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**Answers to Delegate Questions  
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Before we answer the questions from the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention Board of Directors/Delegates meeting we want to thank all of the Delegates for their participation and the great job they did in presenting us with very relevant questions for the Membership.

Below is listed the questions as written to the Association, with no changes, additions or redactions. Our answers will expand on the questions as to the full content of the questions posed.

1. Now that we have 501(c)3 status – Consider can/will National hire a grant writer? Can National publish guidelines for fundraising efforts?

As to or 501(c)3 status, the National office has been granted 501(c)3 status. Now that the National office has this status, we can submit for our sub organizations (Chapters) to be granted 501(c)3 status. We have begun this process and hope it will be complete within 6-8 months.

We are considering hiring a grant writer, but we are first hoping to utilize the capabilities of current members to achieve this goal.

As for guidelines for Chapter fund raising events. Here is a link to the IRS manual for fund raising activities of exempt organizations: <https://form1023.org/irs-manual-for-fundraising-activities-of-exempt-organizations>. Remember, the Chapters are currently still 501(c)4 exempt organizations.

2. Can National create a FAQ Section on web site that addresses common issues? New member/Transfer member/SOP

As for a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet for the Chapters, we find that most questions asked have the answer either on our website or within our bulletins. Because of this, we are looking more towards a sheet that will direct Chapters as to where to find the answers. We hope this will help to better facilitate the Members ability to navigate our website for the information they require.

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3. What is procedure for Chapter By-law updates? (See FAQ section above)

Whereas the Board of Directors is the approving authority for all Chapter by-laws, any changes to Chapter by-laws must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. All that needs to be sent is the current reading of the by-laws with the change or addition to the by-laws highlighted. Remember, no Chapter by-laws can in any way change, contradict, alter or delete, any by-law within the Associations published by-laws.

4. Look at criteria for (Veteran) Educational Fund. Can we expand it?

This question has been submitted to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Education Fund for follow up.

5. PayPal payments from National? Is it being sent "friends & family"?

No. The payments are sent though "mass payment" for Chapter refunds.

6. Chapter gets \$8.00 from annual membership. Annual membership has increased but Chapter portion has not. Why?

The increase in annual membership dues was requested by the national office due to the rise in costs for insurance, accounting, supplies, etc. When the request was made by the national office, at the 2018 convention, there was no request by the chapters for an increase or statement of need for a rise in the chapter refund portion on the annual dues. In fact, the only objection to the rise in rates was by those who thought the dues should not be raised at all.

As we addressed this at the 2019 BOD/Delegates meeting, it was discussed that for a rise in the Chapter refund portion of the dues, we would have to raise the annual dues, since the current rate did not address a chapter refund raise. It was decided by the delegates at the meeting that they did not want to raise the annual membership more to increase the chapter refund portion of the membership dues.

Chapters do have the ability to request further dues from their chapter members if they are needed for the running of the Chapter.

7. How much does Chapter keep on \$350.00 Lifetime Membership?

Of the \$350 All American Membership dues, the Chapter receives \$50.

8. Can the Board consider a sliding scale for active duty Life Membership based upon rank?

The short answer is yes. The Association President is assigning a Director to work on this issue.

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Again, thank you to all our delegate for your participation in the meeting and for your effort to improve our organization. It was a pleasure meeting and talking with all of you.

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