October 30, 2017

Report of the Bylaws Committee: The Bylaws Committee submits the following report.

The Membership Committee is recommending two (2) amendments to the Chapter Bylaws to facilitate a vote on new members prior to our January meeting, as is currently prescribed by our bylaws

(1) Art. IV, Section 5 states:

Candidates for Chapter membership are presented at the November Chapter meeting and voted on in the January Chapter meeting. Candidates receiving 2/3s majority vote from the active members in good standing present and voting at the January meeting shall be offered membership.

The proposed amendment to Art. IV., Section 5 would read:

Candidates for Chapter membership are presented no later than the November Chapter meeting and voted on in the January Chapter meeting at the latest. Candidates receiving a 2/3 majority vote from active members in good standing present and voting at a Chapter meeting in which the vote for membership is taken shall be offered membership.

Membership Committee's Rationale: The Membership Committee is recommending to the By-Laws Committee a change to Section 6- Procedure for Election of the Chapter By-Laws in order to give the Chapter the latitude to vote on candidates anytime leading up to the January deadline.

This year, for example, the Chapter will present candidates at the October and December meetings. The recommended change will allow the Chapter to vote on Candidates at the December meeting after they have been presented to the Chapter for the second time. This will allow the Chapter to identify candidates before the end of the 2017 calendar year and enable the Chapter to submit our candidates for approval to Area and National.

(2) Membership is also recommending that Art. IV, Section 6A be amended. This section currently reads: Nominees must be introduced

to the membership at least two months prior to the voting date, following the procedures established by the Membership Committee.

The proposed amendment to Art. IV., Section 6A would read:

Nominees must be introduced to the membership at least two times prior to the voting, following the procedures established by the Membership Committee.

Membership Committee's Rationale: Changing the wording in this section allows for candidates to be presented to the Chapter two times instead of two months prior to the vote giving the Chapter flexibility to vote earlier than January, be more in sync with the National calendar and enable the Chapter to submit candidate forms earlier to Area and National for approval.

This allows Membership to extend invitations to candidates earlier giving them more time to submit Intake Financial Obligations. Additionally, it provides the Chapter more time to schedule the 3 Orientation Sessions and increase the likelihood of holding Induction in May so that new members can get engaged on Facet/Committees and participate in the June Chapter meeting.

The Executive Committee and the Bylaws Committee support these proposed amendments. These proposed amendments would have to be presented to the Chapter at the October Chapter meeting and voted upon at the following Chapter meeting, in order to impact new member intake this year.

Respectfully submitted,
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