

DRAFT CBL AMENDMENT CBL-4

SUBJECT: Appointments to the National Suicide Awareness Committee

SOURCE: AK, IA, MO, WA, KS, NC, LA, OH, MI, DC, MA

WHEREAS, the 2016 AMVETS established the Veterans Suicide Awareness Committee as a National Committee, and

WHEREAS, the conceptual direction of this committee was to be proactive in developing programs of awareness through the AMVETS National Districts, and

WHEREAS, committee members were appointed, a chair and one each, from the 6 National Districts to assist Departments within their respective districts to establish department Suicide Awareness committees and programs and,

WHEREAS, committee members will act as liaisons between the departments and the VA in the distribution of Veteran Suicide Prevention materials and available training for suicide awareness and prevention, and

WHEREAS, Section 1. National Committee states, The National Commander shall appoint (except where otherwise indicated) a chair, vice chair and such members of AMVETS to each committee as are necessary to accomplish its objectives. The National Commander shall prescribe the duties and responsibilities of said committees unless otherwise indicated. All committees will receive, develop and consider resolutions. Appointments are effective September 1 and are for a period of one year (except where otherwise indicated), and

WHEREAS, Annual appointments of new committee members does not provide an acclimation period of training; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that The Article II, Section 1 (w), be amended to add:

“Committee member appointments, including chair, shall be no less than two years to facilitate training and information. New appointees shall serve as co-national district representatives for the first year and as national district representatives during second and subsequent years if reappointed.

Committee Recommendations:

Constitution and Bylaws: Reject

Veterans Suicide Awareness: None

Floor Action: REJECTED