

Proposed Constitutional Changes - 2012  
Summary

1. Increases terms for Officers from 1 to 3 years and sets term limits at two consecutive terms. Terms are staggered to provide continuity.
2. Requires an officer to be off the Board for three years prior to running for any office or Board position.
3. Requires an officer to have Board experience.
4. Requires officers to pay full dues regardless of age since Officers vote on dues, etc.
5. Adds purpose.
6. Changes the title Executive Committee to Board of Directors (Board)
7. Fixes error in current Constitution dating to 2007 when Board terms were increased to 3 years.
8. Changes appointment of Nominating Committee from President to Board (consistent with Robert's Rules of Order)
9. Change in wording only.
10. Allows the Nominating Committee to nominate more than 4 members for the Board
11. Removes duties of Recording Secretary and makes the Secretary/Treasurer the Corresponding Secretary.
12. Requires the Board (instead of President, VP or Board) to approve non-routine expenditures.
13. Adds Recording Secretary - appointed by Board.
14. Requires the Board to assure that bookkeeping is maintained according to GAAP standards.
15. Adds policy for filling the vacancy of any Board position (including officers)
16. Changes wording related to Board members missing meetings.
17. Allows the Board and Committees to vote by e-mail (consistent with Robert's Rules of Order). A policy will be established.
18. Sets a quorum for Board Meetings. A quorum is not mentioned in the current Constitution, so by law a simple majority is all that is required for quorum.
- 19, 21 & 22. Information on the Membership Committee is currently found in three separate Sections. Moves all Membership Committee information to one Article/Section. Changes in wording only.
20. Allows the Board to remove a member after a single occurrence if it is serious enough.
23. Allows the President to call a Special meeting to vote on dues and/or initiation fees.
24. Increases initiation fees for new members to \$10,000 while keeping the initiation fees for sons and daughters who join before their 24th birthday or marriage the same.
25. Increases notice for Constitutional changes from 10 to 30 days.
26. Requires that the Annual Meeting be held any time before February 28.
27. Requires 30 days notice of Annual meetings.
28. Change in wording only.
29. Requires 30 days notice of Special meetings.
30. Allows Seasonal Members to attend Board and Committee meetings but not the Annual meeting or Special meetings.
31. Allows Seasonal Members to serve on certain Standing Committees.