DRAFT CBL AMENDMENT 16-04

SUBJECT: Article XVIII, #1, 3 & 4: Amendments - Bylaws

SOURCE: AZ,ND,NJ,VA,MO,FL,KY,MI,NM,WA,IA,

WHEREAS, currently Article XVIII, #4 of the AMVETS National Bylaws states that: Amendments to these Bylaws shall take effect immediately upon adoption, unless otherwise specified by the adopted resolution; however, this does not ensure the prudent review and planning by all the potentially involved parties; and

WHEREAS, the immediate adoption may not afford leadership sufficient opportunity to assess and determine the impacts on current and future fiscal year operations, nor ensure due diligence for planning its implementation; and

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 9 of the AMVETS Constitution stipulates that, all amendments involving budget and finances should be referred to and reviewed by the National Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the immediate adoption provision was established prior to the change of AMVETS’ fiscal year to September 1 – August 31; and

WHEREAS, establishing the effective date of adoption to 1 September would provide a consistent and predictable alignment with the AMVETS fiscal year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Article XVIII shall read;

1. These Bylaws may be amended at any AMVETS National Convention by a majority vote of the delegates present at any AMVETS National Convention. These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the delegates present at any AMVETS National Convention. Proposed amendments for action of the National Convention must be submitted by a Department convention, a Department Executive Committee, the National Executive Committee, or a Standing National Committee to the National Commander and/or the proposing body to the several Departments and members of the National Executive Committee, by mail, postmarked at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the next National Convention. This change merely aligns the language used with that currently used in the AMVETS National Constitution.

3. No amendment, however, may be adopted unless the same is referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and, if applicable, to the National Finance Committee, and considered by it and reported to the national convention.

4. Amendments to these Bylaws shall take effect immediately upon on September 1 following adoption, unless otherwise specified by the adopted resolution.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS……………….ADOPT □ AMEND □ REJECT □ NONE □

FLOOR ACTION: ADOPTED □ ADOPTED (as amended) □ REJECTED □ TABLED □