

BYLAW PROPOSALS

NFMC CONFERENCE

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ARTICLE VI, Section 1

CURRENT BYLAW

COMPOSITION The Board of Directors shall consist of 63 NFMC members elected biennially...

PROPOSED BYLAW

COMPOSITION The Board of Directors shall **not exceed** 63 NFMC members elected biennially...

ARTICLE VIII Section 2A and 2A-1

CURRENT BYLAW

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PROPOSED BYLAW

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COMPOSITION. The Board of Directors shall ~~consist~~ **not exceed** sixty-three (63) NFMC members...

Rationale: To provide flexibility in the number of Members-at-Large elected biennially by replacing the inflexible number of 41 with flexibility for the possibility of having fewer members-at-large with the phrase "not to exceed sixty-three (63)."

ARTICLE VIII, Section 2D-1

NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

CURRENT BYLAW

To validate Member-at-Large nominations made from the convention floor, completed Member-at-Large Eligibility forms must have been received by the Member-at-Large Chair via email transmission one week prior to the opening day of the Biennial Convention.

PROPOSED BYLAW

To validate Member-at-Large nominations made from the convention floor, completed Member-at-Large Eligibility forms **(AD 1-02a)** must have been received by the Member-at-Large Chair via email transmission one week prior to the opening day of the Biennial Convention.

Rationale: To identify the official Eligibility form.

ARTICLE VIII Section 5E

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

CURRENT BYLAW

~~If forty-one(41) State Representatives and Members at Large have not been declared elected, the Board of Directors shall elect sufficient additional at Large members as the first order of business. Candidates for the open position(s) shall be restricted to those who were tied. A plurality vote shall be required for election. A tie vote by the Board shall be decided by lot. New members of the Board shall be invited to enter the meeting at this time.~~

Rationale: All Member-at-Large nominations must be submitted via email transmission one week prior to the opening day of the Biennial Convention therefore Section 5E is not relevant.

ARTICLE VIII, Section 5B

ELECTIONS BY THE BOARD

CURRENT BYLAW

The retiring Board and the outgoing or incoming State Presidents (as determined in Article IV, Section 2.A) shall meet together for the first Board meeting of the NFMC Biennial convention, at which time the Nomination Committee for Officers will present their slate of nominees. Following their presentation, floor nominations for just the elective officers may only be made by a Board member or the current State President. Nominations should include brief resumes of two minutes or less. Following this procedure, the State Presidents will be excused and the Board meeting resumed.

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To validate Officer nominations from the floor, completed Officer Eligibility forms (AD 1-02) must have been received by the Officer Nominations Chair via email transmission one week prior to the opening day of the Biennial convention.

Rationale: To have consistent approaches to Member-at-Large and Officer nominations from the floor which provide equity, pre-validate candidate-eligibility, and efficiency in the nomination process.

ARTICLE VIII Section 1

QUALIFICATIONS FOR NOMINATION TO AN NFMC ELECTIVE OFFICE

CURRENT BYLAW

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C. Nominees for Regional VP must have served a minimum of ~~one 2 year term~~ on the Board of Directors...

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C. Nominees for Regional VP must have served a minimum of ~~one 2 year term~~ **2-years** on the Board of Directors

Rationale: Four years of BOD experience for Officers and two years of BOD experience for Regional VPs, whether consecutive or non-consecutive, provides federation knowledge.