



Federation News

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

All, following the announcement of the special, one-time referendum to allow Dick Thissen, our current National President, to run for a third consecutive two-year term, there has been a call to the National Executive Board (NEB) to stop or at least delay the referendum. The NEB will vote this week in a special session to withdraw a revised referendum that has come forward that would allow any incumbent 2nd-term president to run for a third consecutive term, which would be unprecedented and would violate existing national bylaws. The NC Executive Board has contacted Bill Shackelford, the Region X VP and our representative on the NEB, to express our belief that he should vote against the proposal. It could also be that the NEB will table the referendum and wait to hear from the Federation Presidents during our meeting the week of July 10.

Right now the issue is not a specific agenda item for the meeting, but I plan to address the issue regardless on behalf of all NC NARFE members. I would hope the NEB would at least hear us out before going forward (and I'd rather see the NEB do away with the referendum altogether).

Anyway, I wanted you to be aware of all this so you won't be blindsided by it all if the referendum actually goes forward. If it does, the ballot will appear in the August NARFE magazine and members will be able to vote electronically or by mail (NARFE will not be paying postage or providing return envelopes to send in any ballots cast by mail). Votes must be in by August 31 and the votes will be tallied by October. You'll note the ballot doesn't list the pros and cons of the referendum, only the reason the NEB put it forward.

Please don't hesitate to email or call me if you have any questions. And please let members you know who don't have email about this.

Very respectfully,

Robert Allen, NC Federation President