



**PROPOSAL TO**  
**The 2011 National Volunteer Assembly**

**Presented by:**  
**The National Council**  
**March 4, 2011**

## **PART 1: MOTION SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST**

### **MOTION**

*I move that the amendments to the NVA bylaws be approved as presented*

#### **ACTION DESIRED FROM NATIONAL VOLUNTEER ASSEMBLY**

*We request approval for implementation immediately following the adjournment of the 2011 National Volunteer Assembly.*

#### **BACKGROUND OF MOTION**

Several changes have taken place that resulted in the need to amend the bylaws. The major changes are listed below

- 1) The NVA Planning Committee was responsible for the selection of the At-Large delegates this year rather than the Nominations and Governance Committee, and it appeared to make sense to both Committees to continue this process.
- 2) Under Action Item Submission Process, since there is no guarantee of a date certain for the NVA, the proposed amendment refers to a specific number of days prior to the NVA. (90 days rather than January 15<sup>th</sup>)
- 3) The Diversity Committee is a standing committee of the NVA and should be identified as such.
- 4) Parliamentary Authority refers to the resource used to support any procedure that is not already covered by the organization's bylaws. Therefore, the non-relevant information included in that section was moved to other sections of the bylaws.
- 5) A new section was re-written to reflect what is recommended in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised relevant to how to amend the bylaws

In addition, sentences were moved from one section to another when they appeared to be more relevant to the section to which they were moved. These are called "housekeeping changes" as no substantive changes were made.

*What led to the need for this motion? This should be the clear reasoning of why the group or committee came to the conclusion they are asking to be implemented.*

The procedures being followed this year and the use of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised have driven the need to propose these amendments. These amendments are being offered to clarify and organize the bylaws in a more meaningful manner. There are no disadvantages.

**WHAT ARE THE TWO OR THREE BIGGEST CONCERNS THAT HAVE ARISEN REGARDING THE PROPOSED MOTION AND HOW IT MIGHT AFFECT THE LOCAL AFS UNITS AND/OR INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS? HOW COULD THOSE CONCERNS BE ADDRESSED/RESOLVED?**

- There have been no concerns raised

**COST IMPLICATIONS OF IMPLEMENTING THE MOTION:**

- There is no cost implication

**PART 2: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**DESCRIPTION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND TIMELINE**

Action	Timeframe for Completion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of the amendments</li> </ul>	Take effect immediately at the adjournment of the 2011 National Volunteer Assembly
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**PART 3: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

*See the bylaws last approved on April 11, 2010 on the wiki at:  
[http://www.afswiki.org/index.php/National\\_Volunteer\\_Assembly\\_by-laws](http://www.afswiki.org/index.php/National_Volunteer_Assembly_by-laws)*

*See the attached proposed amended bylaws with the proposed amendments typed in **bold and underlined**.*

**PART 4: CONCLUSION**

*Restate the proposal and action and why the committee or advisory group advocates it. This is a short summary paragraph.*

*These proposed amendments are being offered to clarify what we do and to adhere more closely with the recommendations of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.*