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TO: National Officers, National Chairs, Resolutions Chair, Department Presidents, Department Secretaries/Executive Directors, National Executive Committee, Past National Presidents
FROM: Kathy Daudistel, National Secretary
DATE: May 2026
SUBJECT: NATIONAL CONVENTION PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

As stated in the *ALA National Constitution Article VII, Amendments, Section 1 and Section 2*:
“This Constitution may be amended at any National Convention by a two-thirds vote of the National Convention delegates provided the proposed amendments shall have been submitted by the Monday after the third Friday in July to the National Secretary who shall then distribute them to the departments and members of the National Executive Committee at least twenty (20) days prior to the convening of the next National Convention. Departments shall be responsible for distributing the proposed amendments to their delegates to the National Convention. Section 2., Amendments proposed after distribution may be adopted by the two-thirds vote of the National Convention delegates, provided they have been read at one session of the National Convention prior taking the vote.”

Please send an electronic version (Microsoft Word document) of your amendment in the three-column format to natlsecy@ALAforVeterans.org. Proposed action for the National Convention delegates must be received by the national secretary before **11:59 p.m. EDT on Monday, July 27, 2026**

There are two forms:

- a) one-time or resolution of support/courtesy resolutions for consideration at the 2026 National Convention
- or*
- b) a three-column proposed amendment to the ALA National Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules. This form can be found by visiting the National Constitution and Bylaws Committee page on the national website.

WHO CAN SUBMIT?

Proposed one-time or resolution of support/courtesy resolutions or amendments to the ALA Constitution & Bylaws may be submitted by:

- the National Executive Committee
- a department after favorable action by the department convention
- any standing or special committee
- any qualified delegate

PROPOSED ONE-TIME COURTESY RESOLUTIONS/RESOLUTIONS OF SUPPORT:

If presenting a **one-time or honorary resolution**:

1. All submissions must be written on the [resolutions form](#) and be properly signed.
2. The preamble must clearly state the reasons for the action, and the resolving clauses must clearly state the action to be taken. Incomplete resolutions will be returned to the department or committee of origin.
3. Each resolution shall pertain to only one subject.
4. Resolutions must be national in scope and relevant to American Legion Auxiliary programs and purposes.
5. All department names in the resolving clauses must be deleted and replaced with a clause resolving action to be taken at the national level. Example: “Resolved by the American Legion Auxiliary in National Convention assembled in Louisville, Kentucky, August 28 – September 3, 2026, that...”

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

If presenting an **amendment to the ALA National Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules**, use the [three-column format document](#) and include the following:

- the specific article to be amended
- original wording
- proposed wording with additions or strikethroughs
- if adopted, how the amendment will read
- who is proposing the amendment
- rationale for the amendment

If you have any questions regarding resolutions or bylaws changes, please contact ALA National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 or ConstitutionBylaws@ALAforVeterans.org.

If the delegate/department/committee seeks to have the Proposed amendments or resolutions circulated to the voting body in advance, the proposed amendment/resolution must be directed to the attention of the national secretary immediately following the close of your department convention and no later than 11:59 pm EDT, July 27, 2026. Please send an electronic version (Microsoft Word document) of your proposed amendments/resolution to natlsecy@ALAforVeterans.org.

Per the National Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules, proposed amendments and resolutions received after this date will not be circulated in advance and will be presented to the voting body in the manner stated in the National Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules.

After the amendment or resolution is received at ALA National Headquarters, the national secretary shall refer all resolutions to the Committee on Resolutions, which has responsibility for studying them and referring them to the proper committee for action.

The Pre-Convention Resolutions Committee consisting of one representative assigned from each department will be assigned any resolution not within the jurisdiction of any other specific program committee.