

Voting Procedures For National Bylaws Change On Veterans and 2 Vice President
Please read carefully

The first ballot option is a re-opening of voting on a proposed 'significant change' to the Bylaws that requires a vote and approval by the membership of the Club to permit honorably discharged veterans to become Associate Members of the Club. The second ballot option is a vote to elect a new 2nd Vice President for the Club.

In order to try and encourage more members to voice their views on issues that matter to our Club and to add simplicity to our voting process, the BOD has approved the use of an additional way to vote. You may choose any **one (1)** of **three (3)** ways to vote: **absentee paper ballot** via mail, **in person** at the National Muster in Lacey WA, **OR email** ballot. Due to some difficulties encountered, the website voting option will **not** be available for this vote.

Paper ballot option. To vote by paper ballot, cut out the ballot below, mark your vote and place the ballot in an envelope with your member number and the word "Ballot" printed on the outside of the envelope. Seal this envelope and place it inside another envelope addressed to SMART HQ (SMART HQ, 600 University Office Blvd #1A, Pensacola, FL 32504). Ballots must be postmarked by 6 September 2009.

In person option. Ballots will be available at the National Muster.

Email ballot option. To vote by email, the email subject should be "Vote September 2009" The email text must include the following words from the paper ballot:

"Proposed change to Corporate Bylaws, Section 4.03 Associate Member, 4.03A Special Status.

SPECIAL STATUS: Former military prisoners of war and ***all honorably discharged veterans from the U.S. Armed Forces***. Acceptance of such membership does not preclude those otherwise eligible from becoming regular members if they so desire."

After the text above, you should add either "I vote FOR the proposed change" or "I vote AGAINST the proposed change". Next, you should enter the words "I vote for {enter name} for 2VP." You must then include your name and SMART number in your email. Email the vote to HQ (rvsmarttrvl@cs.com). Deadline for email ballots is 2400 hours, 6 September 2009.

SUMMARY. The Elections Committee will tally all of the votes from the paper, in person, and email options. If you vote FOR the proposed change, veterans will be allowed to join SMART as associate members; if you vote AGAINST the proposed change, membership criteria will not change. **A 2/3 majority is required to change the BL Your vote will determine the outcome of this proposed change to the membership criteria of the Club and the new 2VP.**



All Ballots postmarked by HQ prior to 7/1/2009 are invalid

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The change eliminates the wording, "and veterans 40% or higher disabled due to service-connected disability", and simply states all honorably discharged veterans from the U.S. Armed Forces.

I vote ____**FOR** the proposed change **OR** I vote ____**AGAINST** the proposed change

For 2VP, I vote for:

____ **Christian Eck**

____ **Donna Walthall**

____ **Gary Williams**