

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**  
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**SPECIAL MEMORANDUM**  
**SERIES: 2010-2011**

**FROM:** Mary “Dubbie” Buckler, National Secretary/Executive Director  
**DATE:** July 31, 2011  
**RE:** **Proposed Resolutions and Amendments to the American Legion Auxiliary national governing documents that will come before the convention body**

The following five proposed amendments to the American Legion Auxiliary’s governing documents, consisting of two resolutions and three proposed amendments to the American Legion Auxiliary’s National Constitution and Bylaws will be considered at the 2011 National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, during general sessions held August 30 and 31, 2011

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 1

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**SUBMITTED BY:** **National Juniors Activities Committee, the Department of Alaska, National Officers**  
**SUBJECT:** **Change Junior Activities to clarify a) that the position is honorary with no formal duties, b) the age eligibility for honorary Junior officers, and c) change national meeting requirements, allow virtual meetings, allow meetings within national divisions**

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*WHEREAS,* the purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary’s Junior Activities program is to interest eligible females under the age of 18 in adult membership through positive experiences of mission-based volunteer opportunities that instill the ideals of the organization, and

*WHEREAS,* American Legion Auxiliary Junior members are the future of our organization, and the success of the Junior Activities program is dependent upon our leadership and mentorship of these young and teenage girls, and

*WHEREAS,* under Auxiliary members’ guidance and supervision, Juniors carry out Junior activities, may conduct Junior meetings including the election of honorary officers, and are encouraged to participate in Auxiliary programs and activities, and

*WHEREAS,* there are misperceptions about the role of an honorary Junior office, and

*WHEREAS,* over time, due to the national membership year running from January to December and the national administrative year running from national convention to national convention, there have come to be confusing and conflicting statements and references in the American Legion Auxiliary’s national governing policies and procedures regarding the age a Junior member must be to be eligible for election to an honorary Junior office, and whether the date at which an honorary Junior officer becomes an adult affects her eligibility to fulfill the role of an honorary Junior officer, and;

*WHEREAS*, attendance at the National Junior Meeting held at National Convention has decreased dramatically over the past decade attributable to the time of the National Junior Meeting conflicting with school being in session, and

*WHEREAS*, the costs of holding the National Junior Meeting each year in conjunction with national convention has not proven to be cost effective, with per capita expenses increasing due to declining participation and other cost factors, and

*WHEREAS*, permitting divisional Junior meetings that do not interfere with elementary and secondary school calendars, thereby fostering greater participation opportunities at less expense to the sponsoring Units and Departments; ***now, therefore be it***

***RESOLVED***, that honorary national Junior offices carry courtesy titles bestowed by the American Legion Auxiliary, and the position of Honorary Junior National President or any other Junior officer elected nationally or by a national division of the American Legion Auxiliary is solely an honorary, courtesy position without any formal recognition and with no official or formal duties and shall not engage in fundraising for her position or travel as a representative of the national American Legion Auxiliary; and be it further

***RESOLVED***, that a Junior member who attains the age of eighteen before her honorary term of office is completed is allowed to fulfill her term as an honorary officer in the Junior Auxiliary; and be it further

***RESOLVED***, that any Junior elected to serve as an Honorary Junior officer must be paying dues as a Junior member for the year in which they serve; and be it further

***RESOLVED***, that there be no requirement to hold a national Junior meeting, and that each division may hold a divisional Junior meeting at a time and manner as determined by the Senior members of the division; and be it further

***RESOLVED***, that honorary divisional Junior presidents may be elected at national divisional Junior meetings to serve the ensuing year; and be it further

***RESOLVED***, that national Junior meetings may be held virtually using digital or other electronic means for the purpose of electing an honorary Junior national president or other honorary Junior national officers; and be it further

***RESOLVED***, that a new section of the national American Legion Auxiliary Standing Rules be created entitled *Junior Members* to include the foregoing resolved clauses and all rules pertaining to Junior Members that remain current at the conclusion of the meetings held at this National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2011; and be it finally

***RESOLVED***, that these changes are hereby adopted by the American Legion Auxiliary at its National Convention held September 1-2, 2011 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and shall become effective for the 2011-2012 administrative year.

Resolution 2

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**SUBMITTED BY: Long Range Strategic Planning Committee**

**SUBJECT: Amend Standing Rules Section II, Number 6, to define pre-convention committees and to require the Constitution & Bylaws Pre-Con meeting to be held openly and at a time not in conflict with any other to allow all delegates to ask clarifying questions.**

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*WHEREAS*, delegates to the American Legion Auxiliary national convention must be fully informed about all proposed amendments to the national organization's governing documents in order to cast knowledgeable votes; and,

*WHEREAS*, under the current structure whereby the various pre-convention committee meetings are held separately and simultaneously, all delegates do not have the opportunity to hear the explanations and discussion on all proposed amendments to the national organization's governing documents at the pre-convention meetings; and,

*WHEREAS*, delegates must be fully knowledgeable of proposed changes to adequately inform their department members of the proposed changes; and,

*WHEREAS*, opening the explanation of all proposed amendments to the national organization's governing documents to all convention delegates promotes governance transparency and fosters better and more objective understanding of proposals to come before the convention body among all delegates, **now; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED**, that Standing Rule Section II, Number 6, pertaining to Convention Committees be amended to define pre-convention committees and to require the Constitution & Bylaws Pre-Convention meeting to be held openly and at a time not in conflict with any other Pre-Convention Committee meeting to allow all delegates to ask clarifying questions; Standing Rule Section II, Number 6, to read as follows:

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6. There shall be the following named Convention committees. The general duties of the committees shall be to consider matters assigned to such committees, to consider matters specifically referred to them by the Convention, and to conduct other business as described in this section.

a) There shall be the following special Convention committees:

- 1) Committee on Credentials: The purpose of the Committee on Credentials is to receive and verify the credentials of the Departments and to handle all matters pertaining to the contestation of delegates.
- 2) Committee on Rules: The purpose of the Committee on Rules is to formulate the rules under which the Convention shall operate.
- 3) Committee on Resolutions: The purpose of the Committee on Resolutions is to receive resolutions and refer them to the proper Pre-Convention Committees, and to formulate such Convention resolutions not within the jurisdiction of the other established Pre-Convention Committees as listed in this section. This committee shall meet in advance of the other Pre-Convention Committee meetings to allow ample time to properly assign the resolutions to the other Pre-Convention Committees prior to their convening. This committee has no authority to take any action on a resolution other than to refer it to the appropriate Pre-Convention Committee, unless there is a written opinion from Counsel General that a

resolution is illegal and can cause the organization, its officers, its National Executive Committee members, appointees and other members to become liable. In such an event, the Committee on Resolutions shall report said action to the Convention body.

At the Pre-Convention Meeting of the Committee on Resolutions, resolutions not within the jurisdiction of any other Pre-Convention Committee shall be presented for explanation by a member of the Committee on Resolutions. Upon conclusion of discussion of each resolution, the committee may vote to either a) recommend to the convention body that a proposed resolution be adopted; b) recommend to the convention body that a proposed resolution not be adopted; or c) make no recommendation to the convention body regarding a proposed resolution. Each member of the Committee on Resolutions and one representative from each department shall be entitled to vote on the recommendation to be made to the convention body. The committee on Resolutions shall report on all resolutions to the Convention body.

- b.) Any other special convention committee as deemed appropriate by the National President.
- c.) Pre-Convention Committees shall exist for the National Chaplains and National Historian, and for the following standing committees:
  - Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Cavalcade of Memories, Children and Youth, Community Service, Constitution & Bylaws (see additional subsection on Constitution and Bylaws in this section), Education, Finance, Girls State, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative, Liaison to the Child Welfare Foundation, Membership, National Security, Past Presidents Parley, Poppy, Public Relations, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

The Pre-Convention Committees for the National Chaplain and National Historian shall be comprised of the national officer plus one member assigned by each department. These Pre-Convention Committees that correlate to the standing committees shall be comprised of members of the correlating standing committee plus one member assigned by each department.

The purpose of these Pre-Convention Committee meetings is to consider and to make recommendations upon subject matters assigned, to receive reports from their corresponding committees, to review accomplishments and best practices of the year, to recognize committee members, departments, units or others for exemplary achievements, to insure a smooth transition to the incoming standing committee and to offer recommendations regarding goals and other pertinent matters to foster advancement and fulfillment of the Auxiliary's mission, and to make a recommendation on each proposal assigned to it by the Resolutions Committee. Upon conclusion of open discussion regarding each proposal, the committee may vote to either a) recommend to the convention body that a proposal be adopted; b) recommend to the convention body that a proposal not be adopted; or c) make no recommendation to the convention body regarding a proposal.

All Pre-Convention Committee meetings shall be open to all delegates. Only those delegates assigned to the Pre-Convention Committee shall have voice and vote, unless authorized by a majority vote of the Pre-Convention Committee, in which case voice only may be granted. Each

proposal shall be presented for explanation by a member of the Pre-Convention Committee. Upon conclusion of open discussion of each proposal the committee may vote to either a) recommend to the convention body that a proposed resolution be adopted; b) recommend to the convention body that a proposed resolution not be adopted; or c) make no recommendation to the convention body regarding a proposed resolution. Each member of a Pre-Convention Committee and one representative assigned from each department shall be entitled to vote on the recommendation to be made to the convention body.

- d.) The purpose of the Pre-Convention Committee on Constitution and Bylaws is to receive and consider all proposed amendments to the governing documents that are to be presented to the convention body, and to verify that amendments adopted by the Convention are correctly incorporated into the governing documents.

The purpose of the Pre-Convention meeting of the Pre-Convention Committee on Constitution and Bylaws is to clarify the meaning of the proposals.

The Pre-Convention Committee meeting on Constitution and Bylaws shall be open to all national convention delegates and shall be held at a time that does not conflict with the meetings of all other Pre-Convention Committees. Each proposed amendment shall be presented for explanation by a member of the Pre-Convention Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. Any delegate may ask a clarifying question. Such questions from non-members of the Pre-Convention Committee on Constitution and Bylaws shall be limited to clarifying the intent or purpose of a proposal. There shall be no debate on the merits of the proposal based on clarifying questions from non-members of the committee. Upon conclusion of open discussion regarding clarification of each proposed amendment, the committee may discuss the merits of the proposal and may vote to either a) recommend to the convention body that a proposed amendment be adopted; b) recommend to the convention body that a proposed amendment not be adopted; or c) make no recommendation to the convention body regarding a proposed amendment. Each member of the Pre-Convention Committee on Constitution and Bylaws and one representative assigned from each department shall be entitled to vote on the recommendation to be made to the convention body.

*and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, that these proposed changes to the Standing Rules, Section II, Number 6 be enacted at the National Convention's general sessions held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 30-31, 2011 and take effect in the 2011-2012 administrative year.

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## **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS** (*proposed changes appear in bolded text*):

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1** – **Proposal to amend Constitution to simplify membership classes to Member and Junior Member**

Proposal from the National Membership Committee to amend the American Legion Auxiliary National Constitution, Article III, Section 2, to simplify the descriptions of the Auxiliary membership classes to Member and Junior Member, removing the adjective “Senior” for adult members.

The Section of the Bylaws presently reads:

*Article III Eligibility, Section 2:* There shall be two classes of membership, Senior and Junior.

- (a) Senior membership shall be composed of members over the age of eighteen; provided, however, that a wife under the age of eighteen years, who is eligible under Section 1 of this article shall be classed as a Senior member.
- (b) Junior membership shall consist of that group under the age of eighteen years, whose activities shall be supervised by the Senior membership. Upon reaching the age of eighteen years, Junior members shall automatically be admitted into Senior membership with full privileges.
- (c) Dues of both classes shall be paid annually or for life.

**If the proposed amendment is adopted, the Section of the Constitution will read:**

*Article III Eligibility, Section 2:* **There shall be two classes of membership, Members and Junior Members (Juniors).**

- (a) Members are defined as that group over the age of eighteen years; however, a wife under the age of eighteen years who is eligible under Section 1 of this Article shall be classified as a Member.
- (b) Juniors are defined as that group under the age of eighteen years, whose activities shall be supervised by **Members**. Juniors do not have voting rights and are not eligible to hold office or travel on behalf of the organization. Upon reaching the age of eighteen, Juniors will automatically attain **Member status** with full privileges of membership.
- (c) Dues of both classes shall be paid annually or for life.

**Rational**

Over the past two years members have availed themselves of opportunities to comment on the declining membership of the American Legion Auxiliary, including the Membership Survey, the 2010 National Convention Focus Sessions, the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee’s special Membership Initiatives Committee, along with recurring comments made to the national presidents and discussed by the National Membership Committee. Many current members are offended by the term “senior”, and the term “senior” has been attributed as a deterrent that has caused some units to lose potential young adult as well as older adult members. The terms Member and Junior Member also lend greater weight to the status of a Member. Potential liability exposure is minimized with the public when it is clearly understood that Junior Members are not equal in stature to Senior Members.

**Consequential Amendments to the Bylaws**

If the above amendment to the Constitution is adopted, the Bylaws shall be amended to strike the word “Senior” in the following sections of the Bylaws:

Article VIII, Section 2

Article IX, Section 3

If the above amendment to the Constitution is adopted, Article IX, Section 1 of the Bylaws shall be amended to read “... **derived from annual membership dues of members and Junior members....**”

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2 – Proposal to amend Bylaws regarding senior member national dues**

Proposal from the National Finance Committee to amend Article IX, Finance, Section 3; to increase the amount of senior members’ national dues by \$5.00 with incremental increases of 50 cents every three years thereafter.

The Section of the Bylaws presently reads:

*Article IX, Section 3:* The National per capita dues shall be one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per annum for Junior members, and five dollars (\$5.00) per annum for Senior members, effective in the 1996-1997 administrative year, and shall include a subscription to the American Legion Auxiliary National Magazine for Senior members. Each Department shall remit the National per capita dues promptly to the National Treasurer at least once each month. (2008)

If the proposed amendment is passed, the Section of the Bylaws will read:

*Article IX, Section 3:* The National per capita dues shall be one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per annum for Junior members, and **ten dollars (\$10.00)** per annum for Senior members, effective in the **2013 membership** year, **with an automatic fifty cents increase in Senior members National per capita dues every three years thereafter**, and shall include a subscription to the American Legion Auxiliary National Magazine for Senior members. Each Department shall remit the National per capita dues promptly to the National Treasurer at least once each month. (2011)

RATIONAL:

- The current national dues of \$5.00 per Senior member was adopted 17 years ago during the 1995 National Convention and became effective with the 1997 membership year. During that time, the purchasing power of \$5.00 has decreased 41%, but the cost per Senior member has increased by nearly 80%.
- During the past 16 years, membership has decreased by approximately 181,000 (of which approximately 9% are Junior members), thereby decreasing Senior dues revenue by approximately \$825,000.
- The last 15 years, it was necessary for the NEC to adopt deficit budgets nearly half of the time which required the organization to rely on investment returns to maintain the operations. When the U. S. economy sank, the national organization suffered a \$4.4 million loss in investment value forcing a greater reduction of the ALA's reserve funds. Investment income cannot be predicted and should not be depended upon to fund the operations of our organization.
- In an effort to combat the loss of income, expenses have been cut 23% over the past three years. The national organization is currently operating below 2002 spending levels.
- The cost per Senior member in 2010 was \$9.30; that is \$4.30 more than the \$5.00 dues that the national organization receives per Senior member. National revenues from Senior members’ dues falls \$3.12 million short of what is needed to cover the cost of Senior membership.

- To remain solvent, a long-range plan for an automatic increase of \$.50 every three years follows the onetime \$5.00 per Senior member dues increase.
- Our Mission is "...to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who served by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad..."
- To accomplish our Mission, dues income must increase by \$5.00 per Senior member with an automatic fifty cents increase every third year thereafter.

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT #3 – Add a new section to the Constitution to change the governance structure to elect the National President to a 4-year term with duties described; change corresponding sections in governing documents**

Proposal from the Department of Arizona to amend the National Constitution, Article IV, to create a new provision requiring the American Legion Auxiliary national president be elected to a 4-year term, and specifying certain responsibilities of the national president during each of the four years.

NOTE: this proposed amendment submitted by the Department of Arizona has multiple proposals within it as conveyed by the Department in the 23-page Portable Document Format. The proposal with all its parts is represented as one item to be considered by the convention body. It is contained below in its entirety as submitted.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION**

Submitted by the Department of Arizona

Endorsed by Department Convention assembled in Carefree, AZ, June 23-26, 2011

*Amend National Constitution Article IV by: Inserting a new Section 1*

*The section presently reads:* This statement is not made in the current National Constitution.

*Proposed amendment:*

**Article IV**

**National Officers**

SECTION 1. THE OFFICERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE: NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4, NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3, NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2, NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1, FIVE DIVISION NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS, A NATIONAL CHAPLAIN AND A NATIONAL HISTORIAN.

*When amended the section will read:*

**Article IV**

**National Officers**

SECTION 1. THE OFFICERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE: NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4, NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3, NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2, NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1, FIVE DIVISION NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS, A NATIONAL CHAPLAIN AND A NATIONAL HISTORIAN.

*Rationale for the amendment:*

To clearly define the outcome of the Constitutional changes being proposed by the Department of Arizona.

To provide the future Chief Executives of the American Legion Auxiliary with time to gain knowledge and experience.

To return the choice of the future Chief Executives to the rank-and-file members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION**

Submitted by the Department of Arizona

Endorsed by Department Convention assembled in Carefree, AZ, June 23-26, 2011

*Amend National Constitution Article IV Section 1 by:*

Separating the current Section 1 into five new Sections: Section 2, Section 3, Section 4, Section 5, and Section 6.

Striking out words and inserting other words in the same place.

Striking out paragraphs and inserting them in a new Section.

Inserting new paragraphs.

*The section presently reads:*

*Section 1.* The National Convention shall elect annually a President, a Vice President, five Division National Vice Presidents, a National Chaplain and a National Historian. The Division National Vice Presidents shall serve without seniority and one shall be elected from each Division. The President and Vice President shall be delegates to the National Convention and members of the National Executive Committee, and shall serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively of both bodies. The five Division National Vice Presidents, the National Chaplain and the National Historian shall be delegates to the National Convention and members of the National Executive Committee.

*Proposed amendments:*

*(Section 1.)* SECTION 2. The National Convention shall elect annually a (President, a Vice President,) NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1, five Division National Vice Presidents, a National Chaplain and a National Historian. (The Division National Vice Presidents shall serve without seniority and one shall be elected from each Division. The President and Vice President shall be delegates to the National Convention and members of the National Executive Committee, and shall serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively of both bodies. The five Division National Vice Presidents, the National Chaplain and the National Historian shall be delegates to the National Convention and members of the National Executive Committee.)

SECTION 3. THE NATIONAL PRESIDENTS WILL SERVE FOUR YEAR TERMS WITH SENIORITY DEPENDENT ON THEIR YEARS IN OFFICE. NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 IS THE MOST SENIOR AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. THE NATIONAL PRESIDENTS WILL HAVE DIFFERENT RESPONSIBILITIES DEPENDENT ON THEIR YEAR OF SERVICE. AT THE TIME OF EACH NATIONAL CONVENTION, NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 WILL RETIRE, AND NATIONAL PRESIDENTS 3, 2, AND 1 WILL ADVANCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY. *PROVISO: AT NATIONAL CONVENTION 2013 THERE WILL BE A ONE-*

*TIME ONLY ELECTION OF ALL FOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENTS TO TRANSITION TO THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL ADMINISTRATION.*

SECTION 4. THE DIVISION NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT SENIORITY AND ONE SHALL BE ELECTED FROM EACH DIVISION.

SECTION 5. ALL FOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENTS SHALL BE DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 AND NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3 SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN RESPECTIVELY OF BOTH BODIES.

SECTION 6. THE FIVE DIVISION NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS, THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN AND THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN SHALL BE DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THEY SHALL ALL SERVE ONE YEAR TERMS.

*When amended the sections will read:*

SECTION 2. The National Convention shall elect annually a NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1, five Division National Vice Presidents, a National Chaplain and a National Historian.

SECTION 3. THE NATIONAL PRESIDENTS WILL SERVE FOUR YEAR TERMS WITH SENIORITY DEPENDENT ON THEIR YEARS IN OFFICE. NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 IS THE MOST SENIOR AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. THE NATIONAL PRESIDENTS WILL HAVE DIFFERENT RESPONSIBILITIES DEPENDENT ON THEIR YEAR OF SERVICE. AT THE TIME OF EACH NATIONAL CONVENTION, NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 WILL RETIRE, AND NATIONAL PRESIDENTS 3, 2, AND 1 WILL ADVANCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY. *PROVISO: AT NATIONAL CONVENTION 2013 THERE WILL BE A ONE-TIME ONLY ELECTION OF ALL FOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENTS TO TRANSITION TO THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL ADMINISTRATION.*

SECTION 4. THE DIVISION NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT SENIORITY AND ONE SHALL BE ELECTED FROM EACH DIVISION.

SECTION 5. ALL FOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENTS SHALL BE DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 AND NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3 SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN RESPECTIVELY OF BOTH BODIES.

SECTION 6. THE FIVE DIVISION NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS, THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN AND THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN SHALL BE DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THEY SHALL ALL SERVE ONE YEAR TERMS.

*Rationale for the amendments:*

To clearly define the outcome of the Constitutional changes being proposed by the Department of Arizona.

To provide the future Chief Executives of the American Legion Auxiliary with time to gain knowledge and experience.

To return the choice of the future Chief Executives to the rank-and-file members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION**

Submitted by the Department of Arizona

Endorsed by Department Convention assembled in Carefree, AZ, June 23-26, 2011

*Amend National Constitution Article IV Section 2 by:*

Changing the number of the current Section 2 to Section 7; Inserting words within the Section.

*The section presently reads:*

*Section 2.* The National Executive Committee at its first meeting immediately following the National Convention, shall elect a National Secretary and a National Treasurer, both of whom shall be nominated by the National President. The National Executive Committee by a majority vote may remove either the National Secretary or the National Treasurer.

*Proposed amendments:*

*(Section 2.)* SECTION 7. The National Executive Committee at its first meeting immediately following the National Convention, shall elect a National Secretary and a National Treasurer, both of whom shall be nominated by the National President YEAR 4. The National Executive Committee by a majority vote may remove either the National Secretary or the National Treasurer.

*When amended the section will read:*

SECTION 7. The National Executive Committee at its first meeting immediately following the National Convention, shall elect a National Secretary and a National Treasurer, both of whom shall be nominated by the National President YEAR 4. The National Executive Committee by a majority vote may remove either the National Secretary or the National Treasurer.

*Rationale for the amendment:*

To accommodate the previous Amendment Proposal increasing the number of Sections in Article IV of the Constitution.

To clarify that the National President Year 4 has the Power of Appointment.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V OF THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION**

Submitted by the Department of Arizona

Endorsed by Department Convention assembled in Carefree, AZ, June 23-26, 2011

*Amend National Constitution Article V Section 1 by:*

Striking out words and inserting other words in the same place.

*The section presently reads:*

### **Article V**

#### **National Executive Committee**

*Section 1.* Between National Conventions, the administrative power shall be vested in a National Executive Committee which shall be composed of the National President, National Vice President, the five Division National Vice Presidents, National Chaplain, National Historian, and one Executive Committeewoman or alternate from each Department, to be elected as such Department shall determine, and such other members as provided in Section 2 hereof. The National Executive Committeewoman from each Department by virtue of her office shall be a member of the Executive Committee of the Department which she represents, and her alternate shall act in her behalf in the absence of such committeewoman.

*Proposed amendment:*

## **Article V**

### **National Executive Committee**

*Section 1.* Between National Conventions, the administrative power shall be vested in a National Executive Committee which shall be composed of the (National President, National Vice President,) FOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENTS, the five Division National Vice Presidents, National Chaplain, National Historian, and one Executive Committeewoman or alternate from each Department, to be elected as such Department shall determine, and such other members as provided in Section 2 hereof. The National Executive Committeewoman from each Department by virtue of her office shall be a member of the Executive Committee of the Department which she represents, and her alternate shall act in her behalf in the absence of such committeewoman.

*When amended the section will read:*

## **Article V**

### **National Executive Committee**

*Section 1.* Between National Conventions, the administrative power shall be vested in a National Executive Committee which shall be composed of the FOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENTS, the five Division National Vice Presidents, National Chaplain, National Historian, and one Executive Committeewoman or alternate from each Department, to be elected as such Department shall determine, and such other members as provided in Section 2 hereof. The National Executive Committeewoman from each Department by virtue of her office shall be a member of the Executive Committee of the Department which she represents, and her alternate shall act in her behalf in the absence of such committeewoman.

*Rationale for the amendment:*

To reflect the previous Amendment Proposals to National Constitution Article IV.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II OF THE NATIONAL BYLAWS**

Submitted by the Department of Arizona

Endorsed by Department Convention assembled in Carefree, AZ, June 23-26, 2011

*Amend National Bylaws Article II Section 1 by:*

*Striking out words and inserting other words in the same place .*

*The section presently reads:*

## **Article II**

### **Election of Officers**

*Section 1.* The election of the following officers shall be by secret ballot: National President, National Vice President, five Division National Vice Presidents, National Chaplain, and National Historian. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. When there is but one candidate for an office, the nominee may be elected by voice vote.

*Proposed amendment:*

## **Article II**

### **Election of Officers**

*Section 1.* The election of the following officers shall be by secret ballot: (National President, National Vice President,) NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1, five Division National Vice Presidents, National Chaplain, and National Historian. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. When there is but one candidate for an office, the nominee may be elected by voice vote.

*When amended the section will read:*

## **Article II**

## **Election of Officers**

*Section 1.* The election of the following officers shall be by secret ballot: NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1, five Division National Vice Presidents, National Chaplain, and National Historian. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. When there is but one candidate for an office, the nominee may be elected by voice vote.

*Rationale for the amendment:*

To reflect the previous Amendment Proposals to National Constitution Article IV.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III OF THE NATIONAL BYLAWS**

Submitted by the Department of Arizona

Endorsed by Department Convention assembled in Carefree, AZ, June 23-26, 2011

*Amend National Bylaws Article III Section 1 by:*

Inserting words within the section.

*The section presently reads:*

### **Article III**

#### **Duties of Officers**

*Section 1. National President:* It shall be the duty of the National President to preside at all meetings of the National Convention assembled and the National Executive Committee, to appoint or hire a parliamentarian(s), and appoint members of standing committees and create such other committees and appoint members thereon as she deems advisable, and to appoint all officers not otherwise provided for, with the approval of the National Executive Committee. She shall be ex-officio member of all committees and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

*Proposed amendment:*

### **Article III**

#### **Duties of Officers**

*Section 1. National President YEAR 4:* It shall be the duty of the National President YEAR 4 to preside at all meetings of the National Convention assembled and the National Executive Committee, to appoint or hire a parliamentarian(s), and appoint members of standing committees and create such other committees and appoint members thereon as she deems advisable, and to appoint all officers AND CHAIRMEN not otherwise provided for, with the approval of the National Executive Committee. She shall be ex-officio member of all committees and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

*When amended the section will read:*

### **Article III**

#### **Duties of Officers**

*Section 1. National President YEAR 4:* It shall be the duty of the National President YEAR 4 to preside at all meetings of the National Convention assembled and the National Executive Committee, to appoint or hire a parliamentarian(s), and appoint members of standing committees and create such other committees and appoint members thereon as she deems advisable, and to appoint all officers AND CHAIRMEN not otherwise provided for, with the approval of the National Executive Committee. She shall be ex-officio member of all committees and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

*Rationale for the amendment:*

To implement the previous Amendment Proposals to National Constitution Article IV.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III OF THE NATIONAL BYLAWS

Submitted by the Department of Arizona

Endorsed by Department Convention assembled in Carefree, AZ, June 23-26, 2011

*Amend National Bylaws Article III Section 2 by:*

Inserting words within the section.

Striking out words and inserting other words in the same place.

Striking out paragraphs and inserting them in a different section.

*The section presently reads:*

*Section 2. Vice President:* In the absence of the President at a meeting of the organization, it shall be the duty of the Vice President to be the presiding officer. In the absence of both the President and the Vice President, a chairman pro tempore shall be elected. The Vice President shall serve as a member of the National Executive Committee.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the National Vice President shall become President and shall assume the duties and authority of the office.

She shall assume such other duties as assigned to her by the National President.

Should illness or accident permanently incapacitate the National President, or if for any reason she shall be unable to discharge the duties of President, the National Secretary shall apprise the National Executive Committee, submit to its members medical confirmation from three doctors of this incapacitation, and call for a referendum vote to declare the office of the National President vacant and to authorize the National Vice President to assume the duties and authority of the

office. If the unexpired term of office for National President is less than six months, the person so named shall be eligible to election by regular process to the office of National President. In the event the National Vice President thus assumes the office of National President, the National Executive Committee shall fill the

office of National Vice President. If this term is less than six months, the person so named is eligible to election by regular process to the office of National Vice President.

*Proposed amendment:*

*Section 2. (Vice President:)* NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3: In the absence of the (President) NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 at a meeting of the organization, it shall be the duty of the (Vice President) NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3 to be the presiding officer. (In the absence of both the President and the

Vice President, a chairman pro tempore shall be elected. The Vice President) THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3 shall serve as a member of the National Executive Committee.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of the (President) NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4, the (National Vice President) NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3 shall become (President) THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 and shall assume the duties and authority of the office.

She shall assume such other duties as assigned to her by the National President YEAR 4.

(Should illness or accident permanently incapacitate the National President, or if for any reason she shall be unable to discharge the duties of President, the National Secretary shall apprise the National Executive Committee, submit to its members medical confirmation from three doctors of this incapacitation, and call for a referendum vote to declare the office of the National President vacant and to authorize the National Vice President to assume the duties and authority of the office. If the unexpired term of office for National President is less than six months, the person so named shall be eligible to election by regular process to the office of National President. In the event the National Vice President thus assumes the office of National President, the National Executive Committee shall fill the

office of National Vice President. If this term is less than six months, the person so named is eligible to election by regular process to the office of National Vice President.)

*When amended the section will read:*

**Section 2. NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3:** In the absence of the NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 at a meeting of the organization, it shall be the duty of the NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3 to be the presiding officer. THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3 shall serve as a member of the National Executive Committee.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of the NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4, the NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3 shall become THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 and shall assume the duties and authority of the office.

She shall assume such other duties as assigned to her by the National President YEAR 4.

*Rationale for the amendment:*

To implement the previous Amendment Proposals to National Constitution Article IV.

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*Amend National Bylaws Article III by:*

Inserting a new Section 3 and a new Section 4.

*The sections presently read:*

This information is currently not stated in the National Bylaws.

*Proposed amendments:*

**SECTION 3. NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2:** THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2 SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION COMMITTEE.

IN THE ABSENCE OF BOTH THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 AND NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3 AT A MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2 TO BE THE PRESIDING OFFICER.

THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2 SHALL SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3, THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2 SHALL BECOME THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3 AND SHALL ASSUME THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICE.

**SECTION 4. NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1:** THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1 SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE. IN THE ABSENCE OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4, NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3, AND NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2 AT A MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1 TO BE THE PRESIDING OFFICER. IN THE ABSENCE OF ALL THE NATIONAL PRESIDENTS, A CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE SHALL BE ELECTED.

THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1 SHALL SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2, THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1 SHALL BECOME THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2 AND SHALL ASSUME THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICE.

*When amended the sections will read:*

SECTION 3. NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2: THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2 SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION COMMITTEE.

IN THE ABSENCE OF BOTH THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 AND NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3 AT A MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2 TO BE THE PRESIDING OFFICER.

THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2 SHALL SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3, THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2 SHALL BECOME THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3 AND SHALL ASSUME THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICE.

SECTION 4. NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1: THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1 SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE. IN THE ABSENCE OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4, NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 3, AND NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2 AT A MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1 TO BE THE PRESIDING OFFICER. IN THE ABSENCE OF ALL THE NATIONAL PRESIDENTS, A CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE SHALL BE ELECTED.

THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1 SHALL SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2, THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1 SHALL BECOME THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 2 AND SHALL ASSUME THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICE.

*Rationale for the amendments:*

To implement the previous Amendment Proposals to National Constitution Article IV.

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III OF THE NATIONAL BYLAWS**

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*Amend National Bylaws Article III by:*

Inserting a new Section 5.

*The section presently reads:*

This information is currently not stated in the National Bylaws.

*Proposed amendment:*

#### **SECTION 5. SUCCESSION CLAUSE**

A) IN THE EVENT THERE IS A SUCCESSION TO THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4, THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL FILL THE OFFICE OF ANY NATIONAL PRESIDENT POSITION(S) LEFT OPEN.

B) IN THE EVENT A SUCCEEDING NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 SERVES FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS, THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED A FULL YEAR OF SERVICE, AND AT THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION THE SUCCEEDING NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 WILL RETIRE, WITH SUCCEEDING NATIONAL PRESIDENTS YEARS 3, 2, AND 1 ADVANCING TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF SERVICE. A NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1 WILL BE ELECTED AT NATIONAL CONVENTION.

C) IF THE SUCCEEDING NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 SERVES FOR LESS THAN SIX MONTHS, THEN THE SUCCEEDING NATIONAL PRESIDENTS 4, 3, AND 2, WILL SERVE FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR AT THAT SAME POSITION. THE PERSON APPOINTED TO FILL THE

OFFICE OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1 FOR LESS THAN SIX MONTHS WILL HAVE TO STAND FOR ELECTION AT THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION.

D) IN THE EVENT A SUCCESSION OCCURS IN THE LESS SENIOR NATIONAL PRESIDENT POSITIONS AND DOES NOT INVOLVE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4, THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL FILL THE OFFICE OF ANY NATIONAL PRESIDENT POSITION(S) LEFT OPEN. AT THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION, THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 WILL RETIRE, WITH ALL OTHER NATIONAL PRESIDENTS ADVANCING TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF SERVICE, NO MATTER THE LENGTH OF SERVICE IN THE SUCCEEDED POSITION(S). THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION FOR A NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1.

*When amended the section will read:*

**SECTION 5. SUCCESSION CLAUSE**

A) IN THE EVENT THERE IS A SUCCESSION TO THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4, THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL FILL THE OFFICE OF ANY NATIONAL PRESIDENT POSITION(S) LEFT OPEN.

B) IN THE EVENT A SUCCEEDING NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 SERVES FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS, THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED A FULL YEAR OF SERVICE, AND AT THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION THE SUCCEEDING NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 WILL RETIRE, WITH SUCCEEDING NATIONAL PRESIDENTS YEARS 3, 2, AND 1 ADVANCING TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF SERVICE. A NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1 WILL BE ELECTED AT NATIONAL CONVENTION.

C) IF THE SUCCEEDING NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 SERVES FOR LESS THAN SIX MONTHS, THEN THE SUCCEEDING NATIONAL PRESIDENTS 4, 3, AND 2, WILL SERVE FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR AT THAT SAME POSITION. THE PERSON APPOINTED TO FILL THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1 FOR LESS THAN SIX MONTHS WILL HAVE TO STAND FOR ELECTION AT THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION.

D) IN THE EVENT A SUCCESSION OCCURS IN THE LESS SENIOR NATIONAL PRESIDENT POSITIONS AND DOES NOT INVOLVE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4, THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL FILL THE OFFICE OF ANY NATIONAL PRESIDENT POSITION(S) LEFT OPEN. AT THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION, THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 4 WILL RETIRE, WITH ALL OTHER NATIONAL PRESIDENTS ADVANCING TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF SERVICE, NO MATTER THE LENGTH OF SERVICE IN THE SUCCEEDED POSITION(S). THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION FOR A NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT YEAR 1.

*Rationale for the amendment:*

To implement the previous Amendment Proposals to National Constitution Article IV.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III OF THE NATIONAL BYLAWS**

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*Amend National Bylaws Article III by:*

Inserting a new Section 6.

*The section presently reads:*

**\*\*This paragraph was previously struck from Article III Section 2 in another proposed Amendment.\*\***  
Should illness or accident permanently incapacitate the National President, or if for any reason she shall be unable to discharge the duties of President, the National Secretary shall apprise the National Executive Committee, submit to its members medical confirmation from three doctors of this

incapacitation, and call for a referendum vote to declare the office of the National President vacant and to authorize the National Vice President to assume the duties and authority of the office. If the unexpired term of office for National President is less than six months, the person so named shall be eligible to election by regular process to the office of National President. In the event the National Vice President thus assumes the office of National President, the National Executive Committee shall fill the office of National Vice President. If this term is less than six months, the person so named is eligible to election by regular process to the office of National Vice President.

*Proposed amendment:*

SECTION 6. Should illness or accident permanently incapacitate ANY OF the National PresidentS, or if for any reason (she) THEY shall be unable to discharge (the duties of President)THEIR DUTIES, the National Secretary shall apprise the National Executive Committee, submit to its members medical confirmation

from three doctors of this incapacitation, and call for a referendum vote to declare the APPROPRIATE office of the National President vacant and to authorize THE SUCCESSION AS OUTLINED PREVIOUSLY IN THIS ARTICLE. (the National Vice President to assume the duties and authority of the office. If the unexpired term of office for National President is less than six months, the person so named shall be eligible to election by regular process to the office of National President. In the event the National Vice President thus assumes the office of National President, the National Executive Committee shall fill the office of National Vice President. If this term is less than six months, the person so named is eligible to election by regular process to the office of National Vice President.)

*When amended the section will read:*

SECTION 6. Should illness or accident permanently incapacitate ANY OF the National PresidentS, or if for any reason THEY shall be unable to discharge THEIR DUTIES, the National Secretary shall apprise the National Executive Committee, submit to its members medical confirmation from three doctors of this incapacitation, and call for a referendum vote to declare the APPROPRIATE office of the National President vacant and to authorize THE SUCCESSION AS OUTLINED PREVIOUSLY IN THIS ARTICLE.

*Rationale for the amendment:*

To implement the previous Amendment Proposals to National Constitution Article IV.

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*Amend National Bylaws Article III Section 3, Section 4, Section 5, Section 6, and Section 7 by:*  
Renumbering to Section 7, Section 8, Section 9, Section 10, and Section 11 respectively, to reflect previously Proposed Amendments.  
Inserting words within the sections.

*The sections presently read:*

*Section 3. Division National Vice Presidents:* It shall be the duty of the Division National Vice Presidents to act as representatives of the National President on all matters referred to them by her, and to be advisory heads of their respective National Divisions, keeping in touch with all Departments, creating closer cooperation and keeping the National Organization informed as to Department activity and progress, and performing such other duties as are usually incident to their office.

*Section 4. National Secretary:* It shall be the duty of the National Secretary to record proceedings of the National Organization in convention assembled, the National Executive Committee meetings, and keep all records of the National Organization. She shall transmit reports and bulletins of all National standing committees and send out all literature and calls of meetings.

*Section 5. National Treasurer:* The National Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the National Organization and she shall account for the same. She shall sign all checks in dispersing the funds of the organization and shall make reports upon the condition of the National treasury when called for by the National President. In the absence of the National Treasurer, the National Secretary shall be authorized to sign checks.

*Section 6. National Chaplain:* It shall be the duty of the National Chaplain to offer prayer at the opening of each day's business of the National Convention, and to perform such other duties as the National President may direct.

*Section 7. National Historian:* It shall be the duty of the National Historian to complete the historical records of the National Organization and to make a report to the National Convention. She shall prepare a written account of the year's activities for reference in the compilation of future National History books. Quarterly reports are due within 30 days of end of quarter for the first three quarters of the administrative year. Failure to submit reports will result in a termination of travel authorizations. The completed report is to be filed in National Headquarters, no later than December 31 following the National Convention, copy to be sent to the National President with whom she served. The Past National Historian pin will be presented when a completed history is received and accepted by the December 31 deadline.

*Proposed amendment:*

*(Section 3.) SECTION 7. Division National Vice Presidents:* It shall be the duty of the Division National Vice Presidents to act as representatives of the National President YEAR 4 on all matters referred to them by her, and to be advisory heads of their respective National Divisions, keeping in touch with all Departments, creating closer cooperation and keeping the National Organization informed as to Department activity and progress, and performing such other duties as are usually incident to their office.

*(Section 4.) SECTION 8. National Secretary:* It shall be the duty of the National Secretary to record proceedings of the National Organization in convention assembled, the National Executive Committee meetings, and keep all records of the National Organization. She shall transmit reports and bulletins of all National standing committees and send out all literature and calls of meetings.

*(Section 5.) SECTION 9. National Treasurer:* The National Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the National Organization and she shall account for the same. She shall sign all checks in dispersing the funds of the organization and shall make reports upon the condition of the National treasury when called for by the National President YEAR 4. In the absence of the National Treasurer, the National Secretary shall be authorized to sign checks.

*(Section 6.) SECTION 10. National Chaplain:* It shall be the duty of the National Chaplain to offer prayer at the opening of each day's business of the National Convention, and to perform such other duties as the National President YEAR 4 may direct.

(Section 7.) SECTION 11. *National Historian:* It shall be the duty of the National Historian to complete the historical records of the National Organization and to make a report to the National Convention. She shall prepare a written account of the year's activities for reference in the compilation of future National History books. Quarterly reports are due within 30 days of end of quarter for the first three quarters of the administrative year. Failure to submit reports will result in a termination of travel authorizations. The completed report is to be filed in National Headquarters, no later than December 31 following the National Convention, copy to be sent to the National President YEAR 4 with whom she served. The Past National Historian pin will be presented when a completed history is received and accepted by the December 31 deadline.

*When amended the sections will read:*

SECTION 7. *Division National Vice Presidents:* It shall be the duty of the Division National Vice Presidents to act as representatives of the National President YEAR 4 on all matters referred to them by her, and to be advisory heads of their respective National Divisions, keeping in touch with all Departments, creating closer cooperation and keeping the National Organization informed as to Department activity and progress, and performing such other duties as are usually incident to their office.

SECTION 8. *National Secretary:* It shall be the duty of the National Secretary to record proceedings of the National Organization in convention assembled, the National Executive Committee meetings, and keep all records of the National Organization. She shall transmit reports and bulletins of all National standing committees and send out all literature and calls of meetings.

SECTION 9. *National Treasurer:* The National Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the National Organization and she shall account for the same. She shall sign all checks in dispersing the funds of the organization and shall make reports upon the condition of the National treasury when called for by the National President YEAR 4. In the absence of the National Treasurer, the National Secretary shall be authorized to sign checks.

SECTION 10. *National Chaplain:* It shall be the duty of the National Chaplain to offer prayer at the opening of each day's business of the National Convention, and to perform such other duties as the National President YEAR 4 may direct.

SECTION 11. *National Historian:* It shall be the duty of the National Historian to complete the historical records of the National Organization and to make a report to the National Convention. She shall prepare a written account of the year's activities for reference in the compilation of future National History books. Quarterly reports are due within 30 days of end of quarter for the first three quarters of the administrative year. Failure to submit reports will result in a termination of travel authorizations. The completed report is to be filed in National Headquarters, no later than December 31 following the National Convention, copy to be sent to the National President YEAR 4 with whom she served. The Past National Historian pin will be presented when a completed history is received and accepted by the December 31 deadline.

*Rationale for the amendments:*

To implement the previous Amendment Proposals to National Constitution Article IV.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL BYLAWS**

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*Amend*

*National Bylaws Article IV Section 2*

*National Bylaws Article V Sections 1, 4, 5, 10*

*National Bylaws Article VI Section 1*

*National Bylaws Article IX Section 6*

*National Bylaws Article XI Section 5*

*by:*

Inserting words within the sections or at the end

*The sections presently read:*

All of these sections use the term “the National President”.

*Proposed amendments:*

In all instances, National President will become National President YEAR 4.

*When amended the sections will all read:*

*National President YEAR 4 in the appropriate spot.*

*Rationale for the amendments:*

To implement the previous Amendment Proposals to National Constitution Article IV.

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