

Resolution No. 23

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Constitution & By-Laws

Re: Censure Resolutions Between Conventions

1 WHEREAS, the timely adoption of censure
2 resolutions is essential to enable the IAFF to formally
3 address conduct, actions, or positions by individuals,
4 entities, or organizations that may harm the interests
5 of the IAFF, its affiliates, its members, or the fire
6 service; and

7 WHEREAS, the IAFF Constitution & By-Laws
8 provides for censure resolutions at International
9 Conventions under Article XX, Section 2, but does
10 not allow affiliates to respond promptly to urgent
11 matters arising between conventions; and

12 WHEREAS, reconstituting the Rival
13 Organizations Committee into the IAFF Censures
14 and Rival Organizations Committee will provide a
15 dedicated Executive Board-level body to review both
16 rival organization charges and proposed censure
17 resolutions and act upon such resolutions in a timely
18 and prompt manner when they arise; and

19 WHEREAS, authorizing the Executive Board to
20 approve censure resolutions between conventions,
21 with such resolutions to be read and presented at the
22 next IAFF Convention, will enhance responsiveness
23 while preserving the convention's role in
24 transparency, debate, and final oversight, and
25 without limiting the ability of affiliates or officers
26 to submit censure resolutions directly to conventions

27 as currently provided; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the Constitution & By-Laws
29 of the International Association of Fire Fighters be
30 amended as follows:

- 31 • Article XV, Section 2 shall be amended in its
32 entirety to read as follows:
33 “Section 2. Rival Organizations and Censures.
34 The General President may appoint an Executive
35 Board Committee to be known as the IAFF
36 Censures and Rival Organizations Committee to
37 investigate and determine whether charges
38 against any outside organization warrant the
39 declaring of such outside organization the term
40 “rival organization,” and to review proposed
41 resolutions of censure submitted to the IAFF, and
42 to report the committee’s recommendation(s) to
43 the full Executive Board. The Executive Board
44 shall have authority between conventions to adopt
45 resolutions of censure by a majority vote of the
46 Executive Board upon recommendation of the
47 IAFF Censures and Rival Organizations
48 Committee and publish such resolutions. Such
49 resolutions adopted by the Executive Board shall
50 be read and presented to the delegates at the
51 next succeeding International Convention.”
- 52 • Article XX, Section 2 shall be amended by
53 adding the following new paragraph at the end
54 of the existing text:
55 “In addition to resolutions submitted by affiliates
56 or officers for consideration at International
57 Conventions, the Executive Board may adopt

58 resolutions of censure between conventions as
59 provided in Article XV, Section 2. All such
60 Executive Board-adopted censure resolutions
61 shall be read and presented to the delegates at the
62 the next International Convention. Nothing in this
63 paragraph shall limit the right of local unions,
64 state/provincial associations, joint councils,
65 International officers, or delegates to submit
66 censure resolutions directly to conventions in
67 accordance with the procedures set forth herein.”;
68 and be it further
69 RESOLVED, That the IAFF Executive Board
70 Policy Book be updated to implement the provisions
71 of this resolution, consistent with the Constitution
72 & By-Laws.

Submitted by: IAFF Executive Board

Cost Estimate: **None**

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CONVENTION ACTION: