

Resolution No. 8

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Constitution & By-Laws

Re: Resolution to Modify Election Cycles of IAFF Officers at Convention

1 WHEREAS, the core of the International
2 Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) is our
3 membership across two great nations; and

4 WHEREAS, the democratic representation of our
5 core membership is spread amongst sixteen (16)
6 District Vice Presidents, three (3) Trustees and two
7 (2) At-Large Officers in the General President and
8 General Secretary-Treasurer; and

9 WHEREAS, current IAFF by-law language
10 stipulates that the election cycles of principal officers
11 coincide; resulting in each aforementioned officer up
12 for election during the same convention year; and

13 WHEREAS, during a single convention year, the
14 entire leadership of the IAFF could potentially be
15 replaced; and

16 WHEREAS, a significant turnover of leadership,
17 in one election year, could potentially result in
18 challenges to membership services as well as
19 political standing; and

20 WHEREAS, the positions of General President
21 and General Secretary-Treasurer are clearly defined
22 within the IAFF by-laws; and

23 WHEREAS, the roles and responsibilities of each
24 position are clearly unique by design with each, at
25 times, providing oversight on the other; and

26 WHEREAS, the current election process has led
27 to principal officers running as a “ticket” rather than
28 on the merits of their own accomplishments;

29 therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That upon approval of this
31 resolution for the 2021 Convention year, the IAFF
32 Constitution and By-Laws shall be modified to allow
33 alternating officer election years; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That the positions of General
35 President, District 1, District 3, District 5, District 7,
36 District 9, District 11, District 13, District 15 and
37 Region 3 (Western United States) Trustee shall be up
38 for election at Convention 2022 and every four years
39 thereafter; and be it further

40 RESOLVED, That the positions of General
41 Secretary-Treasurer, District 2, District 4, District 6,
42 District 8, District 10, District 12, District 14, District
43 16, Region 1 (Canada) Trustee and Region 2 (Eastern
44 United States) Trustee shall be up for election at
45 Convention 2024 and every four years thereafter.

Submitted by: Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois, A-12

Cost Estimate:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CONVENTION ACTION: