

**Proposed Amendment to Constitution Article 5.8
(Executive Council Actions Between Meetings)**

WHEREAS further clarity on Article 5.8 (which already provides that the Executive Committee reports to the National Executive Committee) is necessary to solidify the National Executive Committee's authority to review all decisions of the Executive Committee.

Current Language

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Proposed Amendment (changes in red)

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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
- North Carolina Chapter
- New Mexico Chapter
- Ohio 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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Endorsers: Massachusetts Chapter, Chicago Chapter