

Article III, Section 2. Cont.

B. Executive Board Members

Term of office: Two (2) years

C. Standing and Special Committees

Term of office: Unlimited

Duties as outlined in the F-10

Article IV – Travel Expenses

- A. All reasonable travel and lodging expenses of the Chapter President to State and National Conferences/Training will be paid by the Chapter, if funds are available in the budget. If additional funds are budgeted and approved by the Executive Committee, the committee may authorize the reimbursement of a portion of travel expenses for other members authorized to attend stated events.

Article V – Membership

Section 1. Categories

- A. The membership in this Chapter shall be comprised of current and former federal employees and/or their spouses, surviving spouses, or anyone with a vested right in a federal annuity. All chapter members must be in good standing with the National Association, except those holding Chapter Only Life Membership.
- B. Associate Members: Members of other chapters in good standing, may request “Dual Chapter Membership” in the Chapter. If they wish to be a voting member of the Chapter, they must also pay dues to the chapter, in accordance with the National Bylaws.

Section 2. Recruitment

- A. New members shall be recruited by any method deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.
- B. Member retention shall be by means of written or oral correspondence.

Article VI – Dues

- A. Basic Chapter Members: Chapter dues shall be submitted to the National office in conjunction with paying National dues.
- B. Chapter Life Members: A Chapter Life Membership may be purchased utilizing the last published Chapter Life Membership actuarial table. Adjustments to the Chapter Life Membership actuarial table may be made in response to adjustments made to the National Life Membership actuarial table. Providing Chapter Life dues are no more than twenty-five percent of National Life dues, the adjustment can be approved

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by the Bremerton Chapter 181 Executive Board; a larger percentage must be approved by a majority vote of the Bremerton Chapter 181 members in good standing in attendance at the meeting in which the vote is taken. NOTE: National Life Membership is required to be a Chapter Life Member.

- C. Honorable Members: These members will continue to be exempt from National and chapter dues. "No additional members may be so designated" in accordance with the National Bylaws.
- D. Distinguished Members: Chapter members who have been recognized as having a "Distinguished Membership" as defined in the National Bylaws may not be exempt from chapter dues.

Article VII – Voting

- A. Notice of a vote on bylaws changes, or to elect chapter officers, will be placed in the newsletter thirty (30) days prior to the vote being held. Members must attend a General Membership meeting to cast their vote unless special arrangement is made to vote via email or by a phone call to a chapter officer.

Article VIII – Meetings

- A. Meeting dates, times, and locations shall be announced in the chapter newsletter at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting, and also posted on the District IV website.

Article IX – Publications, Lists and Labels

Section 1. Chapter Publication

- A. The chapter newsletter shall be:

- Produced in the months September through June;
- Distributed to all chapter members in good standing via either USPS mail or email;
- Emailed to all other WSF chapters and the WSF webmaster;
- Posted on the District IV website;
- Mailed to prospective members at the discretion of the Chapter Membership Chair.

Section 2. Membership Lists and Labels

- A. All membership and prospective member lists and computer labels in the custody of the Chapter shall be treated as confidential.

Article X – Properties and Dissolution

Section 1. Properties

A. Upon retiring from office, the officers and committee chairpersons shall deliver to their respective successors all records, accounts, books, papers, money and any other property belonging to the Chapter in their possession. In the absence of a successor, such materials shall be delivered to the President. In the event of a death in office, an official letter shall be sent to that person's designee requesting any and all properties of the Chapter to be returned to the Chapter.

Section 2. Dissolution

- A. Chapter Officers must provide a thirty-day written notice to the membership that there will be a vote to close the chapter on a specified General Membership meeting date. Upon that date, the chapter may be closed by a two-thirds majority vote of members in attendance at that meeting.
- B. In the event of dissolution, The Chapter Executive Board shall, with the assistance of the district vice president, distribute the chapter treasury to the chapters receiving their members; the Washington State Federation (WSF) receives the portion for members transferring to National Only status. A small amount of the chapter treasury (\$10.00 or less) will be held back to pay for postal returns. When all checks have cleared, any remaining funds in the chapter treasury will be distributed to any Chapter Executive Board member who has incurred expenses during the closure process.