

Constitutional Amendment to National Office Staff Representative Appointment

Article 5.1 Composition of National Executive Committee (NEC)

Purpose of proposal: Whereas the Constitution establishes the composition of the National Executive Committee (NEC), as the board of directors to govern the organization, and the Executive Council (EC) to govern the business of the organization between meetings of the full NEC; and the Constitution fails to clarify whether the representative for National Office Staff may be a staff member or a non-staff member, elected to represent the National Office Staff; and the ambiguity in the Constitution has been used to prevent staff members from voting during NEC meetings on behalf of the National Office Staff, the following amendment will clarify and solidify that staff members may serve as the National Office Staff representative and vote on all NEC matters.

Constitutional Amendment

Current Language

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Proposed Amendment (changes in red)

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office staff, which shall have two votes and may be placed by either a member of staff or a representative of the staff's choosing.

Implementation: The National Office staff will implement the amendment. The National Executive Committee is responsible for ensuring compliance with the amendment and updating the Constitution in accordance with pre-existing procedure to reflect the amendment.

Compliance with Bylaws § 8.7: The proponents of this amendment consulted the National Office Staff, the NEC and all chapters to request their consent to the proposed changes. The National Office staff was consulted with regards to this request and granted their enthusiastic consent. The NEC did not respond to this request. Any chapters/committees not listed did not respond to the request for consent.

The following chapters/committees consented to the proposed changes:

- National Office Staff
- Chicago Chapter
- Mass Defense Committee
- Massachusetts Chapter
- Ohio Chapter
- South Florida Chapter
- University of Houston Law Center Chapter
- Houston Chapter

The following chapters/committees objected to the proposed changes:

- None

The following chapters/committees took no position on the proposed changes:

- Wenatchee Chapter
- Colorado Chapter
- New Mexico Chapter

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