

Constitutional Amendment Clarifying NEC Authority

Article 5.6 Duties of National Executive Committee

Purpose of Proposal: The amendment will provide further clarity on the existing article, which already provides that the NEC is the highest governing authority of the organization, second to the membership, to ensure the NEC's decision-making authority is clear to all members.

Constitutional Amendment

Current Language

Article 5.6: Duties of National Executive Committee

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Proposed Amendment (changes in red)

Article 5.6: Duties of National Executive Committee

The National Executive Committee (NEC) shall govern the organization. **The NEC is the highest decision-making authority in the NLG outside of the National Convention.** All National Executive Committee decisions are reviewable by the National Convention. The National Executive Committee shall meet at least two times per year, including at least once at the national convention, and at such other times as the National Executive Committee deems necessary to conduct the business of the organization.

Implementation: No steps are needed to implement the proposed 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 NEC and all chapters to request their consent to the proposed changes. 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:

- Mass Defense Committee
- South Florida Chapter
- Chicago Chapter

- Massachusetts Chapter
- Ohio Chapter
- New Mexico Chapter
- North Carolina 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

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