
Proposed Amendment: 2024 – 4

Proposed by: Executive Committee and Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Reviewed by the C&B Committee: September 6, 2024

Summary

Amends: Article A-7: Officers and A-8: Executive Committee

Notes: 1) This is a constitution change requiring a three-quarters majority affirmative vote for passage.
2) Boxed material remains unchanged.

Rationale: Revisions include 1) sections removed from the charter; 2) reorganization for clarification; and 3) establishes ballot voting as the method of electing officers.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution

ARTICLE A-7: NATIONAL OFFICERS

◆ Section 1: Elected Officers

- (a) *Officers* — The elected officers of the Association are a president, president-elect, and for each service section: a vice president, a junior vice president, and ~~a maximum of~~ no less than one and not more than three executive committeemen.
- (b) *Election/Installation* — Elected officers shall be elected by plurality vote of individual Regular members in good standing. Elections will be conducted by ballot vote as provided for in Executive Committee policy. Elected officers shall be installed at the annual meeting.
- (c) *Term of Office* — The term of office for the elected officers is two years, except for the president elect. The term of office of the president elect is one year.

~~(d) *Endorsement* — Nominees for elected office must have the endorsement of their department.~~

◆ Section 2: Eligibility, Nominations, and Election of Officers

- (a) *Elective Officers* — The Association shall elect all of the elective officers to hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified.
- (b) *Endorsement* — Nominees for elected office must have the endorsement of their respective departments, signed by the department president or secretary.
- (c) *Nomination* — ~~Presidents, Presidents-Elect, Vice Presidents, Junior Vice Presidents, Executive Committeemen~~ — Presidents, presidents-elect, service section vice presidents, junior vice presidents and executive committeemen shall:
- Be Regular members in good standing.
 - Be nominated by members of their respective service sections; provided, however, candidates that do not receive the nomination of their respective service section shall be allowed a position on the ballot upon nomination by their department.

(d) **President** — The president shall be elected by the members of the Association the year before that individual is to take office as president. That individual shall be designated as the president-elect until assuming the office of president at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting. If a president-elect is unable or unwilling to take office, a president shall be elected by the members of the Association for the term that the president-elect would have taken office and a president shall be elected to take office the following year. The president-elect may hold another office while serving as president elect.

◆ Section 3: Presidential Rotation and Succession

(a) **Rotation** — The office of president shall be rotated among the service sections. The vice president of the same service section as the president shall assume the duties and have the powers of the president in the event of any absence, or the office of president is vacant, such as for example, death, inability to serve, or resignation.

(b) **Succession** — Should the vice president of the service section be unable or unwilling to fill a presidential vacancy, one of the three service section executive committeemen of that service section shall be selected to assume the duties and the powers of the president by a caucus of the elected voting executive committee members of that service section with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee.

◆ ~~Section 4: Nomination — The president, the president-elect, the vice presidents, the junior vice presidents and the executive committeemen shall be Regular members in good standing nominated by the particular service sections concerned. Other candidates for these respective offices shall be allowed a position on the ballot upon nomination by their department.~~

◆ Section 5: Appointed Officers — The appointed officers of the Association shall consist of the following:

(a) **Treasurer and Judge Advocate** — A treasurer and a judge advocate shall be nominated by the president and appointed by the Executive Committee.

(b) **Executive Director** — An executive director shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE A-8: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

◆ Section 1: Authority — The Executive Committee is the governing body of the Association.

◆ Section 2: Membership — The Executive Committee consists of the president, president-elect, the last past president, vice presidents, junior vice presidents, executive committeemen, and the executive director. Each of these individuals, except the president-elect and executive director, has one vote on each matter decided by the committee.

◆ Section 3: Vacancies

(a) **Executive Committee** — In the event of the death, inability to serve or resignation of any member of the Executive Committee, other than the immediate past president, president-elect, or the president, the vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Committee. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy serves until the next national annual election Annual Meeting when the individual's successor shall be elected for the unexpired term, if any, caused by the vacancy.

(b) **Immediate Past President** — The vacancy of the last past president shall be filled by the most recent past president who is willing and able to serve until the next president is sworn into office.