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2024 Proposed Bylaw Changes – National Conference

Proposed Revision

ARTICLE VIII. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1. National Conference

A. There shall be an annual meeting of the membership (hereinafter referred to as the National Conference or the Conference). The Conference shall be hybrid – both in-person and virtual and ~~which~~ shall rotate through the districts, with separate rotations for election and non-election conferences, and shall be held for the purpose of transacting the business of the organization. In an emergency, the NOW Board can vote to hold an online, virtual conference.

Current Bylaw

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B. The National Conference via the resolution process shall be the supreme governing body of NOW. All resolutions passed at the National NOW Conference shall be posted on the Members Only page within 14 days after the conference and incorporated into the Administrative or Issues Policy Manual (or Addendum) within 3 months following the Conference. Resolutions shall be assigned to an appropriate committee, officer, and/or staff member for implementation. Progress on implementation of the resolutions shall be reported on in board meetings and at the following National NOW Conference.

Current Bylaw

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Section 2. Voting Privileges

- A. Only members in good standing whose dues are received by the national organization or its appropriate subunits at least ninety (90) days prior to the Conference and who are duly registered and credentialed shall be eligible to vote at the Conference. Each member in attendance shall have one vote.
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- B. Use of the unit rule is prohibited. There shall be no proxy voting.
- C. A quorum shall be twenty-five percent of those members registered and eligible to vote and shall include one officer and two other National Board members. If, in an emergency, the Conference is held virtually, a quorum shall be ten percent of those members registered and eligible to vote and shall include one officer and two additional National Board members.

Current Bylaw

ARTICLE X. FINANCE

Section 3. National Budget

The Executive Committee, with the advice and counsel of the Finance and Budget Committee shall prepare a proposed line-item budget for the fiscal year by December 1 of the prior year. The budget, shall be approved by a majority vote of the members of the Board attending and voting at a meeting preceding the commencement of the fiscal year on January 1. After the budget is adopted, an abbreviated version will be available on the Members Only section of the National NOW website and notice sent to the member email list. Review and revision of the budget may occur at any regular or special meeting of the Board by a majority vote of those attending and voting, with subsequent notification to the membership indicating a summary of the revision and current financial experience to date.

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