

Veterans For Peace

Bylaws Protocols – Revised 2026

Purpose

Bylaw amendments are intended to modify the governing rules and organizational structure of Veterans For Peace.

The bylaw amendment process exists to provide Veterans For Peace members with a mechanism for proposing changes to the organization's governing documents. The role of the Bylaws Committee and Board of Directors is to facilitate this process, ensure compliance with established protocols, and assist the membership in its deliberations.

Submission Deadline

Proposed bylaw amendments must be submitted to the Bylaws Committee no later than *11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, thirty (30) days prior to the annual Convention business meeting: July 9, 2026*

Amendments should be submitted electronically to the Bylaws Committee Chair at josh@veteransforpeace.org

Submission Requirements

1. Amendment proposals must include:
 - The submitter's name, email address, and telephone number.
 - Identification of the Article(s) and Section(s) to be amended.
 - The current language.
 - The proposed language.
 - A written rationale explaining the purpose and intent of the amendment.
2. Anonymous amendment proposals will not be accepted.

Drafting Guidelines

3. Proposed deletions should be shown using strike-through formatting and proposed additions should be shown in **boldface** type whenever possible.
4. Each amendment proposal should address a single subject matter. If multiple bylaw provisions must be modified to accomplish the same objective, they may be included within the same amendment proposal.
5. Before submitting an amendment, sponsors should review the current Veterans For Peace Bylaws to ensure the proposed amendment does not duplicate, conflict with, or inadvertently affect existing provisions.
6. Amendment proposals should clearly explain the purpose of the proposed change and its intended effect.

Committee Review

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7. The Bylaws Committee shall review all amendment proposals received prior to the submission deadline.
8. The Bylaws Committee may:
 - Accept an amendment as procedurally compliant and forward it for Board review;
 - Return an amendment with suggestions for revision;
 - Reject an amendment for failure to comply with these protocols, subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors.
9. The Bylaws Committee evaluates amendment proposals for compliance with these protocols and does not reject proposals solely because committee members disagree with the proposed change.

Board Review

10. Amendment proposals accepted by the Bylaws Committee shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors for review prior to the Convention.
11. The Board of Directors may provide comments, recommendations, or suggested revisions to amendment sponsors.

Convention Consideration

12. Amendment proposals that comply with these protocols shall be forwarded to the membership for consideration in accordance with the Veterans For Peace Bylaws.
13. Amendments shall be considered according to the procedures and voting requirements established in the Veterans For Peace Bylaws and Convention Rules.
14. To ensure adequate review by the membership and Board of Directors, amendment proposals reaching the convention floor will be considered in the form approved through the review process and will not be amended during the business meeting.