

Submitted by:

Name: Working Group I – Robert C. Seal, Chair

Article:

ARTICLE I – NATIONAL PROVISIONS

Section:

New SECTION 12 – DISSOLUTION

Paragraph:

New Paragraph B (or Paragraph A if the other proposed amendment submitted by Working Group I fails)

Proposed Change:

New Paragraph as follows:

“B The Corporation shall be legally dissolved on or about December 31, 2028.”

Reason for Proposed Change:

The VVA National Board of Directors motion in April 2017 that established Working Group I tasked Working Group I with determining “a time certain in the future” for the VVA National Corporation to “transition” (dissolve), and to communicate that time to the general membership for approval at a convention. This proposed amendment to the VVA Constitution completes that task.

Currently the VVA Constitution is silent regarding legal dissolution of the Corporation. The purpose of this amendment is to assign responsibility to the VVA National Board of Directors, including the National Officers, to prepare for the eventual dissolution of the VVA National Corporation in a manner that will preserve the legacy of the Corporation and distribute assets to worthy organizations. Without well planned and timely actions by the VVA National Board of Directors, default dissolution actions will be determined by the State of New York without input from the VVA National Corporation.

In accordance with ARTICLE I, SECTION 3 of the VVA Constitution membership in the Corporation is open to any veteran of the military service of the United States of America who served on active duty during the dates established by federal law for the Vietnam War. The last date for membership eligibility was May 7, 1975, and as a result the membership is aging, and in 2018 the average age of VVA members was 72 years old. At some point in the not too distant future members will not be able to physically perform the tasks necessary to effectively manage the activities necessary to continue operation of the Corporation.

Working Group I has observed over the course of the past two years that VVA members have become more aware of the toll that the aging process is already taking upon the ability of some members to continue activities on behalf of VVA with the same intensity as in years past. This increase in awareness at all levels is appropriate, and it points to the

reality that many members are already starting to reduce their level of involvement in the VVA, generally due to health issues and decreases in individual energy levels.

The date proposed by Working Group I represents the working group's collective opinion that ten years from now operation of the VVA National Corporation at its current level will no longer be sustainable. The VVA National Corporation needs to acknowledge these facts and take affirmative control of its future in a manner that will lead to a timely and orderly end.

Related Articles/Sections/Paragraphs Affected:

None

Additional Notes or Comments:

None

Has the amendment been endorsed by a Chapter? No

Has the amendment been endorsed by a State Council? No

Has the amendment been endorsed by the Conference of State Council Presidents? No

For Constitution Committee Action Only:

Reported Out:

Recommendation: