

Resolution No. 34

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Constitution & By-Laws

Re: Charitable Foundations, Non-Profits, Benevolent Funds, and 501(c)3 Audits

1 WHEREAS, the IAFF Constitution & By-Laws,
2 Article XIII, Section 9, states that, “All local unions
3 shall have an independent inspection of all of their
4 books and accounts performed annually. This
5 inspection may be accomplished internally or
6 externally in accordance with the Local’s
7 Constitution & By-Laws. A financial report of this
8 inspection, on a form as provided by the General
9 Secretary-Treasurer’s Office, shall be prepared,
10 signed and forwarded each year to the General
11 Secretary-Treasurer within 180 days of the close of
12 the Local’s fiscal year.”; and

13 WHEREAS, the IAFF Constitution & By-Laws,
14 Article XIV, Section 14, states that, “All State
15 Associations, Provincial Associations, and Joint
16 Councils shall have an independent inspection of all
17 their books and accounts performed annually. This
18 inspection may be accomplished internally or
19 externally in accordance with the State and
20 Provincial Association and Joint Council’s
21 Constitution & By-Laws. A financial report of this
22 inspection, on a form as provided by the General
23 Secretary-Treasurer’s Office, shall be prepared,
24 signed and forwarded each year to the General
25 Secretary-Treasurer within 180 days of the close of

26 the affiliate's fiscal year. State Associations,
27 Provincial Associations and Joint Council books and
28 accounts are subject to audit at any time by the
29 General Secretary-Treasurer as provided by Section
30 2 of Article VI, and he/she shall have full access to
31 all financial records and membership lists of State
32 Associations, Provincial Associations and Joint
33 Councils.”; and

34 WHEREAS, several locals, state/provincial
35 associations, and Joint Councils throughout the
36 IAFF have subordinate or connected organizations
37 such as charitable foundations, benevolent funds, or
38 other nonprofits, or other 501(c)3 organizations that
39 share board members or oversight between the board
40 members or oversight between the organizations; and

41 WHEREAS, there is currently no requirement to
42 submit an annual inspection of the books of those
43 subordinate or connected organizations to the IAFF;
44 and

45 WHEREAS, the IAFF has strong advocacy for
46 transparency and financial prudence to prevent the
47 mismanagement or misappropriation of union funds;
48 therefore be it

49 RESOLVED; That the delegates assembled at the
50 32nd Biennial and 39th Convention of the VPFF
51 urge the IAFF to amend the IAFF Constitution & By-
52 Laws, Article XIII, Section 9 and Article 14, Section
53 14, requiring that an annual inspection and report of
54 any subordinate or connected organization be sent to
55 the IAFF similar to the requirement of the IAFF
56 affiliate; and be it further

57 RESOLVED, That upon passage of this
58 resolution, the VPFF shall forward this resolution to
59 the IAFF for consideration at the 58th Convention to
60 be held in Arlington, Texas in August 2026.

Submitted by: Virginia Professional Fire Fighters

Cost Estimate: **None**

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CONVENTION ACTION: