

Resolution No. 55

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Constitution & By-Laws

Re: Mandatory Affiliation of IAFF Local Unions with their Respective State or Provincial Associations

1 WHEREAS, the International Association of Fire
2 Fighters (IAFF) relies upon a coordinated structure
3 of local unions, state associations, and provincial
4 associations to effectively advocate for the interests
5 of professional fire fighters and emergency medical
6 personnel; and

7 WHEREAS, state and provincial associations
8 serve as the recognized voice of the IAFF in matters
9 involving state, provincial, and regional legislation,
10 public policy, labor relations, and political advocacy;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the IAFF 2026 Convention may
13 consider a proposal that would require state and
14 provincial associations to rebrand themselves in a
15 manner that places greater emphasis on their
16 affiliation with and representation of the IAFF; and

17 WHEREAS, such rebranding may reasonably lead
18 elected officials, stakeholders, members of the
19 public, and the media to conclude that a state or
20 provincial association represents all IAFF-affiliated
21 members and local unions within its jurisdiction; and

22 WHEREAS, the existence of unaffiliated local
23 unions creates the potential for confusion when a
24 state or provincial association publicly advocates for
25 or against legislation, regulations, collective

26 bargaining matters, ballot initiatives, or public policy
27 positions while being identified as the representative
28 voice of the IAFF within that jurisdiction; and

29 WHEREAS, mandatory affiliation would
30 strengthen coordination, improve communication,
31 enhance member representation, and ensure that all
32 IAFF local unions have an opportunity to participate
33 in the development of state and provincial advocacy
34 priorities; therefore be it

35 RESOLVED, That effective October 1, 2027,
36 every Local Union chartered by the International
37 Association of Fire Fighters whose jurisdiction lies
38 wholly or partially within the geographic boundaries
39 of an established State or Provincial Association
40 shall be required to affiliate with, and thereafter
41 maintain continuous affiliation in good standing
42 with, that State or Provincial Association as a
43 condition of continued good standing with the
44 International Association of Fire Fighters; and be it
45 further

46 RESOLVED, That this resolution shall be
47 considered only if the Convention first adopts a
48 resolution requiring IAFF state and provincial
49 associations to rebrand themselves as representative
50 entities of the IAFF.

Submitted by: Washington State Council of Fire Fighters

Cost Estimate: **None**

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CONVENTION ACTION: