



Amendments to the VPA Constitution for 2008-2009

Amendments	Description	VPA Constitution Section Amended
1. Distribution of funds from New Life/Patron/Grand Patron Members	Money collected in the form of new life/patron/grand patron membership shall be split 75/25 with 75% to be distributed to the regional chapter of the new life/patron/grand patron member and 25% to the National VPA. Money collected in the form of annual membership dues shall be kept in the regional chapters. The regional/chapter treasurer(s) will transfer the funds to the national treasurer within thirty (30) days of collection. The national treasurer will write a check for 75% of the collection to the regional/chapter treasurer within (30) days of collection.	Section 4 DIVISION OF FUNDS BETWEEN NATIONAL AND REGIONAL CHAPTERS Money collected in the form of annual membership dues and the earnings from fixed income instruments such as the Reserve Fund described in Article VIII, shall be divided equally between the National VPA and the regional chapters in proportion to the number of dues-paying members in each region. The treasurers of the National and the regional chapters shall be responsible for appropriate transfer of funds within sixty (60) days of receiving the money.
2. Funds collected from Donation Surcharges	The surcharges/fees from VPA donations shall be maintained at the VPA National account. All donation checks shall be written for 'VPA' and be sent to the VPA National Treasurer.	New
3. Distribution of Surplus funds from VPA Conventions	Surplus funds from the VPA Conventions shall be distributed equally at 20% to all regional chapters and to the National VPA	New
4. Regional Chapter Event Sponsorship from the VPA National Office	VPA National office shall sponsor 1 event in each regional chapter per year based on the financial situation at the chapter. The sponsorship amount shall not exceed \$500 for a regional chapter	New
5. VPA Membership Automation	VPA annual membership renewal/enrollment process shall be automated and shall be outsourced to a qualified vendor with a proven record. VPA members shall renew their annual membership online in a secured environment by using credit card (optional) or by writing personal checks. The annual membership fees shall remain at \$20 for individual and \$40 for Family membership. Members enrolling for Life/Patron/Grand Patron membership shall write personal checks.	ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP Section 1 TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP A. ANNUAL MEMBER Any qualified person who contributes \$20.00 per year is an annual member. Family membership fee is \$40.00. A person is deemed qualified if he /she satisfy all the conditions listed in Section 2, below. The term family shall include the husband, wife and their children who are 25 years of age or younger.