

## **By-law changes effective July 1, 2017**

### **ARTICLE VIII - ZONE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

A. Nominating Committee according to Zone policies and procedures.

B. Annual Election of Zone Officers

1. There shall be an annual election, of Zone Officers at the Zone Conference. A plurality vote shall elect. The election shall be held in accordance with policies and procedures established by the IBOD.
  - a. Officers, with the exception of President, shall assume their duties at the close of the election.
  - b. The outgoing Zone President shall continue their International Board duties until the close of the International Convention.
  - c. The incoming Zone President shall assume Zone Board duties at the close of the Zone election.
  - d. The incoming Zone President shall assume their International Board duties following the Annual meeting.
2. Voting.
  - a. There shall be one (1) vote per member in each Zone.
3. Vacancies. Vacancies in any office with six months or more of the term remaining shall be filled by a plurality vote of the members of the Zone Board of Directors at the next regular or special meeting and serve until the next annual election. The candidates shall meet eligibility requirements.
4. Removal from office. A motion at the delegates meeting, at the Zone Conference, to rescind the election of a Zone Officer, for reasonable cause, shall require approval by 2/3 of those present and voting, the rescission to take effect upon completion of voting. No Zone Officer removed by delegate action may be re-appointed or re-elected to the Zone Board of Directors for a period of one year.

### **ARTICLE IX - ZONE MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDANCE**

A. Zone Board of Directors (ZBOD) Meetings according to Zone policies and procedures.

B. Zone Delegates Meeting

1. A Zone Delegates Meeting shall be held each administrative year to be determined by the Zone Board.
2. The voting body of the Zone Delegates Meeting, with one vote each, shall be composed of:

- a. Zone Officers
  - b. Delegates
  - c. International Officers holding membership in the Zone.
3. The quorum shall be a majority of the registered voting body.

C. Zone Conference. There shall be an annual Zone Conference in each Zone during the months of March, April, May or June. The date and circumstances to be determined by the ZBOD