

The Central District Executive Board Meeting
Unit or Committee or Officer REPORT

Date: 5/6/22 Officer: Joe Placek, By-Laws Chair

The National By-Laws Committee has finalized the By-Law proposals for the Convention. The 2nd Draft proposal will be distributed to all delegates no later than May 15.

Some of the major issues are as follows:

Proposal to eliminate the Board of Governors, combining the BOG and Executive Board (Article 7 & others)

1. This will likely be one of the first items on the Convention agenda
2. The District Presidents will keep their oversight responsibility over the Executive Board
3. Eliminating the BOG affects several other articles, it was decided not to rewrite each one until/unless it passes
4. The By-Law Committee recommends passing this measure

Proposal(s) to reorganize the National Executive Board, eliminating some officers from the Board (Article 8 & others)

1. The Committee decided to publish only a proposal that the EB remain as is with the exception of eliminating the three at-large Board positions
2. Again, deleting some offices would affect other articles which will not be changed yet
3. Several alternatives were received by the Committee, eliminating/adding this or that position. The most extreme would result in an EB of as few as 6 officers plus the District Presidents. We decided not to publish any alternatives because this could lead to practically unlimited combinations. Proponents can argue their suggestions on the floor
4. The By-Laws Committee recommends keeping the EB as is except the three at-large officers

Proposal to combine the Membership Director and Financial Secretary (Article 8 & others)

1. The By-Laws Committee does not recommend this change. Even if adopted on the National level, the Committee rejected a proposal to extend it to Districts or Units. Those offices and their duties should be left as local options

Proposal to change the frequency of National audits by an internal Committee to annually rather than quarterly; by a professional CPA to every four years rather than annually (Article 11)

1. The By-Law Committee recommends the first, adding the term “or as needed”; does not recommend the second which should remain annually, adding “or as needed”

Proposal to eliminate the parental requirement for youth members (Article 67)

1. The proposal shows the clause eliminated to serve as a starting point for discussion. The By-Law Committee does not make any recommendation either way

Proposal that a citizenship question be included on all membership applications

1. The By-Laws Committee recommends against asking prospective members for citizenship status. Suggested that if a Unit feels it necessary to ask on their own, to get legal advice first