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Dear Members:

Attached to this letter are copies of an amendment to Article VI of the By-Laws of the Association which controls elections of officers and directors of the Association and a new Section to deal with an option to be provided to Counties to run their own director elections.

The intent of the amendment relative to State-Run elections is to provide some process as to how an individuals name will appear on a ballot. The amendment would provide that incumbent directors would be listed first in alphabetical order for those regions which have multiple directors and that all other individuals running in any region would also then be listed in alphabetical order after the incumbents.

The new section dealing with County-Run elections would provide a process whereby a region or in some instances where the region is comprised of only one County, the County could run their own elections. Those elections in the County/Region Run areas would be conducted according to the process which is set forth in the new Section d.

The Board of Directors at two (2) separate meetings discussed the proposals at length as submitted by the administrative committee and after much discussion, have endorsed both proposals as a method of once again bringing greater clarity to the elections of directors.

The amendments to the By-Law will, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 3 of the By-Laws be voted upon at the Annual Meeting. Passage of these amendments must be by a 2/3 majority vote of the member districts and municipal members present at the Annual Meeting.

It is hoped that you will support the amendment to the State-Run elections and support the new County/Region-Run elections.

Very truly yours,
ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DISTRICTS

By: _____
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cc: Officers

January 19, 2010

To all Members; the first amendment to Article VI Section 3 was discussed and supported by the Board of Directors at their September 2009 Meeting. The changes to Article VI Section 3.(c) are underlined.

The new Article VI Section 3(d) was discussed (by the Board of Directors at their January 2010 Meeting) and the position of the Board of Directors was to support the addition of a new subparagraph (d).

State Run Director Election.

Amendments to Article VI Section 3.

Change to read: Article VI Section 3.(c) to read:

The Secretary shall submit to each Fire District the name or names of the candidates who wish to run for the position of Directors for each Region. (The Incumbent Director(s) will be listed first in alphabetical order on the ballot, then all others will be listed in alphabetical order.) The Secretary of the State Association shall provide an official ballot with an unmarked envelope for secret balloting.

New Section (d) County/Region Run Director Election

If a County/Regional Association agrees to hold their election of Director(s) for that region, then the County/Regional association must request to do so no later than December 15th of that year. The AFDSNY Secretary shall provide the ballot for the election as described in paragraph (c) of this Section.

The election of Director(s) must take place between December 15th and March 15th. The AFDSNY Secretary or his/her designee will act as Election Inspector at the request of the County/Regional Association holding the election.

The results of the Election must be reported to the AFDSNY Secretary within two (2) days.

In the event of a tie vote for any Director(s) there will be a run off vote as described in paragraph (f) of this Section. The County/Regional Association may request to hold the run off vote if all parties agree.

The run off vote must take place before April 15th. The run off vote will be monitored by the AFDSNY Secretary or his/her designee.