



MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers of Regional Groups

FROM: National President Paul L. Mimms

SUBJECT: Election of Regional Group Delegates to the Blinded Veterans Association's 79th National Convention

DATE: April 10, 2024

1. The Blinded Veterans Association's 79th National Convention will be held July 7-9, 2024.

2. Your regional group is entitled to have a delegate present during the National Convention meetings. If one will be present, it is the responsibility of the regional group officers to call a meeting/teleconference for electing the delegate. The delegate will cast votes for members of your regional group, except for those who are present, or voting by proxy.

a. The notice of the meeting/teleconference at which the delegate will be elected and instructed must be sent via email or postal mail to all members of the regional group in good standing not less than forty (40) days prior to the National Convention. The notice must inform the members of the date, time, location, and purpose of the meeting (this means that your meeting notice must be sent no later than Tuesday, May 28, 2024).

b. A copy of the meeting notice shall be sent to BVA National Headquarters via email (membership@bva.org) or postal mail (Attn: National Membership Coordinator) at the same time as it is sent to regional group members.

c. The Credentials Form certifying the election of the delegate and instructions to the delegate (if any) shall be signed by the regional group president and authenticated by the secretary. One copy shall be given to the elected delegate, one copy shall be retained for the regional group files, and one copy MUST be received by BVA

National Headquarters via email (membership@bva.org) or postal mail (Attn: National Membership Coordinator), no later than Tuesday, June 20, 2024. A confirmation of receipt email will be sent from BVA National Headquarters to the regional group accordingly.

3. When a delegate has been instructed by a regional group, the delegate must vote in accordance with those instructions. If the delegate refuses to vote accordingly, the National Secretary shall vote for that delegate in the name of the regional group issuing those instructions.

4. All regional groups can access the 2024 National Convention Credentials Form via the BVA website by clicking [here](#).

5. Please ensure your regional group also elects a member to serve on the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee. Be sure to print the name of the person elected in the space provided on the Official Credentials Form.

NOTE: Proxy Forms will be emailed by request only. Contact the National Membership Coordinator by email at membership@bva.org or by phone at 202-371-8880 Ext: 330.