

Resolution No. 1

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Constitution & By-Laws

**Re: Article V, Sections 7 through 11; Delegate Status,
Convention Expense Allowances & Listing Emeriti
in Appendices**

1 WHEREAS, the IAFF Constitution & By-Laws is
2 a living document that summarizes and guides the
3 union's business; and

4 WHEREAS, the document must remain
5 organized, understandable, and transparent; and

6 WHEREAS, the process of codifying adopted
7 resolutions sometimes leads to unintended
8 redundancies or inconsistencies; and

9 WHEREAS, Article V, Sections 7 through 10
10 currently lists the individual names of some specific
11 officers (but not all) that have been granted Emeritus
12 status; and

13 WHEREAS, these officers are listed in several
14 sections, tables, and locations within the Constitution
15 & By-Laws; this introduces a risk of inconsistency
16 and error as there is an administrative burden to
17 accurately update multiple sections across the
18 Constitution & By-Laws when any future officers are
19 granted Emeritus status; and

20 WHEREAS, to mitigate this risk and more
21 accurately keep the named sections of the
22 Constitution & By-Laws limited to the requirements
23 of naming officers to their respective positions while
24 still honoring and individually identifying the Emeriti

25 officers of this International Association, these names
26 should be listed by title/position as an appendices
27 item; and

28 WHEREAS, Resolution 16 of the 2024
29 Convention more accurately adjusted Constitution &
30 By-Laws language in Article V, Section 9 regarding
31 the conflicting and/or contradictory language for
32 officers' "guest" or "delegate-at-large" status; and

33 WHEREAS, this language clean-up for relevant
34 sections in Article V to align them with current
35 practice and language is appropriate; therefore be it

36 RESOLVED, That Article V, Section 7 be
37 amended to read as follows:

38 "Section 7. President Emeritus

39 The position of President Emeritus is hereby
40 established.

41 This position shall carry with it ex-officio
42 lifetime membership in the International
43 Association of Fire Fighters and automatic
44 selection as a delegate-at-large to each of its
45 conventions.

46 This position shall also carry with it the duty on
47 the part of the President Emeritus to advise and
48 consult with the General President and/or the
49 Executive Board upon request when such
50 service is desired in the best interests of the
51 International Association. Adopted by

52 International Convention, August 18, 1980" and
53 be it further

54 RESOLVED; That Article V, Section 8 be
55 amended to read as follows:

56 “Section 8. Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus
57 The position of Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus is
58 hereby established.

59 This position shall carry with it ex-officio
60 lifetime membership in the International
61 Association of Fire Fighters and automatic
62 selection as delegate-at-large to each of its
63 conventions.

64 This position shall also carry with it the duty on
65 the part of the Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus to
66 advise and consult with the General President
67 and/or the Executive Board upon request when
68 such service is desired in the best interests of the
69 International Association.”; and be it further

70 RESOLVED, That Article V, Section 9 be
71 amended to read as follows:

72 “Section 9. Vice President Emeritus
73 The position of Vice President Emeritus is
74 hereby established.

75 This position shall carry with it ex-officio
76 lifetime membership in the International
77 Association of Fire Fighters and automatic
78 selection as a delegate-at-large to each of
79 its conventions.

80 This position shall also carry with it the duty on
81 the part of the Vice President Emeritus to advise
82 and consult with the General President and/or
83 the Executive Board upon request when such
84 service is desired in the best interests of the
85 International Association.

86 In order to be considered for IAFF Vice

87 President Emeritus at convention, the individual
88 must have served as an IAFF Vice President for
89 no less than ten (10) years. Nominations of an
90 individual for IAFF Vice President Emeritus can
91 only be made by an affiliate within the District
92 in which the individual served.”; and be it

93 further

94 RESOLVED, That Article V, Section 10 be
95 amended to read as follows:

96 “Section 10. Trustee Emeritus

97 The position of Trustee Emeritus is hereby
98 established.

99 This position shall carry with it ex-officio
100 lifetime membership in the International
101 Association of Fire Fighters and automatic
102 selection as a delegate-at-large to each of its
103 conventions.

104 This position shall also carry with it the duty on
105 the part of the Trustee Emeritus to advise and
106 consult with the General President and/or the
107 Executive Board upon request when such
108 service is desired in the best interests of the
109 International Association.

110 In order to be considered for IAFF Trustee
111 Emeritus at convention, the individual must
112 have served as an IAFF Trustee for no less than
113 (10) years.

114 Nominations of an individual for IAFF Trustee
115 Emeritus can only be made by an affiliate within
116 the Region in which the individual served.”; and

117 be it further

118 RESOLVED, That Article V, Section 11, be
119 deleted in its entirety, as all Emeritus Officers are
120 assigned delegate-at-large status; and be it further
121 RESOLVED, That in the Principal Officers
122 section of the appendices of the IAFF Constitution &
123 By-Laws, the associated table shall strike the
124 footnotes emeritus and/or deceased status; and be it
125 further
126 RESOLVED, That in the Emeriti Officers
127 section of the appendices of the IAFF Constitution &
128 By-Laws, the associated table shall list all emeriti
129 officer names, date conferred, and deceased status
130 by position.

Submitted by: IAFF Executive Board

Cost Estimate: **None**

Annual or Perpetual Designation: **N/A**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CONVENTION ACTION: