

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN
88th NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE ON
CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS
SPOKANE CITY CENTER DOUBLETREE HOTEL, SPOKANE, WA
OCTOBER 15, 2015**

The National Convention Committee on Constitutions, Bylaws and Resolutions met in the Parkside I Room of the Spokane City Center DoubleTree Hotel, Spokane, WA, at 0915 on October 15, 2015.

In attendance were:

Chairman: John F. Quesnel, Jr., Branch 289

Members: PRPNE David Munday, III, Branch 124
PNP Mark A. Kilgore, Branch 22
Nicole Talbot, Branch 159
PNP Robert G. Beese, Branch 335
NP John D. Ippert, Ex-Officio

Advisor: PNP Lawrence J. Boudreaux, Branch 275

Visitors: NVP Virgil P. Courneya, Branch 274
PNP Marvin W. Johnson, Branch 104
NParl Jim Eblen, Branch 289
PNP Jeffrey A. Gilmartin, Branch 207
PRPNE Bill Starkey, Branch 57
RVPSE Bruce Davis, Branch 70
RVPNC Toni Quintero, Branch 161
PRPNC Les Wilson, Branch 268
PRPSC Marty Posekany, Branch 298
NChap Bill Hall, Branch 382
PRPSC Leo McCann, Branch 70
PRPEC Paul Gunther, Branch 182

The same procedure that has been used for the past several years will be followed. The chairman will read the pertinent resolved portion of the resolution at which time it becomes pending automatically. No motion or second is necessary. The chairman will then read the committee's recommendation and give the rationale, after which the presiding officer will call for discussion.

Please remember, you will be voting on the resolution itself and not on the committee recommendation.

GENERAL RESOLUTION

POTOMAC REGION BRANCH 207

Appears on page: Tab V, page GR-1

Resolved, That actions taken by the National Board of Directors which require immediate action be classified as an National Board Authorization.

CBL&R Recommendation: To adopt.

Rationale: This is an administrative addition since the National President and National Board of Directors already have the authority to issue National Board Authorizations.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is to adopt.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 1

POTOMAC REGION BRANCH 207

Appears on page: Tab V., page C&BL-1

Resolved, That Article 3, Section 309(c), C&BL, FRA be amended to read:

“Article 3, Section 309(c). A request for transfer in compliance with Section 309(b) will be processed by the Member Services Department, and noted on the monthly report of membership forwarded to each branch.”

CBL&R Recommendation: To adopt.

Rationale: This resolution just changes responsibilities from Chairman, Membership and Retention Committee to the Members Service Department, who actually process the changes.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to reject the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 2

HIGH SIERRA BRANCH 274

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL 1-3

Resolved, That Article 4, C&BL, FRA be amended to read as follows:

“Section 401. Dues Payments

“Section 402. Effective 1 April 2016, minimum dues shall be \$30.00, and shall be for the membership year or any part thereof. The membership year starts 1 April, and ends the following 31 March. Dues will be applied toward a member for life, and will be credited directly to the individual’s membership account, as established in Section 403 below. Once the appropriate full membership has been paid into the account, no further payment shall be required.

“Section 403. Effective 1 April 2016, those eligible for FRA membership who have not attained the age of 41 before 1 April of the current year may become member for life upon payment of \$250.00; those who are between the ages of 41 and 50 upon payment of \$230.00; those who are between 61 and 70 upon payment of \$180.00; and those who have attained the age of 71 and over, upon payment of \$140.00. Initial and annual renewal payment of \$30.00 as specified in this Section. Additional payments may be made at any time. When the membership is paid in full, it continues throughout the member’s life.

“Section 404. Effective 1 April 2016, those attaining the age of 80 no person eligible for membership in the FRA shall be required to pay either initial dues or the balance due of existing account, and shall be immediately declare a member for life in the FRA.

“Section 405. No refund of membership dues is authorized subsequent to receipt by the Finance Officer, except as provided for in Article 5, Section 511.

“Section 406. Membership dues collected by any member are the property of the FRA until prorated and distributed.

“Section 407. Dues of members residing in the Republic of the Philippines shall be payable to the

Finance Officer.

“Section 408. Any member of the FRA or person eligible for FRA membership, who is the recipient of the Medal of Honor, shall be granted continuous membership without payment of dues with all privileges of a dues payment member.

“Section 409. Distribution from Life Membership Fund will be made annually during the life of a paid member, as follows:

“To the Branch: \$12.00 per paid member.

“To National Headquarters: \$15.00 per paid member.

“Section 410. Every year divisible by three, the National Board of Directors shall conduct an internal audit, based on sound actuarial study, for the purpose of adjusting the membership dues and distribution from the Life Membership Fund. If during the triennium, the Board concludes emergency action is necessary to keep the Life Membership Fund valid, the Board will take action to preserve the integrity of the fund.”; and be it further

Resolved, That Sections 914(c) and 914(d) have been superseded and are hereby deleted as having served their original purpose; and be it further

Resolved, That Section 401(b) and subsections 401(b)(2), 401(b)3 and 401(b)(4); Section 401(c); Section 401(d), Section 401(e), Section 401(f), Section 401(h), Section 401(i), Section 401(j), Section 401(k), Section 401(l), Section 401(m), and Section 405; and subsections 405(a), 405(b), 405(c), 405(e), 405(f) and 405(g) have been superseded and are hereby deleted as having served their original purpose; and be it further

Resolved, That Section 402 and Subsections 402(a), 402(b), and 402(c), are hereby renumbered Section 411, Section 412, Section 413 and Section 414, respectively; Section 403 is hereby renumbered Section 415; Section 404 and subsections 404(a) and 404(b) are hereby renumbered Section 416, Section 417 and Section 418, respectively; and be it further

Resolved, That this amendment become effective 1 April 2016.

CBL&R Recommendation: Rejection.

Rationale: Too great a financial impact on smaller branches and overall financial impact on the FRA.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 3

POTOMAC REGION BRANCH 207

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-3

Resolved, That Article 4, Section 401(e), C&BL, FRA be amended to read:

“Article 4, Section 401(e). Disabled members may be excused from payment of dues when payment would inflict hardship. Branches shall judge for their membership. The Director, Membership Development shall make the decision for Membership-at-Large Roll members. Branch secretaries shall make an annual report in the month of March, to the Director, Membership Development, listing the names and membership numbers of all disabled members affiliated with the branch. If no report is received, members previously

reported as disabled will be terminated effective 30 June unless payment of dues has been received by the Finance Officer. The Member Services Department shall notify the branch secretary during the month of July of those terminated members.”

CBL&R Recommendation: To adopt.

Rationale: Changing Chairman, Membership & Retention Committee to Director, Membership Development, throughout Section 401(e). Also, second to the last line from Chairman, Membership & Retention Committee to Member Services Department.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 4

POTOMAC REGION BRANCH 207

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-4

Resolved, That Article 4, Section 402(a) and Section 402(b), C&BL, FRA be amended to read:

“Section 402(a). The Director, Membership Development shall, and the branch secretary who so desires may, notify all members in writing of their approaching dues expiration date to enable members to maintain continuous membership and earn continuous membership awards.”

“Section 402(b). The Director, Membership Development shall, and branch secretaries who so desire may, notify the members arrears in dues in writing once a month during the ninety day grace period.”

CBL&R Recommendation: To adopt.

Rationale: Changing Chairman, Membership & Retention Committee to Director, Membership Development. Also, second to the last line from Chairman, Membership & Retention Committee to Member Services Department.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 5

POTOMAC REGION BRANCH 207

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-4-5

Resolved, That Article 4, Section 404, C&BL, FRA be amended to read:

“Section 404(a). The Member Services Department will provide each branch with a comprehensive monthly report listing the members who have paid dues at the branch and national levels, the new expiration dues date for the members, and the present address and any other changes that have occurred in the branch membership.

“Section 404(b). The Member Services Department will provide each Regional President with a monthly membership status report for each branch in the respective region detailing all membership transactions occurring in the region.”

CBL&R Recommendation: To adopt.

Rationale: Changing Chairman, Membership & Retention Committee to Director, Membership Development. Also, second to the last line from Chairman, Membership & Retention Committee to Member Services Department.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 6

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-5-6

Resolved, That Article 4, Sections 405(e) and 405(f), be amended to read as follows:

“Section 405(e). Life membership fees may be made to the Finance Officer using the following installment payments plans:

- (1) Payment in full at the time of submitting the life member application
- (2) Quarterly (four equal payments over a 12 month period)
- (3) Monthly (twelve equal payments over a 12 month period)

“Section 405(f). All installment payments will be completed within 12 months from the date the first payment is received. If using the installment payment plan, the first payment will be counted towards paying regular annual dues at a minimum of \$30.00, which will entitle the members to be a regular member in the FRA but not a life member until all payments have been received. Once an installment plan is initiated, money held in escrow will not be returned or prorated for further dues payment.

Resolved, That this amendment become effective January 1, 2016.

CBL&R Recommendation: To adopt.

Rationale: In concert with Budget & Finance Committee paying the initial \$30.00, then the rest of Life Membership in twelve months ensures members membership continuity, and prevents dues lapse the following year while on current life membership installment plan.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 7

HIGH SIERRA BRANCH 274

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-6-7

Resolved, That Article 7, Section 701(a), 701(b) and 701(d) C&BL, FRA be amended to read:

“Section 701(a). The National Officers of the Fleet Reserve Association shall be: National President, National Vice President, National Executive Director, Finance Officer, and Regional President of each region, Junior Past National President, National Parliamentarian and National Chaplain.”

“Section 701(b). The National Board of Directors of the Fleet Reserve Association shall be: National President, National Vice President, Regional President of each Region, and the Junior Past Regional President.”

“Section 701(d). The annual national convention shall elect for a 1-year term the National Vice President and the National President.”; and be it further

Resolved, That this amendment become effective under the provisions of SR-4(j) of the 2016 National Convention.

CBL&R Recommendation: Not in order.

Rationale: OBE; actions due to be taken on C&BL Resolution 12.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 8

POTOMAC REGION BRANCH 207

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-7

Resolved, Fleet Reserve Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Rituals, Article 7, Section 701(b) be amended to read: “The National Board of Directors of the Fleet Reserve Association shall be: National President, National Vice President, President of each region, and the Junior Past National President.”

CBL&R Recommendation: Reject.

Rationale: No need to create an odd voting number.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 9

SIERRA-TAHOE BRANCH 137

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-8

Resolved, That the shipmates of Sierra-Tahoe Branch 137 do solicit the vote of each Branch Delegate at the 88th National Convention in Spokane, Washington on October 13-18, 2015 to support this resolution and change the provisions of FRA’s C&BL, Section 701(d) to permit 2-year terms.

Resolved, That Section 701(d) of the FRA C&BL be revised to read as follows:

“Section 701(d). The Annual National Convention shall elect for a 2-year term the National Vice President and the National President, and for a 3-year term, the National Executive Director in a year the number of which is divisible by three.”

CBL&R Recommendation: Rejection.

Rationale: The resolution’s whereas’s do not adequately support the resolved’s premise.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 10

PINETREE BRANCH 156

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-8-9

Resolved, That Article 7, Section 702(a), C&BL, FRA shall be amended to read:

“Article 7, Section 702(a). Each region of the Fleet Reserve Association shall elect a Regional President, and Regional Vice President or a First Vice President and Second Vice President division is desired.

Resolved, That Pinetree Branch 156, urges all branches of the Fleet Reserve Association to support and endorse the above resolution.

CBL&R Recommendation: Rejection.

Rationale: The National Bylaws should not direct the number of regional officers if the regions wish to have a first and second vice president, then it needs to be incorporated into the Regional Bylaws.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 11

POTOMAC REGION BRANCH 207

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-9-10

Resolved, That Article 8, Section 808(g), C&BL, FRA be amended to read:

“Section 808(g). He/she shall, with other designated Members, register with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives as accredited representatives of the Fleet Reserve Association as required by the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act. He/she shall further designate members to register with the Department of Veterans Affairs as accredited representatives of the Fleet Reserve Association.”

CBL&R Recommendation: Not in order.

Rationale: OBE.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 12

HIGH SIERRA BRANCH 274

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-10

Resolved, That the title of Article 8, Section 808, C&BL, FRA, be amended to read:

“Section 808. Duties of the National Executive Director”

Resolved, That Article 8, Section 808(g), C&BL, FRA be amended to read:

“Section 808(g). The National Executive Director shall maintain record of all members registered with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives as accredited representative of the Fleet Reserve Association as required by the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act. He/she shall further designate members to register with the Department of Veterans Affairs as accredited representative of the Fleet Reserve Association.”; and be it further

Resolved, That this amendment become effective under the provisions of SR-4(j) of the 2016 National Convention.; and be it further

Resolved, Although not part of the amendment, but important to our members, attached to this resolution copy of the proposed National Executive Director job description and a copy of our attorney drafted employment agreement.

CBL&R Recommendation: Rejection.

Rationale: Should be an FRA member who embodies loyalty, protection, and service; and, understands the functioning of the FRA, and has a grassroots awareness of the FRA.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 13

NAVY DEPARTMENT BRANCH 181

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-16-17

Resolved, That Article 8, Section 810(a), C&BL, FRA shall be amended by adding:

“Section 810(a)(11), National Committee on Veterans Service;” and be it further

Resolved, That Article 8, C&BL, FRA is amended by adding:

“Section 821. Duties of the National Committee on Veterans Service.

“Section 821(a). The Committee shall consist of the Director, National Service or designated FRA accredited National Representative as permanent chairman, and eight members, one from each region. A member’s term shall be for three years with a minimum of two members replaced or reappointed each year by the incoming National President.

“Section 821(b). Committee members shall be either VA accredited as veteran service officer representing FRA or designated as a FRA Representative or Deputy Representative for the VA Voluntary Service program at a VA medical facility.

“Section 821(c). It shall solicit the cooperation of branch chairman of this committee and instill the importance of this committee at the branch level.

“Section 821(d). Duties of the committee shall be: To oversee the FRA VSO and VAVS programs, providing education and outreach of same to the membership of the Association, including the policies and regulations associated with these programs; to report on the number and activities of FRA accredited VSO representatives and representatives in the VAVS program in each region; to solicit branches and Shipmates to become involved in departments of veterans affairs/services on the state, local or national level, including VA regional offices, medical facilities, state or national veteran cemeteries or veteran homes; and to annually recognize outstanding service by a Shipmate in service to veterans.

“Section 821(e). The Chairman shall make an annual report to the National Board of Directors and the National Convention.

CBL&R Recommendation: To adopt.

Rationale: This committee is necessary for assisting current and prospective members and is directly supportive of our three cardinal principles.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 14

POTOMAC REGION BRANCH 207

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-17-18

Resolved, That Article 8, Section 810(a), C&BL, FRA be amended by adding:

“Section 810(a)(6), National Committee on Veterans Services, Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation” and be it further

Resolved, That Standing Rule 7, SR-7(a)(2), C&BL, FRA be amended to read:

(2) Each Branch shall submit the following reports if the Branch President has appointed such committee; Americanism-Patriotism; Veterans Services, Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation; Public Relations; Youth Activities to the regional chairman of the appropriate committee prior to the convening of the regional convention. A copy of these reports shall be forwarded to the Regional President and one copy retained in the branch files.”

CBL&R Recommendation: Not in order.

Rationale: OBE; due to adoption of C&BL Resolution 13.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 15

POTOMAC REGION BRANCH 207

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-18-19

Resolved, That Article 8, Section 812, C&BL, FRA be amended to read:

“Section 812. Duties of the National Committee of Legislative Service

“Section 812(a). The committee shall be composed of the annually appointed chairman and six members with terms of three years, two members being replaced or reappointed each year by the incoming National President. The National President may appoint additional members in an advisory capacity.

“Section 812(b). The primary duty of this committee is to diligently study legislation pending in the House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States, which may affect the personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard (active, reserve, and retired) and their dependents.

“Section 812(c). The chairman shall make a report to the National Board of Directors and the National Convention reporting legislative accomplishments and actions, pending legislation, a legislative agenda for the next Association year and any pertinent recommendations. Recommendations requiring action by the National Convention shall be submitted in accordance with Section 612.”

CBL&R Recommendation: Not in order.

Rationale: OBE; due to action taken on C&BL Resolution 12.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 16

POTOMAC REGION BRANCH 207

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-19-20

Resolved, That Article 8, Section 813, C&BL, FRA be amended to read:

“Section 813. Duties of the National Committee on Membership and Retention

“Section 813(a). The committee shall consist of a Chairman and eight members: the best recruiter from each region as determined by the 4th quarter Membership report dated 31 March of the current calendar year. The Director of Membership Development shall act as an advisor.

“Section 813(b). The primary duty of this committee is to devise ways and means of increasing FRA membership, improving membership retention and publicizing the aims and purposes of the Fleet Reserve Association among eligible potential members.

“Section 813(c). The chairman shall make an annual report to the delegates at the National Convention reporting the status of Association membership, programs and retention; a membership and retention program for the next Association year and any pertinent recommendations. Recommendations requiring action by the delegates at the National Convention shall be submitted in accordance with Section 612.”

CBL&R Recommendation: Rejection.

Rationale: Proposed Section 813(a) is unrealistic, as 4th quarter membership report does not address or identify top recruiters either on national, regional, or branch levels.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 17

POTOMAC REGION BRANCH 207

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-21

Resolved, That Article 8, Section 816, C&BL, FRA be amended to read:

“Section 816. Duties of the National Committee on Veterans Services, Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation.

“Section 816(a). The incoming National President shall appoint a chairman annually. The committee shall be comprised of six members for terms of up to three years, with two members being replaced or reappointed each year. It is recommended the National President consider VA-accredited Veterans Services Officers, designated FRA accredited National Representative, or Deputy Representative for the VA Voluntary Service program at a VA medical facility for at least one of the members.

“Section 816(b). Duties of the committee shall be:

- (1) To provide oversight and guidance to the FRA National Service Director; who manages the FRA VSO and VAVS programs.

- (2) To solicit branches and Shipmates to become involved in Departments of Veterans Affairs at the State, local, or national level, including VA regional offices, medical facilities, State or National Veterans Cemeteries or veterans homes; and to annually recognize outstanding service by a Shipmate in service to Veterans.
- (3) To foster and maintain good relations between the Fleet Reserve Association and the hospitals, to extend praise and commendation to those units which have rendered outstanding service, and to investigate allegations that shipmates and dependents are not receiving full benefits of existing laws and regulations.

“Section 816(c). The chairman shall make an annual report to the delegates at the National Convention.”

CBL&R Recommendation: Not in order.

Rationale: Not properly drafted; excludes current Section 816(c) which addresses welfare assistance.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 18

PINETREE BRANCH 156

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-21-22

Resolved, That Article 11, Section 1101(a), shall be amended to read as follows:

“Article 11, Section 1101(a). The North Atlantic Region: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and all branches overseas in the Atlantic, north of the fortieth parallel, north.

Resolved, That Section 1001(c) becomes Section 1101(b) and all following sub-sections of 1101 be re-designated to follow standard lettering form; and

Resolved, That the Pinetree Branch 156 urges all branches of the Fleet Reserve Association to support and endorse the above resolution for the name change of the Northeast/New England region.

CBL&R Recommendation: Rejection.

Rationale: The 2015 Northeast/New England Regional Convention voted not to adopt the proposed name change.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 19

SIERRA-TAHOE BRANCH 137

Appears on page: Tab V, page C&BL-22-23

Resolved, That the shipmates of Sierra-Tahoe Branch 137 do solicit the vote of each Branch Delegate at the 88th National Convention in Spokane, Washington on October 13-18, 2015 to support this resolution and change the provisions of FRA’s C&BL, Section 1217(a) to permit 2 year terms.

Resolved, That Section 701(d) of the FRA C&BL be revised to read as follows:

“Section 1217(a). Except as hereinafter provided, nominations for branch officers, including those submitted by a nomination committee, shall be opened at a meeting in either March, April or May, as specified in the by-laws of each branch. They shall remain open until a meeting in the month following opening of nominations, then closed and officers elected for a period of two years.

CBL&R Recommendation: Rejection.

Rationale: Branch business; not to be directed by National.

National President: You have heard the recommendation of the CBL&R Committee to adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion on the resolution?

National President: The resolution is:

As an aside, proposed C&BL Resolutions need to be forwarded to the National Chairman when received at National Headquarters, to allow sufficient time to review and return to originator, if needed, for minor corrections.

This concludes the report of the Convention Committee on Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions and the chairman asks that the committee be discharged.

In Loyalty, Protection, and Service,

JOHN QUESNEL
National Convention C&BL Committee Chairman