

Summary of By-Law Changes

Overall: Font and formatting changed to improve readability. Made all references to gender as neutral or as inclusive as possible.

Article I – Name, Office and Territory

Section 1: Added referral to acronyms of club name.

Section 3: Changed specific description of club's territory to a more generic one based on PCA description.

Article II – Objectives

Added additional club objective to include sponsoring additional activities.

Article IV – Membership, Dues and Fees

Sections 1 and 2: Changed to comply with current National Descriptions.

Section 3: Changed dues to be in accordance with PCA guidelines.

Section 4a: Changed to limit residence of elected officers to FSR Territory.

Article V – Resignation and Suspension

Section 2a: Clarified voting requirement for suspension to be done by the Executive Council vice Board of Directors.

Section 2b: Changed Board of Directors to Executive Council responsibilities and included Family or Affiliate Members in termination of member.

Article VI – Officers and Duties

Article was completely changed. An Executive Council was added and consists of elected officers and immediate past president. The elected officers are the President, 2 Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities Officer. Board of Directors now consists of the Executive Council and the appointed positions of 2 Assistant Vice-Presidents, DE Chair, Membership Chair, Newsletter Editor, and Region Webmaster. Detailed descriptions of each office were updated and/or added. Duties of the Activities Officer include assisting in the development and coordination of all activities within the FSR region, adjacent regions and zones.

Section 6 became the Committee Chair appointing process and term limitations.

Section 7 describes the duties of the appointed Board Members were also added.

Section 4: Interim Appointments section was moved and added to a new Section 8 (Removal From Office and Interim Appointments) that describes the process for removing a member from office and appealing removal.

Article VII –Elections

Section 2: Electronic means of publishing of the slate of nominations was added as well as making November the date of publication.

Section 3: Electronic means of balloting was added and the recipient of the ballots was changed to the Nominating Committee Chair vice the Secretary.

Section 4: The Chair of the Nominating Committee was added vice the Secretary as a member of the Tellers.

Section 5: Coordination of election results with the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster by the Chair of the Nominating committee was added and electronic notification to candidates was added.

Article VIII – Meetings

Section 1: Conduct of Business using Roberts’ Rules of Orders was eliminated to allow a smoother conduction of meetings.

Section 2: The requirement for an annual meeting was eliminated. Regular meetings, as described in new Section 1, can be called to conduct any specific business if necessary.

Article IX – Competitive Event Chairman

This article was deemed to be unnecessary in the By-Laws and removed.

Article X – Other Event Chairman

This article was deemed to be unnecessary in the By-Laws and removed.

Article XI – Annual Awards

Is now Article IX and now includes availability on Club’s website.

New Article X – Indemnification

Describes the club’s process for securing a member against legal responsibility for their actions during a club event or club action.

Article XII – Fiscal Year

This is now included in the new Article XI – Accounts.

Article XI – Accounts

Sections in this article include descriptions of Fiscal Year, Books, Audit, Funds, Financial Orders, Authority to Incur Obligations, and Contracts.

Article XIII – Obligations and Indebtedness

This is now included in the new Article XI – Accounts.

Article XIV – Amendments

Amendments are now Article XII.

Electronic means of publishing and voting for proposed amendments by electronic means was added.