRPSE RICHMOND: Oh, I didn't know they  
8 got FRA Today. Why are they getting that?  
9 They're honorary members, they can't vote, they  
10 can't hold office, they can't do anything else, I  
11 don't know why we send them that.

12 SPEAKERS: The MALs.

13 PRPSE RICHMOND: But MALs are members,  
14 they're actual members. So anyway, I just don't  
15 think that there should be a term on their  
16 membership and if you want to -- if I have an  
17 honorary membership, I'll give you -- I have an  
18 honorary member, I can't remember how many years  
19 ago, Christina Hitchcock, okay. We all agree,  
20 membership retention, she's an honorary member of  
21 Branch 22. So with this, it's saying that after

1 five years that we have to, they have to pay dues  
2 to be honorary members, is that what that's  
3 saying?

4 NP BEHM: The branch has to pay.

5 PRPSE RICHMOND: Right, okay. Well, I'm  
6 just saying I disagree with it personally, but  
7 let the membership vote yea or nay.

8 NP BEHM: Thank you, Shipmate. Shipmate  
9 at the mic.

10 S/M BOWLES: Bowles, delegate, Branch  
11 269. I rise in opposition to this resolution  
12 because my branch and other branches have  
13 honorary members who have been serving for many  
14 years, one up to 40 years, and continues to serve  
15 the branch. I think we should just vote no to  
16 this resolution. Thank you.

17 NP BEHM: Thank you, Shipmate. Shipmate  
18 Nash.

19 S/M NASH: Nash, delegate, Branch 192.  
20 If this goes through, then first off, it should  
21 be out of order because it doesn't address the

1 general membership requirements under Section  
2 301, eligibility for membership in the FRA shall  
3 be offered to those who have served or are now  
4 serving in the United States Navy, Marine Corps  
5 or Coast Guard, including reserve components and  
6 regular service. That is regular members.

7 Now you're saying at the end of five  
8 years according to this resolution the honorary  
9 member is now eligible for membership because he  
10 served in the Navy, the Marine Corps or Coast  
11 Guard. My point is you do not address anywhere  
12 in this the original membership, that an honorary  
13 member can become a member of the Fleet Reserve  
14 Association.

15 NP BEHM: Shipmate at the mic.

16 PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, delegate, Branch  
17 159. As a partial author of this resolution, I  
18 will kind of explain our thoughts. So we have a  
19 lot of honorary members, we have like 76, and we  
20 talked about the cost of sending the FRA Today  
21 out to them, and many of them have not responded

1 or anything, so we're probably sending FRA Today  
2 to people who are deceased who were honorary  
3 members.

4           So this allows for us as an organization  
5 to track those honorary members, right, and asks  
6 the branch to chip in the 40 bucks for them to  
7 continue to get the FRA Today, if there's no  
8 serving in the capacity as an honorary member.  
9 That's the basis of that, and they must be  
10 affiliated with a branch to continue their  
11 honorary membership service. They're not  
12 eligible for life membership and right now they  
13 don't require an application, so we really don't  
14 know in our databases where all these people are,  
15 so this will clean that up as well.

16           NP BEHM: Thank you shipmate. Shipmate  
17 at the mic.

18           NED REID: Delegate Reid, Branch 181.  
19 So we have three honorary members, and we have  
20 one honorary member 40 years. I want to address  
21 something that Shipmate Nash brought up and the

1 question is are they now members, and my answer  
2 is no, they're an honorary member who's paying.  
3 They are not a member. They simply continue to  
4 be in that same category, it's just that they're  
5 being paid. And if the branch is paying,  
6 remember, it's now going as part of your PCP, s  
7 if you're paying \$40 then you're going to get \$20  
8 back.

9 We have three members and what we  
10 decided was we looked at all three. One of them  
11 is a longtime member of the FRA branch, our  
12 mailroom guy Jimmy, he was in the Army, and he's  
13 an honorary member and we have decided yes, we  
14 will pay the \$40 to FRA to keep him. The other  
15 two honorary members, deceased, and all this time  
16 they were getting FRA Today and things like that.  
17 So we looked at those three, and if you have an  
18 honorary member that you feel is good to you and  
19 has done things, then the branch should be  
20 willing to pay the \$40. It's as simple as that.

21 NP BEHM: Thank you, Shipmate.

1 Shipmate?

2 PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, Branch 159.

3 Also, this very same body several years ago voted  
4 to start charging the widows for the FRA Today  
5 magazine as a cost saving measure. I think we  
6 should treat our longstanding widows better than  
7 our honorary members, or at least equally with  
8 that.

9 PRPNC COMBS: Shipmate National  
10 President, Combs, delegate, Branch 161. We have  
11 in this convention hall an honorary member of  
12 MO-Kan Branch 161 who started working for the  
13 branch, doing a job, helping with the newsletter.  
14 He spent four years in the Air Force because his  
15 dad is a retired Air Force E-8. After his Air  
16 Force he went to work for the Marine Corps  
17 Finance Center and later DFAS after it was  
18 changed around, and he has been working for the  
19 branch ever since and he is a 30-year honorary  
20 member. One point, that he would love to be a  
21 dues paying member so he could be a part of the

1 Association.

2 NP BEHM: Thank you, shipmate. Again,  
3 shipmates, the focus of it was that there are 76  
4 honorary members out there and they don't know  
5 where all of them are. We personally, there are  
6 quite a few that are here with you, and that do  
7 continue to work with the branches. The biggest  
8 part is the rest of them. So I've heard of maybe  
9 ten here. The other 66, do you know where they  
10 are and if they're still alive, and are they  
11 active in their branch? The majority are not  
12 active. You know, we gave them honorary  
13 membership and now they're not here. So this was  
14 the reason for the updated resolution.

15 All right. Any further discussion? Any  
16 further discussion? All right. All in favor of  
17 the resolution?

18 (Chorus of ayes.)

19 All opposed?

20 (Chorus of nays.)

21 The resolution is rejected.

1 PRPNC CUNNINGHAM: Cunningham, Branch  
2 14. I heard it as kind of equal. I recommend a  
3 rollcall vote.

4 PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, Branch 159  
5 seconds.

6 NP BEHM: Shipmates, we're going for a  
7 recess before we do this, so Shipmate National  
8 Chaplain? Uncover.

9 NCHAP FALU: Shipmate President, the  
10 Bible is closed.

11 NP BEHM: I hope you're praying too,  
12 shipmates. Thank you. See you back at  
13 four o'clock, 1600.

14 (Recess.)

15 NP BEHM: Shipmate National Chaplain,  
16 would you come open the Bible.

17 NCHAP FALU: Shipmate President, the  
18 Bible is open.

19 NP BEHM: Thank you, Shipmate.

20 Shipmates, we have a resolution that I  
21 ruled out of order, rejected. We had two people

1 who called for a rollcall. By the bylaws you  
2 still need three more from different regions in  
3 order to make that happen. Five different  
4 branches and it has to be in different regions.  
5 Does it say that? I believe I have from South  
6 Central and North Central. It has to be just  
7 separate branches, five people. Shipmate Combs?

8 PRPNC COMBS: Combs, delegate, Branch  
9 161, and I simply need to make an announcement.  
10 That the van going to the Clay Cooper Theater  
11 this evening will depart from the doors down here  
12 at 1700. Don't miss it.

13 NP BEHM: Thank you, shipmate.  
14 Shipmate?

15 S/M SMITH: Smith, Branch 98, second the  
16 motion for rollcall vote.

17 NP BEHM: We have to have two more  
18 people, two more shipmates.

19 PRPSC GRUETZNER: Gruetzner, Branch 201,  
20 second.

21 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) shipmate from

1 Branch 04, second.

2 NP BEHM: Thank you, Shipmate. We will  
3 now proceed with the rollcall. NED?

4 NED REID: Shipmates, let me just remind  
5 you what we're doing here. We are voting on  
6 constitution and bylaws resolution number 17,  
7 where the resolved was honorary membership. Does  
8 anybody need anything explained as to what we're  
9 voting on? Shipmate at the mic.

10 S/M HOLMES: Don't we need to caucus?  
11 Holmes, delegate, Branch 269. Don't we need to  
12 caucus?

13 NP BEHM: Shipmates, we just took almost  
14 a 20-minute recess, you had time to caucus.

15 NED REID: All right, shipmates, I'm  
16 going to start with the lowest numbers. Branch  
17 001.

18 S/M GRIFFIN: Griffin, proxy, 124. Four  
19 votes yes. No, let's do it right. Proxy for  
20 Branch 001, four votes yes.

21 NED REID: Thank you. Branch 004?

1 RPEC OLIVIERA: Oliviera, delegate, 293,  
2 proxy branch 004, two votes yes.

3 NED REID: Branch 008, west coast, five  
4 votes.

5 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate. Do we  
6 not need counters?

7 NED REID: I will do that right after  
8 this. I'm taking the, identifying people. We  
9 should have two people. We'll have the  
10 Parliamentarian Posekany. I have a volunteer  
11 over here, Shipmate Richmond?

12 PRPSE RICHMOND: I'll help you.

13 NED REID: I need one more. Rich Broom.  
14 All right, that's our two.

15 All right. So just to recap, Branch  
16 001, four votes yea; Branch 004, proxy, two votes  
17 yea.

18 Branch 008, West Coast, five.

19 PNP BLACKBURN: Blackburn, delegate  
20 proxy, five votes nay.

21 NED REID: Branch 012, North Central,

1 two votes. Branch 12?

2 S/M JONES: Jones, delegate for Branch  
3 12, yes, two votes.

4 NED REID: Branch 13, Northeast/New  
5 England, three votes.

6 SPEAKER: They are not present and they  
7 didn't get their proxy in.

8 NED REID: All right. Branch 14, North  
9 Central, five votes.

10 PRPNC CUNNINGHAM: Cunningham, delegate,  
11 five votes yes.

12 NP BEHM: Branch 15, Southeast, two  
13 votes.

14 RPSE ANGER: Anger, proxy 15 -- how many  
15 votes?

16 NED REID: Two votes.

17 RPSE ANGER: Two votes no.

18 NED REID: Branch 17, North Central,  
19 four votes.

20 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) Branch 17, four  
21 votes yes.

1 NED REID: Branch 20, Northeast/New  
2 England, 13 votes.

3 S/M HARRIS: Harris, delegate, 13 votes  
4 yes.

5 NED REID: Branch 22, Southeast, nine  
6 votes.

7 PRPSE RICHMOND: Richmond, delegate,  
8 Branch 22, nine votes no.

9 NED REID: Branch 23, Northeast/New  
10 England, four votes.

11 PNP JANSKY: Jansky, proxy, Branch 23,  
12 four votes no.

13 NED REID: Branch 24, East Coast, 104  
14 votes.

15 RVPEC TOULOTTE: Toulotte, Branch 24  
16 delegate, 104 votes no.

17 NED REID: Branch 29, Northwest, 15  
18 votes.

19 RPNW BEAN: Bean, proxy. 15 votes yes.

20 NED REID: Branch 31, Northeast/New  
21 England, three votes.

1 PNP JANSKY: Jansky, delegate, three  
2 votes no.

3 NED REID: Branch 32, North Central,  
4 three votes.

5 S/M BEAM: Beam, delegate, Branch 32,  
6 three votes yes.

7 NED REID: Branch 34, Southeast, two  
8 votes.

9 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate, Branch  
10 34, two votes yes.

11 NED REID: Branch 37, East Coast, two.

12 S/M HAMPTON: Hampton, delegate, two  
13 votes no.

14 NED REID: Branch 38, Northwest, three  
15 votes.

16 S/M DAVIS: Davis, delegate, three votes  
17 yes.

18 NED REID: Branch 40, east coast, seven  
19 votes.

20 PRPEC MURRAY: Murray, delegate, seven  
21 votes yes.

1 NED REID: Branch 41, East Coast, two  
2 votes.

3 S/M GUNTHER: Gunther, delegate, proxy  
4 for Branch 41, two votes no.

5 NED REID: Branch 47, Southwest, four  
6 votes.

7 RPSW LABAO: Labao, Branch 302 delegate,  
8 proxy for Branch 47, four votes yes.

9 NED REID: Branch 50, Northwest, three  
10 vote.

11 RPNW BEAN: Bean, delegate, Branch 50,  
12 three votes yes.

13 NED REID: Branch 55, Northwest, four  
14 votes.

15 RPNW BEAN: Bean, delegate, Branch 55,  
16 four votes yes.

17 NED REID: Branch 57, Northeast/New  
18 England, four votes.

19 PNP JANSKY: Jansky, proxy, four votes  
20 no for Branch 57.

21 NED REID: Branch 59, West Coast, five

1 votes.

2 S/M HATCLIFF: Hatcliff, Branch 59, five  
3 votes yes.

4 NED REID: Branch 61, Southwest, 16  
5 votes.

6 S/M KELLY: Kelly, proxy, 16 yes.

7 NED REID: Branch 62, Southwest, three  
8 votes.

9 RPSW LABAO: Labao, Branch 302 delegate,  
10 proxy for 62, three votes yes.

11 NED REID: Branch 63, Northwest, two  
12 votes.

13 RPNW BEAN: Bean, proxy Branch 63, two  
14 votes yes.

15 NED REID: Branch 67, East Coast, five.

16 S/M ROUSH: Roush, Branch 22, proxy for  
17 67, five votes no.

18 NED REID: Branch 70, Southwest, 14  
19 votes.

20 RPSW LABAO: Labao, Branch 302 delegate,  
21 proxy for Branch 70, 14 votes yes.

1 NED REID: Branch 71, Northeast/New  
2 England, three votes.

3 RPNENE RIZZO: Rizzo, delegate 124,  
4 proxy for 072, three votes no.

5 NED REID: Branch 73, Northwest, two.

6 RPNW BEAN: Bean, proxy Branch 73, two  
7 votes yes.

8 NED REID: Branch 74, Northwest, two  
9 votes.

10 RPNW BEAN: Bean, proxy Branch 74, two  
11 votes yes.

12 NED REID: Branch 84, Southwest, four  
13 votes.

14 RPSW LABAO: Labao, Branch 302 delegate,  
15 proxy for Branch 84, four votes yes.

16 NED REID: Branch 86, Southeast, four  
17 votes.

18 S/M KIRTLEY: Kirtley, Branch 22, proxy  
19 for 86, four votes no.

20 NED REID: I would just want to remind  
21 everyone we need a two-thirds vote either way, it

1 has to be a two-thirds vote for it to pass.

2 Branch 87, Northeast/New England, two  
3 votes.

4 PNP JANSKY: Jansky, proxy, two votes  
5 no.

6 NED REID: Branch 89, Southeast, seven  
7 votes.

8 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate, Branch  
9 89, seven yes.

10 NED REID: Branch 90, Southwest, four.

11 RPSW LABAO: Labao, Branch 302 delegate,  
12 proxy for Branch 90, four votes yes.

13 NED REID: Branch 91, Southeast, 22.

14 RPSE ANGER: Anger, proxy 91, 22 no.

15 NED REID: Branch 93, East Coast, ten.

16 PRPWC MATTHEWS: Matthews, delegate  
17 chairman, branch is not registered.

18 NED REID: Branch 94, South Central, 13  
19 votes.

20 S/M SHOEMAKER: Shoemaker, delegate,  
21 Branch 94, 13 votes for.

1 NED REID: Yea, or nay.

2 S/M SHOEMAKER: Yea.

3 NED REID: Branch 97, Northwest, 13  
4 votes.

5 RPNW BEAN: Bean, proxy Branch 97, 13  
6 votes yes.

7 NED REID: Branch 98, South Central, two  
8 votes.

9 S/M HUGH: Hugh, delegate, Branch 98,  
10 yes.

11 NED REID: Branch 99, East Coast, 16  
12 votes.

13 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate, 16 votes  
14 no.

15 NED REID: Branch 101, West Coast,  
16 seven.

17 MAA RUIZ: Ruiz, 101, yes, seven votes.

18 NED REID: 102, Southeast, two votes.

19 RPSE ANGER: Anger, proxy 102, two no.

20 NED REID: 103, northwest, eight votes.

21 RPNW BEAN: Bean, proxy Branch 103,

1 eight votes yes.

2 NED REID: 104, northwest, four votes.

3 RPNW BEAN: Bean, proxy Branch 104, four  
4 votes yes.

5 NED REID: 105, North Central, four  
6 votes.

7 RPNC JONES: Jones, delegate with proxy  
8 for 105, four votes yes.

9 NED REID: 112, Southeast, four votes.

10 RPSE ANGER: Anger, delegate, 112, four  
11 votes no.

12 NED REID: Branch 115, Northeast/New  
13 England, nine votes.

14 PNP JANSKY: Jansky, delegate, nine  
15 votes no.

16 NED REID: Branch 117, Southeast, seven  
17 votes.

18 S/M MIGLIONIGO: Miglionigo, Branch 117,  
19 seven yes.

20 NED REID: Branch 118, Southeast, two  
21 votes.

1 S/M GRIMES: Grimes, delegate, proxy for  
2 118, two votes no.

3 NED REID: Branch 123, East Coast, one  
4 vote.

5 PRPEC MURRAY: Murray, delegate, proxy,  
6 one vote yes.

7 NED REID: Branch 124, Northeast/New  
8 England, five votes.

9 RPNENE RIZZO: Rizzo, delegate, 124,  
10 five votes no.

11 NED REID: Branch 126, Southeast, seven  
12 votes.

13 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) seven votes yes.

14 NED REID: Seven votes yes.

15 Branch 127, Northwest, three votes.

16 RPNW BEAN: Bean, proxy Branch 127,  
17 three votes yes.

18 NED REID: Branch 130, North Central,  
19 four votes.

20 RPNC JONES: Jones, delegate proxy for  
21 Branch 130, four votes yes.

1 NED REID: Branch 136, North Central,  
2 nine votes.

3 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) Branch 136,  
4 delegate, votes yes.

5 NED REID: Branch 137, West Coast, four  
6 votes.

7 S/M NASH: Nash, proxy 137 West Coast as  
8 directed, for.

9 NED REID: Branch 146, Northeast/New  
10 England, three votes.

11 PNP JANSKY: Jansky, proxy, three votes  
12 no.

13 NED REID: Branch 154, Northwest, four  
14 votes.

15 RPNW BEAN: Bean, proxy Branch 154, four  
16 votes yes.

17 NED REID: Branch 159, South Central,  
18 three votes.

19 PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, delegate, 159,  
20 three votes yes.

21 NED REID: Branch 161, North Central,

1 ten votes.

2 SPEAKER: (Unintelligible) Branch 161,  
3 yes, ten votes.

4 NED REID: Branch 162, South Central,  
5 eight votes.

6 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) delegate, 162,  
7 eight votes yes.

8 NED REID: Branch 163, Southwest.

9 RPSW LABAO: Labao, Branch 302 delegate,  
10 proxy for 163, votes five yes.

11 NED REID: Branch 166, East Coast, ten  
12 votes.

13 SPEAKER: (Unintelligible), Branch 166,  
14 ten votes yes. Ten votes no, sorry.

15 NP BEHM: Branch 166, ten votes nay; is  
16 that correct?

17 SPEAKER: That is correct.

18 NED REID: Branch 170, Northwest, seven  
19 votes.

20 SPEAKER: (Unintelligible) Branch 170  
21 delegate, seven votes no.

1 NED REID: Branch 171, Northwest, two  
2 votes.

3 RPNW BEAN: Bean, proxy Branch 171, two  
4 votes yes.

5 NED REID: 172, East Coast, six votes.

6 RPEC OLIVIERA: Oliviera, 293, proxy  
7 172, six votes yes.

8 NED REID: Branch 172, Northwest, two  
9 votes.

10 RPNW BEAN: Bean, proxy Branch 174, two  
11 votes yes.

12 NED REID: 177, North Central, three  
13 votes.

14 S/M DUVARA (phonetic): Duvara, 177,  
15 votes no, three of them.

16 NED REID: 178, West Coast, two votes.

17 S/M PORTER: Porter, delegate, proxy for  
18 178, two votes yes.

19 NED REID: Branch 181, East Coast, six  
20 votes.

21 S/M BROOM: Rich Broom, Branch 181, six

1 votes yes.

2 NED REID: Branch 182, East Coast, four  
3 votes.

4 S/M ROUSH: Roush, Branch 182, four  
5 votes no.

6 NED REID: Branch 183, Southeast, four  
7 votes.

8 RPSE ANGER: Anger, proxy, four votes  
9 no.

10 NED REID: 184, Southeast, two votes.

11 RPSE ANGER: Anger, proxy, two votes no.

12 NED REID: 185, West Coast, two votes.

13 S/M PORTER: Porter, delegate, Branch  
14 185, two votes yes.

15 NED REID: Branch 186, Southeast, three  
16 votes.

17 S/M KIRTLEY: Kirtley, Branch 22, proxy  
18 for 186, three votes no.

19 NED REID: Branch 187, Southeast, two  
20 votes.

21 RPSE ANGER: Anger, proxy, two votes no.

1 NED REID: Branch 188, Southeast, three  
2 votes.

3 RPSE ANGER: Anger, proxy, three votes.

4 NED REID: Branch 192, West Coast, four  
5 votes.

6 S/M NASH: Nash, delegate, four votes  
7 no.

8 NED REID: Branch 194, Southeast, three  
9 votes.

10 S/M KIRTLEY: Kirtley, proxy, three  
11 votes no.

12 NED REID: Branch 197, West Coast, four  
13 votes.

14 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) four votes yes.

15 NED REID: Say again?

16 SPEAKER: Four votes yes.

17 NED REID: Four votes yes for 197.

18 Branch 201, South Central.

19 PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, proxy Branch 201,  
20 four votes yes.

21 NED REID: Branch 208, East Coast, four

1 votes.

2 PRPEC MURRAY: Murray, delegate, proxy,  
3 all votes yes.

4 NED REID: Branch 210, Southeast, six  
5 votes.

6 S/M KIRTLEY: Kirtley, proxy, six votes  
7 no.

8 NED REID: Branch 212, East Coast, four  
9 votes.

10 S/M GUNTHER: Gunther, delegate, four  
11 votes no.

12 NED REID: Branch 214, Northeast/New  
13 England, three votes.

14 PNP JANSKY: Jansky, proxy, three votes  
15 no.

16 NED REID: Branch 216, North Central,  
17 three votes.

18 SPEAKER: (Unintelligible) proxy, three  
19 votes yes.

20 NED REID: Branch 219, East Coast, two  
21 vote.

1 PRPEC MURRAY: Murray, delegate, proxy,  
2 two votes yes.

3 NED REID: Branch 221, North Central,  
4 two votes.

5 RPNC JONES: Jones, delegate, proxy 221,  
6 two votes yes.

7 NED REID: Branch 222, South Central,  
8 three votes.

9 PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, proxy, Branch  
10 222, three votes yes.

11 NED REID: Branch 226, Northeast/New  
12 England, five votes.

13 S/M BROWN: Brown, delegate, five votes  
14 no.

15 NED REID: Branch 227, South Central,  
16 two votes.

17 S/M COLLINS: Collins, delegate, Branch  
18 227, two votes yes.

19 NED REID: Branch 230, West Coast, three  
20 votes.

21 S/M HANSEL: Hansel, delegate, 230, two

1 votes yes, or three votes yes.

2 NED REID: Three votes yes, thank you.

3 Branch 238, North Central, four votes.

4 PRPNC CUNNINGHAM: Cunningham, Branch  
5 14, proxy for 238, four votes yes.

6 NED REID: Branch 242, North Central,  
7 two votes.

8 PRPNC COMBS: Combs, proxy, two votes  
9 yes.

10 NED REID: Branch 244, West Coast, two.

11 S/M DANIELS: Daniels, proxy, two votes  
12 yes.

13 NED REID: Branch 247, Northwest, two.

14 RPNW BEAN: Bean, proxy Branch 247, two  
15 votes yes.

16 NED REID: Branch 248, Southeast, three.

17 JPMP ROBBINS: Robbins, three votes no.

18 NED REID: Branch 251, South Central.

19 SPEAKER: (Unintelligible) delegate,  
20 yes, two votes yes.

21 NED REID: 251 South Central is two

1 votes yes?

2 SPEAKER: Yes.

3 NED REID: 258, Northeast/New England,  
4 two votes.

5 RPNENE RIZZO: Rizzo, proxy 258, two  
6 votes no.

7 NED REID: 261, West Coast, 12 votes.

8 S/M PORTER: Porter, proxy for Branch  
9 261, 12 votes yes.

10 NED REID: Branch 263, Southeast, four  
11 votes.

12 RPSE ANGER: Anger, proxy, four votes  
13 no.

14 NED REID: Branch 264, South Central,  
15 four votes.

16 PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, proxy Branch 264,  
17 four votes yes.

18 NED REID: Branch 268, North Central,  
19 four votes.

20 S/M LEWIS: Lewis, Branch 268, four yes  
21 votes.

1 NED REID: Branch 269, Southeast, 30

2 votes.

3 S/M HOLMES: Holmes, delegate, 30 votes

4 no.

5 NED REID: Branch 273, North Central,

6 two votes.

7 PRPNC COMBS: Combs, proxy, two votes

8 yes.

9 NED REID: Branch 274, West Coast, two

10 votes.

11 PNP COURNEYA: Courneya, delegate,

12 Branch 274, no.

13 NED REID: Branch 275, West Coast, two

14 votes.

15 PNP COURNEYA: Courneya, proxy, Branch

16 275, no.

17 NED REID: Two votes no.

18 Branch 276, North Central, seven votes.

19 SPEAKER: Seven votes, (unintelligible)

20 delegate, yes.

21 NED REID: Branch 281, West Coast, two

1 votes.

2 PRPWC MATTHEWS: Matthews, proxy Branch  
3 281, two votes yes.

4 NED REID: Branch 287, West Coast, two  
5 votes.

6 SPEAKER: (Unintelligible) delegate, no.

7 NED REID: Two votes no, can you confirm  
8 that?

9 SPEAKER: Yes.

10 NED REID: Branch 289, Southwest, 18  
11 votes.

12 NCHAP FALU: Chaplain, delegate chair,  
13 instructed, no.

14 NED REID: Branch 290, Southeast, 15  
15 votes.

16 RPSE ANGER: Anger, proxy, 15 no.

17 NED REID: Branch 292, Southeast, two  
18 votes.

19 S/M KIRTLEY: Kirtley, proxy, no.

20 NED REID: Branch 293, East Coast, four.

21 RPEC OLIVIERA: Oliviera, 293, delegate.

1 Four votes yes.

2 NED REID: Branch 294, Southeast, three.

3 S/M HARRIS: Harris, delegate, three

4 votes no. I'm sorry, yes.

5 NED REID: I'm confirming. Branch 294,

6 Southeast, three votes yes.

7 S/M HARRIS: Yes.

8 NED REID: Branch 295, South Central,

9 two votes.

10 PRPSC TALBOT: Talbot, proxy Branch 295,

11 votes yes.

12 NED REID: Branch 298, North Central,

13 four votes.

14 NPAR POSEKANY: Posekany, delegate,

15 Branch 14, proxy for 298, four votes yes.

16 NED REID: Branch 299, East Coast, three

17 votes.

18 RPEC OLIVIERA: Oliviera, delegate, 293,

19 proxy for 299, three votes yes.

20 NED REID: Branch 301, East Coast,

21 three.

1 S/M ROUSH: Roush, Branch 182, proxy for  
2 301, three votes no.

3 NED REID: Branch 302, Southwest, nine  
4 votes.

5 RPSW LABAO: Labao, Branch 302, nine  
6 votes yes.

7 NED REID: I have here, I believe Branch  
8 307 is out; is that correct?

9 Branch 309, East Coast, two votes.

10 RPEC OLIVIERA: Oliviera, delegate, 293,  
11 proxy 309, two votes yes.

12 NED REID: Branch 316, North Central,  
13 five votes.

14 S/M ADY: Ady, Branch 316 delegate, five  
15 votes yes.

16 NED REID: Branch 346, Southeast, eight  
17 votes.

18 RPSE ANGER: Anger, proxy, eight votes  
19 no.

20 NED REID: Branch 364, North Central,  
21 two votes.

1 RVPNC HERNDON: Herndon, delegate, two  
2 votes yes.

3 NED REID: Branch 367, Northwest, five  
4 votes.

5 SPEAKER: Five no votes for 367.

6 NED REID: Five no votes.

7 Branch 382, Northwest, four votes.

8 SPEAKER: 382 votes no.

9 NED REID: Is there anyone that feels  
10 that they were missed? All right.

11 SPEAKER: Shipmate, 367 was zero votes,  
12 not no votes.

13 NED REID: 367 was zero.

14 So shipmates, those of you who are first  
15 timers at this convention, I wanted to make sure  
16 you just got a feel of what we go through if we  
17 do this kind of vote. In my head I've done it  
18 but what we have to do now is do tallies. And my  
19 recommendation to the national president is that  
20 we not stay around for this vote if we can, and  
21 we'll do it first thing in the morning, start off

1 with that. No? Okay, you've got to stay, okay.  
2 So we'll do our tallies.

3 SPEAKER: Shipmates, there were three  
4 branches that weren't registered and you only  
5 mentioned two.

6 NED REID: So I have 013, I have 093,  
7 and we have 307, and now we have 367, so we  
8 actually have four.

9 NP BEHM: We're going to take a  
10 ten-minute recess for the counters. National  
11 Chaplain, please close the Bible.

12 NCHAP FALU: Shipmate National  
13 President, the Bible is now closed.

14 NP BEHM: Thank you, Shipmate. Please  
15 come back to the room by 1700.

16 (Recess.)

17 NP BEHM: Shipmate National Chaplain.

18 NCHAP FALU: Shipmate National  
19 President, the Bible is now open.

20 NP BEHM: Thank you, Shipmate.

21 NED REID: Shipmates, good afternoon, I

1 think we're going to have to do this again -- no,  
2 sorry.

3 Tally, so what you were voting on is to  
4 either say yea to the five-year honorary or nay  
5 to the five-year honorary, and this requires a  
6 two-thirds vote, and the final tally, 370 yeas,  
7 370 nays. And the tally committee equals and  
8 they're correct, 370, 370.

9 NP BEHM: So resolution 17 is rejected.

10 All right, here's a question for you,  
11 we're probably going to do the opposite, but we  
12 have two resolutions left, so I think we'll start  
13 on those in the morning, if that's what you wish.

14 Shipmate National Chaplain.

15 NCHAP FALU: Shipmate National  
16 President, the Bible is now closed.

17 NP BEHM: Thank you, Shipmate Chaplain.  
18 Hand salute. Two.

19 Shipmates, hold on. It's nine a.m. in  
20 the morning, in this room. Come ready.

21 (Adjourned at 1709.)

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