

Amendment to Change Constitution Article 2.2(c): At-Large Membership

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WHEREAS at-large membership has in practice been negotiated with the National Office, we propose to change the language in this section to reflect that the NEC has not been involved in individual membership status. Determinations of member status have been made by the NLG National Office membership director in consultation with the member at hand.

Original Text: *“Where other relevant circumstances exist, a member of a non-student chapter may be permitted to self-determine chapter affiliation, including the option to be a member-at-large. If a member wishes to pursue this option, they must petition in front of the National Executive Committee, who will vote to approve or deny the member's request.”*

We propose that the following language be adopted: “Where other relevant circumstances exist, a member of a non-student chapter may be permitted to self-determine chapter affiliation, including the option to be a member-at-large. If a member wishes to pursue this option, they must petition **the NLG National Office**, who will approve or deny the member's request.”

Implementation: National Office staff has in practice been negotiating at-large membership when requested for over a decade. This amendment is meant to bring our governing documents in line with our actual procedures. No further implementation is needed. The NEC has consented to this amendment.