

Membership Committee Report

The membership committee has had several meetings over the last two months discussing revisions of section 7 of the policies and procedures.

We had a question about the amount AIVI members pay for dues. The policy states "AVVA will accept no less than the maximum amount a State or Facility will allow." It is up to the person overseeing the facility's chapter to verify that the prospective member is a veteran and that the proper amount of dues is paid at the initial joining and at renewals. This person can request a roster from the Membership Committee chair to enable them to track when renewals are due.

Rosters have also been a topic of interest because of elections. Each chapter that holds an election and reports the results, should be receiving the roster for their chapter. The P&P says this roster goes to the elected representative or president. **IF** that person wants someone else to receive the roster, they may request that it be sent to that other person, but rosters are sent to only one person per chapter. Roster information is confidential and may **ONLY** be used for AVVA business. If there is no election, the membership committee strongly urges the chapter to appoint an AVVA member as point of contact who may request the roster through the state representative, president, or region director. Finally, if no one in AVVA requests the roster, it may be sent to whomever oversees the roster for that chapter's VVA membership if they request it.

These policies are not new but there still seems to be misunderstanding about them.

The membership committee was given the task of writing a policy for criteria concerning giving life membership to certain members meeting special circumstances. After several discussions, it was decided that this **must** be a on case by case basis, therefore, detailed criteria cannot readily be established. Each case should be presented to the National Board and must include why the request is being made. It will then be up to the board to determine whether to accept or reject the request.

Respectfully,

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