WHEREAS, the current National AMVETS Bylaws allow Posts and Departments to set their dues higher than the established minimum (see Article VII, section 5) which makes it impossible for National HQ to invoice members until after all revalidation forms (15 July due date) have been received and all of the new dues amounts have been added to the database; and

WHEREAS, this non-standard dues structure not only negatively impacts the early renewal process, but it causes confusion within the organization and mistrust when one is unable to quote a set price to prospective members; and

WHEREAS, one of our largest and fastest growing Departments has successfully standardized dues in their state thereby simplifying the advertising and member recruitment process, as well as streamlining annual renewals; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS National Bylaws Article VII: MONIES AND COLLECTIONS Section 5. Be amended to read in full:

Annual membership dues, beginning on 1 Sept 2017, will be $35. National HQ will receive $15, Departments will receive $10 and Posts will receive $10.

Where no department exists $10 dept. dues will be forwarded to HQ of which $2 for each annual member will be presented when a Department is chartered. At the end of the fiscal year if no Dept. is formed the money will be placed in the unorganized Dept Fund.

Article VII: MONIES AND COLLECTIONS Section 5, currently reads as follows:

The minimum annual membership dues, effective with the beginning of membership year 2015, shall be $17.00 payable to the post, of which sum $15.00 shall be forwarded to National Headquarters and $2.00 to the department headquarters.

Dues above the minimum set forth here shall be fixed by the post and/or department.

Where no department exists, $17.00 shall be forwarded to National Headquarters. Of the $17.00 sent to National Headquarters, $2.00 shall be set-aside in a separate fund, pending the establishment of a department.
Members-at-large will remit the minimum dues to their respective department headquarters, from which sum the national department will be paid the minimum national dues.

Where no department exists, National Headquarters will set aside $2.00 for return, when a department is formed.

Any monies received for dues from an unorganized department shall be held until the end of the fiscal year and if the department is not organized at that time, such monies shall be held in a special fund for use in developing unorganized departments.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS………………ADOPT ☐ AMEND ☐ REJECT ☐ NONE ☐
MEMBERSHIP: ……………………………... ADOPT ☐ AMEND ☐ REJECT ☐ NONE ☐
FINANCE: ……………………………………... ADOPT ☐ AMEND ☐ REJECT ☐ NONE ☐
FLOOR ACTION: ADOPTED ☐ ADOPTED (as amended) ☐ REJECTED ☐ TABLED ☐