

Chancellor & Resolutions Committee Report

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Recommended substantive amendments to the new formatted Constitution and Bylaws approved by BoM January 2016:

CONSTITUTION:

1. **Article III – Eligibility of Membership** - The statement on dual memberships is misleading. Recommend Rewrite as provided below:

“Dual memberships in the Michigan Society are available to members of other state or foreign societies.”

2. **Article IV – Governance; Section 1 – Officers & Board of Managers (BoM)** – Only the immediate past Michigan Society President, other than Past Presidents holding other Michigan Society Officer / Trustee position, should be a voting member of the BoM. Recommended language for first sentence of second paragraph of Article IV, Section 1 should read:

“The MISSAR Officers, National / Alternate National Trustees, chapter trustees, immediate past Michigan Society President and any sitting National Officers of the Michigan Society will serve as voting members of the BoM.”

3. **Article IV – Governance; Section 3 - Trustees** - Added the word “Chapter” to trustees in two places to clarify the position and to be consistent with Section 1. As well, clarify the issue regarding whether current MISSAR Officers or Trustees can serve as Chapter Trustees in the next term. To read as follows:

“Section 3 – Chapter Trustees. At the Annual Meeting, each chapter will submit the names of two members to serve as Chapter Trustees on the BoM for one-year terms. One of the trustees must be the President or Vice-President of the chapter. No member may serve as a Michigan Society or National Officer and Chapter Trustee during the same term.”

4. Article IV - Governance; Section 4 - Committees – Replace current language of second sentence:

“Except for the Committee Emeritus, all Standing Committee Chairmen must provide a report of their activities at the Annual Meeting.”

With:

“All Standing Committees must provide a written report of their activities for the Annual Meeting.”

5. Article V – Meetings; Section 3 – The Annual Meeting. Recommends removal “and trustees” as being elected at the Annual Meeting; “nominate” and not “elect” the National/Alternate National Trustees. 1st sentence 2nd paragraph to read:

“The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to provide all members of the Michigan Society the opportunity to review status of the Michigan Society; elect new Michigan Society Officers; nominate National / Alternate National Trustees;”

6. Article VIII – Amendments. Recommend replacement of current language:

“This Constitution and these Bylaws may be amended or repealed, in part or in whole, as determined to be necessary by the BoM. Additionally, any proposed amendments or changes to the MISSAR Constitution and Bylaws can be put in written form and provided to all members of the BoM at least (10) days prior to the next BoM meeting for consideration. At such meeting the BoM, through a majority vote, will determine the appropriateness of any proposed amendment or change to the Constitution or Bylaws.

All BoM approved proposed changes will be outlined in the notice for the next Annual membership meeting or for any special membership meeting designated to consider such changes. All changes will be ratified by majority vote of the members present. All such actions shall follow *Robert’s Rules of Order*.”

With:

“This Constitution and these Bylaws may be amended or repealed, in part or in whole, as determined to be necessary by the BoM. Any proposed amendments or changes to the MISSAR Constitution and Bylaws shall be put in written form and sent, either electronically or regular postal mail, to all members of the BoM at least ten (10) days prior to the next BoM meeting for consideration. At such meeting the BoM, through a majority vote, will determine the appropriateness of any proposed amendments or changes to the Constitution of Bylaws.

All BoM approved changes will be outlined in the notice for the next Annual membership meeting or for any meeting designated to consider such changes. All changes will be ratified by a majority vote of the members present.”

7. Bylaw No. 5 Section B (1): Replace current language:

“1. One of the primary duties of the Second Vice President is to act as General Program Chairman and, as such, shall appoint a Program Chairman for each of the activities of the Michigan Society. He shall also coordinate the programs hosted by Local Chapters. He shall specifically be responsible for arranging the February meeting of the Board of Managers.”

With:

“1. One of the primary duties of the Second Vice President is to act as General Program Chairman and as such will coordinate the planning of the activities of the Michigan Society. He shall also coordinate the programs hosted by Local Chapters.”

BYLAWS

8. Bylaw No. 1 – Membership; Section N: Replace current language:

“Members of the Michigan Society may become members of the Century Club by donating \$100.00 or more to the Century Club Fund for use in any specified activity on the Michigan Society, including the general fund.”

With:

“Members of the Michigan Society may become members of the Century Club by donating \$100.00 or more to the Century Club Fund for use in any specified activity of the Michigan Society, including the general fund and local chapters.”

9. Bylaw No. 2 – Local Chapters; Section B: Replace current language:

“Local Chapters shall adopt their own constitution and bylaws consistent with the general provisions of the Michigan Society’s Constitution and Bylaws. Chapter constitutions and bylaws shall not include a description of “territory of jurisdiction” and must be approved by the BoM. All amendments to Local Chapter Constitutions and bylaws must also be approved by the BoM”.

With:

“Local Chapters shall adopt their own constitution and/or bylaws consistent with the general provisions of the Michigan Society’s Constitution and Bylaws. Chapter constitutions and/or bylaws shall not include a description of “territory of jurisdiction” and must be approved by the BoM. All amendments to Local Chapter Constitutions and/or bylaws must also be approved by the BoM”.

10. Bylaw No. 4 – President; Section C: Replace current language:

“At the first Board meeting following the Annual Meeting, the newly elected President shall submit to the Board for approval, a list of names of three (3) Compatriots who have agreed to serve as a Nominating Committee. Current Officers may not serve on the committee.”

With:

“At the first Board meeting following the Annual Meeting, the newly elected President shall submit to the Board for approval, a list of names of three (3) Compatriots who have agreed to serve as a Nominating Committee. Current Michigan State Society Officers and National/Alternate National Trustees may not serve on the nominating committee.”

11. Bylaw No. 6 – Secretary; Section C. Replace current language:

“Section C. The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence between the Michigan Society and the National Society regarding both regular and supplemental membership requests.”

With:

“Section C. The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence between the Michigan Society and the National Society regarding both regular and supplemental membership requests. The Secretary shall serve as a delegate of the BoM in approving membership applications. The Secretary, at his discretion, may reserve specific applications for BoM approval.”

12. Bylaw No. 17 – Board of Managers (BoM); Section A (4). Replace current language:

“Approve or reject applications for membership and/or supplemental membership.”

With:

“Approve or reject applications for membership and/or supplemental membership submitted by the Secretary.”

13. Bylaw No. 21 Fees & Dues; Section C. Replace current language:

“Section C. Membership shall be reinstated upon written request to the Secretary and payment of dues within the current calendar year....”

With:

“Section C. Membership shall be reinstated upon payment of dues within the current calendar year....”

14. Bylaw No. 22 Delegates to the National Congress; Section A. Replace current language:

“**Section A.** The BoM shall submit the list of names of selected delegates to the National Society in accordance with established procedures and timetables.”

With:

“Section A. Upon approval by the BoM, the Secretary shall submit the list of names of selected delegates to the National Society in accordance with established procedures and timetables.”

15. Bylaw No. 28 – Meetings; Section A. Regular Board of Managers (BoM) Meetings; Item 1: Replace current language:

“All officers and members of the BoM and all Officers of the Local Chapter hosting the meeting shall receive a written notice of the meeting not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of of the scheduled meeting.”

With:

“To all officers and members of the BoM and all Officers of the Local Chapter hosting the meeting shall be sent a written notice, either electronically or regular postal mail, of the meeting not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the scheduled meeting.”

16. Bylaw No. 28 – Meetings; Section A. Regular Board of Managers (BoM) Meetings;

Item 3: Remove as redundant with MISSAR Constitution Article VII – Parliamentary Authority.

17. Bylaw No. 28 – Meetings; Section B. Special Board of Managers (BoM) Meetings.

Replace current language of second sentence:

“BoM members shall receive written notice of the meeting and a statement as to the specific subjects for consideration at least five days before the meeting.”

With:

“To all BoM members shall be sent, either electronically or regular postal mail, written notice of the meeting and a statement as to the specific subjects for consideration at least five days before the meeting.”

18. Bylaw No. 28 – Meetings; Section C. The Annual Meeting. Replace current language of second sentence:

“All members of the Society shall receive a written notice via email or first class mail of the Annual meeting not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the scheduled meeting.”

With:

“To all members of the Society shall be sent a written notice, either electronically or regular postal mail, of the Annual meeting not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the scheduled meeting.”

19. Bylaw No. 28 – Meetings; Section C. The Annual Meeting; Item 2. Replace current language:

“All Officers and Chairman of Standing Committees shall be required to provide either a written or oral report of their responsibilities and activities....”

With:

“All Officers and Chairman of Standing Committees shall be required to provide a written report of their responsibilities and activities....”

20. Bylaw No. 28 – Meetings; Section C. Annual Meeting (4): Replace current language:

“4. Election of Officers and Trustees of the BoM shall be conducted by the Secretary.”

With:

“4. Election of Officers of the BoM and approval of nominees for National / Alternate National Trustees shall be conducted by the Secretary.....”

21. Bylaw No. 34 Amendments.

Amendment topic removed because redundant of authority provided for in Article VIII; Bylaw Number saved as a place holder for future use.