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Dear CPOA Members:

During the last four months, the minutes from all of the CPOA Annual Conventions were reviewed, included all Resolutions and Convention Reports since the last major By-Laws revision in 2000. This review was conducted with particular attention paid to ensuring all changes had been captured. Numerous discrepancies were noted during this review, specifically with regard to changes and amendments that were incorporated in violation of the By-Laws put in place in 2000. (See Enclosure (1)).

In order to correct these discrepancies, the CPOA Board of Directors has adopted this set of By-Laws and Operations Manual as the Governing Documents of this Association.

The CPOA By-Laws, as revised on 18 April 2009, shall supersede all previous versions of the By-Laws. The document is available on the Association's website, and is being mailed to each Chapter and Branch.

The changes that have been made were done in the best interests of our Association and it is the Board of Directors' sincere hope that the revised By-Laws will provide clarity and guidance for all our future endeavors.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Board of Directors.

Sincerely yours,

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Encl: (1) List of Resolutions and Outcomes (2001-2008 Conventions)

RESOLUTIONS AND OUTCOMES (CPOA CONVENTIONS 2001-2008)

- 2001: To add a paragraph to sec VII, 5 (e): to add Per Capita Refund.
Resolution was never brought to the floor, Convention minutes of 2001 page 3, the debate on the floor was to accept the resolution and Steering Committee report and not the resolution.
- 2002: Mobile Resolution. # 1, defeated
Golden Gate Res. # 1 Resolution sent to By Laws Convention committee. Committee made a recommended change to the Resolution. No vote was ever held on the floor about this resolution.
- 2003: Seattle Resolution # 1, adopted. To add Membership Convention Committee to Sec. VII
Seattle Resolution # 2, adopted. Chapter Presidents shall appoint a Membership Committee Chairman.
National Officers Resolution # 1, adopted as amended (BS). Adding Preamble, Purpose and Motto.
National Officers Resolution # 2, adopted. Removing specific Funds titles, they should be in OPS Manual.
National Officers Resolution #3, defeated. Remove CCCAF funds and put in general funds.
National Officers Resolution #4, adopted. President may appoint a Historian.
National Officers Resolution #5, adopted. Specific recognition deleted, put in OPS Man.
National Officers Resolution #6, adopted as amended (BS). Regular an Associate member may hold office.
National Officers Resolution #7, referred to Budget Committee, didn't come out.
National Officers Resolution #8, adopted as amended. Added Resolution and Steering Committee, with duties.
National Officers Resolution #9, adopted as amended. Minor pen and ink changes allowed.
National Officers Resolution #10, defeated. Resolution proposed by an individual.
National Officers Resolution #11, defeated. Remove IPP, duties of Exec. Committee.
National Officers Resolution # 12, defeated. Designated seat for MAL.
National Officers Resolution # 13, defeated. Accreditation doe delegates.
- 2004: The By-Laws Convention Committee recommended that their report from 2003 be either put into a Resolution for 2005 or SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE BY-LAWS and ADOPT the report and put into the By Laws in that/this year (2004). YOU CANNOT SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE BY LAWS !!! per page 128 of Roberts Rules. The 2003 Committee report recommended 21 changes to the By Laws. The Convention delegation voted to accept the report and then voted to suspend the rules which they cannot do. As such, none of these 21 changes have been put into the By-Laws.

This is where it gets interesting, because of the sweeping changes that weren't put in from previous year, the document will not look anything like what you currently have.

- 2005: National Officers Resolution #1, adopted. Legislative and Retired Affairs Com. stricken
National Officers Resolution #2, adopted. Silver membership amounts to Ops Manual
National Officers Resolution # 4, amended on floor, sent to Membership Committee did not come out.
National Officers Resolution # 5. defeated. Resolutions from Individuals and MAL
National Officers Resolution #6. adopted. (2) Terms of office to 3 years and nominations opening and closing every three years.
National Officers Resolution # 7. adopted. National Officers meetings. Should be Sec V 3
National Officers Resolution #8. adopted. Delete voting ballots and put in Ops Manual
National Officers Resolution # 9. adopted. CCCAF funds to general fund
National Officers Resolution # 10. adopted with minor pen and ink change, per diem details stricken from By Laws and put in Ops Manual.
National Officers Resolution # 11. defeated. Dealing with IPP
National Officers Resolution # 13. adopted as amended in By Laws Convention Committee, Did Not insert in these By Laws, as entire membership did not see amended version. Dealt with members who can vote and a quorum.
National Officers Resolution # 14, was not brought up for vote ???
National Officers Resolution # 15, tabled, not brought up again.
E. City Resolution # 1. adopted as amended on the floor. Did Not insert. Dealt with a quorum.
E. City Resolution # 2. Stricken in its entirety on floor.
E. City Resolution # 3. Sent to Committee by Res and Steering committee, came out in/with amendments along with no 13 amended.
National Officers Resolution # 13 amended. See above.
- 2006: Yorktown Resolution #1. Stricken in its entirety, reconsidered and defeated.
Oklahoma City Resolution #1. adopted, Chapter President and Vice eligibility
National Officers Resolution #1. defeated, requires 2/3 vote to pass, total reorganization of By Laws
National Officers Resolution #2. adopted, Reorganize Board of Directors
National Officers Resolution #3. adopted. Nomination/ballot procedures
National Officers Resolution # 4. adopted. IPP GONE
National Officers Resolution # 5. defeated, 2/3 vote needed. Resolutions by individuals
National Officers Resolution # 6. adopted. Proxy/MAL delegates (did not find)
National Officers Resolution # 7. adopted. Amendment and Revisions
National Officers Resolution # 8. defeated. Free loan reduction
National Officers Resolution #4 (2005). adopted. Member in good standing definition
National Officers Resolution # 13 (amended) (2005). adopted. Amendment and revisions
- 2007: National Officers Resolution # 1. stricken in entirety. Convention Votes
National Officers Resolution # 2. stricken in entirety. Interest free loan
Mobile Chapter Resolution # 1. adopted. Amendments an Revisions
Mobile Chapter Resolution # 2. adopted. Ops Manual change
Mobile Chapter Resolution #3. stricken in entirety. Convention delegation
Mobile Chapter Resolution # 4. adopted. National Elections
Mobile Chapter Resolution # 5. Discipline and Jurisdiction
Mobile Chapter Resolution # 6. adopted. NO and BOD terms of office.
- 2008: National Officers Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 sent to committee, never came out.
National Officers Resolution # 4, adopted, National Elections