

Constitutional Amendment #1 - 11 RA

Delete Article 3.C.1 - Renumber

3. Affiliation

C. Locals

~~1. As approved by the representative assembly, the board of directors shall affiliate locals.~~

Rationale: In fact, per practice, neither the board of directors nor representative assembly affiliate locals. Locals affiliate themselves when they organize for bargaining purposes, adopt a constitution and other governing documents that comply with MEA-MFT and NEA and AFT standards of affiliation, and start paying dues.

Submitted by

MEA-MFT Board of Directors

Date submitted

July 31, 2010

Constitutional Amendment #2 - 11 RA

Amend Article 7.D.

7. Membership

D. Unified Membership

~~So far as NEA and AFT government documents permit,~~ membership shall be unified - local, state, and national affiliates.

Rationale: The 2010 NEA Representative Assembly amended its constitution and bylaws to permit all members of state affiliates - regardless of the work they do - to become members of NEA. AFT has always recognized all members regardless. Hence there are no national affiliate membership bars to univied membership in Montana.

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Constitutional Amendment #3 - 11 RA

Delete 11.B.2.

11. DISTRICTS

B. District Councils

1. Each district shall be governed by a district council.

~~2. District Council Delegates~~

~~a. Multi-Local Districts~~

~~(1) By all-member ballot, each local shall elect by and from its membership at least one delegate to the district council.~~

~~(2) Each local having more than 35 members shall elect additional delegates on the basis of 1 delegate for each additional 35 members or major fraction thereof.~~

~~b. Single Local Districts~~

~~A local constituting a single district shall elect delegates to the district council on the basis of 1 delegate for each additional 35 members or major fraction thereof.~~

~~c. Local delegates elected to the district council shall also serve as local delegates to the representative assembly.~~

Rationale: Constitutional language does not reflect practice and cannot be implemented. Extraneous. Also conflicts with Article 13 that provides local affiliates may elect delegates to the representative assembly on the basis of 1 delegate for each additional 25 members or major fraction thereof.

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Constitutional Amendment #4 - 11 RA

Delete Article 11.B.4.d.

11. Districts

B. District Councils

4. Duties

~~d. Provide member training programs.~~

Rationale: This is not what districts do. Nor are they designed much less empowered to do this directly. Districts do, however, invite MEA-MFT governance and staff to provide training programs as may be necessary and appropriate.

Submitted by MEA-MFT Board of Directors
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Constitutional Amendment #5 - 11 RA

Delete Article 12.B.4.

- 12. Board of Directors
- B. Duties
- 4. As approved by the representative assembly, affiliate locals.

Rationale: See rationale for constitutional amendment #1 - 11 RA.

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Constitutional Amendment #6 - 11 RA

Delete Article 13.B.9.

- 13. Representative Assembly
- B. Duties
- ~~9. Approve local affiliations.~~

Rationale: The RA does not approve local affiliations now and never has.

Submitted by MEA-MFT Board of Directors
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Constitutional Amendment #7 – 11 RA

12. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

D. Meetings

1. The board of directors shall meet 3 times annually at a time and place established by the ~~board~~ **president**.
2. The president **or a majority of the board of directors** may convene a special meeting of the board of directors.

Rationale: The president has always prepared the schedule of events, agendas, and time and place for meetings of the board of directors . . . but by MEA-MFT Policy 301, a majority of the board of directors may convene a special meeting of the board. It is appropriate that the constitution confirm practice and policy.