

Section 1 At the Corporations's Mid-year Meeting the President shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee; a Nominating and Elections Committee of not less than three (3) or more than five (5) members in good standing: one member shall be the C.O.B., who shall serve as chair. No member of this committee shall be entitled to be nominated for any office.

Section 2 In addition to the qualifications for candidacy as specified in these By-Laws, the following are requirements for candidates for any elective office, and the Nominating and Elections Committee shall publish and assure compliance with all qualifications and requirements for office:

- A A letter of recommendation from the candidate's SOM.
- B A completed official application form, as furnished by the Secretary.
- C A filing fee of fifty dollars (\$50) for Presidential candidates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25) for all other candidates for election. Filing fees are for deposit to the organization's general treasury, and are not refundable under any circumstances.

Section 3 Formal announcements of candidates for office shall not be made prior to the Friday evening of the Mid-year Meeting.

Section 4 The Nominating and Elections Committee shall, at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting, mail to all members of the Board of Directors:

- A A copy of the Articles entitled "Officer", "Nominations and Elections Committee and Duties", and "Election Procedures and Voting" in these By-Laws.
- B A list of currently announced candidates for office and their SOMs.
- C A notice that items listed in sub-sections A, B, and C in Section 2 of this Article must be filed with the Secretary by or on

behalf of, any Senator proposed for any elective office, by mail, post-marked no later than fifteen (15) day prior to the first business session of the Annual Meeting.

Section 5 The Nominations and Elections Committee shall also:

- A Check qualifications of, and fulfilling of requirements by, each candidate, as specified in these By-Laws.
- B Announce candidates for President, Administrative V. President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and encourage all Regions to nominate candidates for Regional Vice President.
- C Certify and register accredited voting delegates from affiliated SOMs, and ascertain compliance with dues payment requirement as specified in these By-Laws.
- D Formulate, publish, interpret and enforce election rules, subject to the approval of the Exec. Committee.
- E Tabulate votes for offices of President, Administrative V. President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- F Announce the results of all voting, including Regional Vice President election caucuses.

Section 6 Nominations from the floor for a specific office are acceptable provided there are no qualified candidates filed for that office, and provided such candidate conforms to the qualifications for, and requirements of, candidates for office as specified in these By-Laws, and provided further that filing fees for candidates nominated from the floor shall be double the amounts specified in Section 2, C of this Article.

ARTICLE XVI, ELECTION PROCEDURES AND VOTING:

- Section 1** No SOM shall be permitted to vote during elections unless its delegates have been duly certified by the Nominating and Elections Committee, and a SOM's dues shall have been paid in full by noon of the day of the Annual Meeting.
- Section 2** Nominations from the floor are acceptable as specified in the preceeding Article of these BY-Laws.
- Section 3** Only one five (5) minute nominating speech and one three (3) minute seconding speech shall be allowed on behalf of any candidate for the office of President; and only one three (3) minute nominating speech and one one (1) minute seconding speech shall be allowed on behalf of any candidate for any other elected office.
- Section 4** Only duly certified SOM delegates shall be eligible to vote, and each SOM shall have a maximum of two (2) votes as specified in these By-Laws. An SOM may split its vote, but no fractional votes nor absentee/proxy ballots shall be allowed. SOMs shall indicate their candidate preference by voice vote in an order determined by lot as organized by the Nominations and Elections Committee.
- Section 5** Officers shall not have a vote in their capacity in office, but may vote as a delegate of their SOM, if so certified.
- Section 6** The President, Administrative V. President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by a simple majority vote of those certified delegates present and voting. Should there be more than two (2) candidates for any of these offices, the candidate who receives the lowest number of votes on two (2) consecutive ballots shall be automatically required to withdraw from that election, and the election shall proceed in such manner until two (2) candidates remain. Balloting shall then continue until one candidate is elected by a simple majority vote.
- Section 7** Regional Vice Presidents shall be elected in Regional caucus, as specified in these By-Laws. Such caucuses shall be convened immediately prior to the elections for all other elective offices.