

**National Guard Association of Vermont
2007 Proposed Amendments**

1. Amendment #1

- a. **Purpose:** Create a standing committee to promote and increase corporate membership in the Association.
- b. **Rationale:** The “Corporate Committee” is currently a subcommittee of the Finance Committee called the “Vendor Support Subcommittee”. This subcommittee is growing substantially. The Association has recognized increased inflows in the recent years to support the Association’s objectives and new initiatives. As a result, it’s recommended that more emphasis be added by promoting it to a standing committee.
- c. **Change:**

Section 5 Corporate Committee

The Corporate Committee shall have as vice chair (First Vice President), the Annual conference chair. The Corporate Committee shall have responsibility to coordinate and manage all activities and actions with our vendor friends in industry relating to, but not limited to, sponsorships, fund raising, advertising, and other activities as directed by the Board of Directors. Additionally, responsibilities include estimating annual revenues generated, forecasting annual operational costs, and developing, recommending, and implementing programs to increase revenues. New programs recommended shall include a cost analysis and shall be reviewed by the Finance Committee prior to presentation to the Board of Directors for approval.

Note: The only change made in this proposed amendment is removing the “Vendor Subcommittee” from Section 3 of Article VII, and inserting it into Section 5. Additionally the name was changed from “Vendor Support Subcommittee” to “Corporate Committee”.

2. Amendment #2

- a. **Purpose:** Change the name of the “Annual Conference Committee” to Events Committee”
- b. **Rationale:** Over the years the Association has increased its activities to promote membership and corporate involvement. The end result has been increased participation in both members and industry to support our objectives. Enhanced hospitality activities at our National and State conferences, our annual golf tournament, and sponsor a company grade event, just to name a few. To support these activities we have had to develop special committees. By changing the name of the “Annual Conference Committee” to “Events Committee” we can develop an infrastructure that carries forth this important mission.

c. Change:

Section 7 Events Committee

1. The President shall appoint the Chair of the Events Committee. The Events Committee Chair may, with the approval of the President, create sub-committees with a specified purpose, authority and tenure for special events as approved by the Board.
2. The Events Committee shall, with close coordination of the President, be responsible to plan and conduct the forthcoming events. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, fund raising and sponsorship, registration, program, guest speakers, hotel coordination, activities, spouse events, and invitations. The Events Committee shall closely work with the Finance Committee to ensure costs do not exceed budget projections.
3. The Events Committee shall recommend future event sites to the Board of Directors. After coordination with the Finance Committee, any Board of Director Member shall be the signatory on all contracts under this section.

3. Amendment #3

a. Purpose: Establish a committee to develop and manage a program to enhance educational opportunities of those that seek a higher education.

b. Rationale: In years past, the Association provided scholarships to those seeking a higher education. Due to economic reasons the program has been in hibernation. Recent increases in membership and the donations by corporate sponsors, the Association is in a position to renew this practice and promote its commitment to our community. The proposed amendment would establish a standing committee as the first step in assuring the support of this program and commitment of this association to continue this important mission.

c. Change:

Section 9 Scholarship Committees

1. The President shall appoint a Chair of the Scholarship Committee. A Scholarship Committee shall be formed as a standing committee. The committee shall consist of three members at large, to be appointed by the chair.
2. The Scholarship Committee shall make recommendations to the Board each year, regarding the kind of scholarships and funding available. Availability of scholarship funds will be determined by the Finance Committee. No Scholarship Committee member shall be eligible as a recipient of a scholarship during the period he/she serves on the Committee.

4. Amendment #4

a. Purpose: To develop guidelines and procedures to co-sponsor activities consistent with the goals and objectives of Association.

b. Rationale: A motion was approved at the 2006 Annual Business Meeting to develop procedures and guidelines for co-sponsorship activities involving groups and events consistent with the Associations objectives and goals. The proposed amendment includes the incorporation of Article X, Co-Sponsorship Activities”. In the past couple of years the Association has provided financial and administrative support to activities, such as, AGAUS and the VTANG 60th Anniversary. For our co-sponsorship we have received varying degrees of “left-over” proceeds that have enhanced our ability to support new initiatives and promote our association. By amending our by-laws and including provisions to support future opportunities will insure that standards are developed for our continued success.

c. Change:

Article X Co-Sponsorship Activities

Section 1 Guidelines

1. Co-sponsorship will be established after receipt and approval of a letter from the President. In order to be eligible to co-sponsor a conference or event, a requesting activity shall agree to, affirm, and abide by the following guidelines:
 - a. The event or activity aims are consistent with and will promote positively on the Association and the State of Vermont.
 - b. The President of the Board will appoint a member to assist in the planning, implementation, and follow up of the conference or event.
 - c. All co-sponsored conferences and events must have The NGA-VT name and logo on all conference materials, including all marketing and pre-conference publications. Publications should also be pre-approved by the President of the Board.

Section 2 Agreement

A memorandum of agreement between the Association and co-sponsoring activity (ies) shall be executed prior to the event as prescribed by NGA-VT. The agreement will define the level of financial, administrative and/or technical support or assistance of the parties involved. This agreement will include the distribution of funding generated from the conference or event.

5. Amendment #5

a. Purpose: To administratively amend the format of the current bylaws resulting from the preceding proposed changes and organizational structure.

b. Rationale: The preceding proposed amendments AND changes in our organizational transitions have resulted in various administrative changes. These include: renumbering of title and section numbers; and, changing the identification of “HQ STARC” to “Joint Forces Headquarters”. Please review the changes and administrative notations.

c. Change:

As noted throughout the proposed revised document