

2020 Veterans For Peace Convention Bylaw Change Protocols

Bylaw Changes: Deadline for submission is July 5, 2020

The Bylaws Committee members are:

Chair: Adrienne Kinne
Nate Goldschlag

1. Bylaws amendments must be submitted to the Bylaws Committee by the submission deadline, 30 days prior to the annual convention Saturday business meeting. Emailing is the preferred way of submitting amendments. If sending by email is not possible, they should be typewritten on 8.5 x 11 inch paper and mailed to the Bylaws Committee. **The deadline for submitting bylaws is July 5, 2020**

2020 amendments can be emailed to **bylaw@veteransforpeace.org** or sent by regular mail to VFP National Office: 1404 N. Broadway Blvd., St. Louis MO 63103

2. Amendment proposals should include all submitters' names and contact information including phone number. Anonymous amendments will not be accepted.
3. Each amendment proposal must include the Article (s) and Section (s) submitted to be amended, the proposed change in wording and the current wording to be changed.
 - a. The current wording must be ~~lined through~~, changes should be **in boldface**.
 - b. Each amendment should cover only one subject matter i. e. see below **Veterans Membership**, as an example. It is possible the bylaw amendment will require changes in multiple articles or sections so please insure you have covered all necessary changes with your proposed bylaw amendment.
4. The submission must also include the rationale behind proposing the amendment (i.e., a description of what the amendment hopes to accomplish and why).
5. Before submitting an amendment a person is expected to review the current bylaws to make sure the amendment being submitted does not duplicate or contradict current bylaw provisions already in effect. The current Veterans For Peace Bylaws can be found at <http://www.veteransforpeace.org/who-we-are/governance/bylaws/>

Example:

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ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. ~~Full Membership.~~ **Veteran Membership**

~~Full Members~~ **Veteran Members** of VFP shall be veterans of the Armed Forces of the U. S., or veterans of the Armed Forces of foreign nations. They may also be Merchant Marines or other U.S. Citizens who have served in a professional capacity with or in service to the Armed Forces of the U.S. in an area and during a period of war, conflict or other hostile activity. ~~Full Members~~ Veteran Members must subscribe to the purpose, goals and ideals of VFP and pay annual dues. Eligibility for ~~Full Membership~~ Veteran Membership shall be determined by additional rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors.

Rationale: Both Associate and Veteran Members are full members of Veterans For Peace. The two types of members have different functions within the organization, but both are valued and using terms like full for one is demeaning.

PLEASE NOTE: The above is an example of how an amendment affecting only one section would look. It is important to note that this example's content affects multiple sections of the bylaws, and would be rejected for that reason.

6. The Veterans For Peace Board of Directors may ask bylaw change authors to make changes to their submission language to address issues or concerns identified by the board.

7. Once bylaw submissions have been reviewed by the Veterans For Peace Board of Directors and brought before the business meeting, there will be no amendments or changes to submissions. They will be voted on as is.

8. Proposed bylaw changes will be accepted starting May 31, 2019. The deadline for submitting proposed bylaws changes for 2019 is Sunday, July 22, 2019.