

Amendment to Change Constitution Article 3.4: Denial of Chapter Application

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WHEREAS disagreement regarding geographic areas of chapters have 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 determination. Determinations regarding geographic areas of chapters have been made by the NLG National Office membership director in consultation with the chapter members at hand.

Original Text: *“The NEC shall not recognize a new chapter in the same geographic area in which a chapter already exists without the consent of such existing chapter.”*

We propose that the following language be adopted: **“the NLG National Office** shall not recognize a new chapter in the same geographic area in which a chapter already exists without the consent of such existing chapter. “

Implementation: The National Office staff has in practice been helping to navigate disagreements over what constitutes chapter geographic areas as needed 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.