

CASSAR Bylaw Proposals – November 5, 2016

Proposal No. 1:

Bylaw 2, Section 3(b):

Current

(b)—In the case of any withdrawal from all accounts containing five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more, all funds expended by a chapter shall be by check signed by two (2) authorized members in good standing of the chapter who do not reside in the same household, or who are not employed at the same place of business.

Proposed

(b)—The president, executive vice president, and treasurer shall all have electronic access to the society bank accounts, so they may monitor the accounts and report unusual activity.

Rationale

Banks will not honor the two signature requirement – as long as one signer on the account signs the check, they will honor it. The requirement is also unnecessary, as we have a check request process.

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Proposal No. 2

Bylaw 4, Section 11

Current

Section 11—SURGEON—The surgeon shall be a person licensed by the state to be a physician. He shall inform and advise the board on matters relating to public health which may be of concern to this society and to render first aid in cases of emergency at such meetings as he may attend.

Proposed

Eliminate Section 11 in its entirety.

Rationale

We have trouble finding a candidate, and it is unnecessary. The surgeon has no actual duties, and we would just call 911 if there is a problem, which is probably what the surgeon would do anyway.

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Proposal No. 3

Bylaw 5, Section 1

Current

Section 1—NOMINATING COMMITTEE—With the most recent former president who is able and willing to serve as chairman, the other members of this committee shall be the next six (6) most recent former presidents who are able, active at the state level, having been present at the immediately preceding annual meeting or fall board meeting, and willing to serve. If any of those six (6) are not able or willing to serve, then the president may fill such vacancy on the committee by appointment of other members currently active at the state level, providing that equal representation is maintained between the north and south of the state, and no two members on the committee, including the chairman, come from the same chapter.

Proposed

Section 1—NOMINATING COMMITTEE—The members of this committee shall be the (7) most recent former presidents who are able, active at the state level, having been present at the immediately preceding annual meeting or fall board meeting, and willing to serve. If there are not enough past presidents who are able and willing to serve, then the president may fill such vacancy on the committee by appointment of other members currently active at the state level, providing that the appointment seeks to equalize the representation between the north and south of the state, and no appointee shall come from a chapter already represented on the committee. The chairman of the committee shall be the most recent past president on the committee after the immediate past president.

Rationale

The immediate past president is not in a position to serve as chairman having never served on the committee. This will give the chairman at least one year's experience. Corrects impossibility of maintaining balance of north and south on an odd numbered committee.

Proposal No. 4

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Bylaw 5, Section 2(c)

Current

(c) MEETINGS AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. With the executive vice president as chairman, it shall supervise arrangements for meetings and determine voting eligibility. The presidents of the respective host chapters for the various meetings of the board and of the society, together with such chapter members as each of these chapter presidents shall deem necessary, shall be the other members of this committee.

Proposed

(c) MEETINGS AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. With the executive vice president as chairman, the committee shall supervise arrangements for meetings and determine voting eligibility. The presidents of the respective host chapters for the various meetings of the board and of the society, together with such chapter members as each of these chapter presidents shall deem necessary, shall be the other members of this committee. The committee shall maintain the list of eligible voters, contact all chapters to confirm their delegates, chapter presidents (or official designee), and state officers. The committee shall provide the list of eligible voters to the secretary for the roll call and determination of a quorum. They should object when one person answers present as an officer, and as a member of a chapter. They shall produce the voting cards for the meetings where voting is restricted so we do not count ineligible votes.

Rationale

To define the duties of the committee, and ensure that only eligible votes are counted at meetings.

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Proposal No. 5

Bylaw 8, Section 1(g)

Current

(g) Not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of any annual or special meeting of the membership, the secretary shall transmit notice of the time, place and agenda thereof to each chapter secretary and to each member who, on the record date for notice of meeting is entitled to vote thereat. (Corp. Code §5511.) Notice shall be transmitted either electronically and by posting on the CASSAR website.

Proposed

(g) Not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of any annual or special meeting of the membership, the notice of the time, place and agenda thereof shall be posted on the CASSAR website.

Rationale

To bring the bylaws into agreement with current practice. Meeting notices are posted on the website, and in the California Compatriot, and having the secretary send additional notices is superfluous.

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Proposal No. 6

Bylaw 8, Section 3 & 3(a)

Current

Section 3—CONDUCT OF MEETINGS—All meetings of this society, of the board and of committees shall be conducted in accordance with these bylaws, or where they are silent, by the provisions of Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised.

(a) Standing Rules—To expedite and standardize the business of the society without amending the Restated Articles of Incorporation of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, or CASSAR bylaws, the members present and voting at any meeting of the society shall enact such standing rules as may be necessary to conduct the business of the society providing such rules are not in conflict with the Restated Articles of Incorporation of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution,, the bylaws or Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised. No advance notice is required for a motion to adopt such a rule. Standing rules shall be adopted, suspended, amended or rescinded by a two-thirds vote of the chapters present and voting. It shall be the responsibility of the Bylaws Committee to catalog and maintain the standing rules of this society.

Proposed

Section 3—CONDUCT OF MEETINGS—All meetings of this society, of the board and of committees shall be conducted in accordance with these bylaws, or where they are silent, by the provisions of the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

[Eliminate **(a) Standing Rules** in its entirety.]

Rationale

To correct the version of Robert’s Rules. There does not need to be a bylaw provision permitting standing rules, so it is unneeded.

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Proposal No. 7

Bylaw 8, Section 4(c) & 4(c)(ii)

Current

(c) Voting by Ballot—The following procedures are established by Roberts Rules of Order Revised for the voting by ballot as required under bylaw No. 8, section 4, unless such is unanimously waived by the electing body:

(i) All ballots will be distributed by three tellers appointed for that purpose by the presiding officer. The teller first named will be the chief teller.

(ii) As each ballot is returned, the name of the voter will be announced and checked off from the list of eligible voters by the secretary. The list of eligible voters will have been previously certified by the chairman of the Meeting and Credentials.

Proposed

(c) Voting by Ballot—Voting by ballot shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised. All ballots will be distributed only to eligible voters by three tellers appointed for that purpose by the presiding officer.

[Eliminate **(i)** in its entirety.]

[Eliminate **(ii)** in its entirety.]

Rationale

To correct the version of Robert’s Rules. Remove a voting procedure that is cumbersome, and that we do not use.

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Proposal No. 8

Bylaw 7, Section 1, Section 2 & Section 3

Current

Section 1—The admission fee for membership shall be that currently declared by NSSAR Bylaw No. 19, section 1. The fee for each supplemental claim to establish additional ancestral lines of eligibility shall be that currently declared by NSSAR Bylaw No. 19, section 2, plus that fee currently declared by the board. The fee for Memorial Memberships shall be that currently declared by the NSSAR, plus a fee declared by the board.

Section 2—The annual dues for all members shall include the per-capita due to NSSAR, plus that due to this society, plus that due to the chapter. NSSAR dues currently declared are NSSAR Bylaw No. 19. The board shall recommend to membership at the annual meeting the per-capita amount for this society. Each chapter shall determine the per-capita amount due to the chapter and shall collect the total dues from its members.

Section 3—The business year and fiscal year for this society is from January 1 through December of the same year. The per-capita annual dues for those amounts payable to NSSAR and to this society shall be paid by each chapter to the state secretary prior to January 1 of each year. New members approved and registered by NSSAR on or after the date approved and registered by NSSAR do not pay NSSAR dues for the balance of the calendar year per NSSAR Bylaw No. 19 and the dues for this society are similarly waived. A member delinquent in payment of annual dues after December 31 is automatically suspended and shall be dropped from membership.

Proposed

Section 1—The admission fee for membership shall be that currently declared by NSSAR Bylaw No. 19, section 1. The fee for each supplemental claim to establish additional ancestral lines of eligibility shall be that currently declared by NSSAR Bylaw No. 21, plus that fee currently declared by the board. The fee for Memorial Memberships shall be that currently declared by the NSSAR, plus a fee declared by the board.

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Section 2—The annual dues for all members shall include the per-capita due to NSSAR, plus that due to this society, plus that due to the chapter. NSSAR dues currently declared are NSSAR Bylaw No. 21. The board shall recommend to membership at the annual meeting the per-capita amount for this society. Each chapter shall determine the per-capita amount due to the chapter and shall collect the total dues from its members.

Section 3—The business year and fiscal year for this society is from January 1 through December 31 of the same year. The per-capita annual dues for those amounts payable to NSSAR and to this society shall be paid by each chapter to the state secretary by January 5 of each year. A member is delinquent in payment of annual dues after December 15th and shall automatically be suspended and shall be dropped from membership after December 31. Each chapter shall prepare an annual reconciliation report and submit to the society secretary on or before January 5th of the following year. New members approved and registered by NSSAR on or after the date approved and registered by NSSAR do not pay NSSAR dues for the balance of the calendar year per NSSAR Bylaw No. 21 and the dues for this society are similarly waived.

Rationale

The society requires payment of dues prior to January 1 of the following year. The membership has until December 31 to pay dues before being dropped. The timing of collecting dues, making out the reconciliation report to go to the state, and having a check sent is impractical and cannot be met by any chapter. NSSAR Bylaw 19 has been changed to Bylaw 21.

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Proposal No. 9

Bylaw 7, Section 9

Current

Section 9—An emeritus member is defined as a member of the CASSAR who has paid dues to the CASSAR for fifty years. Upon reaching emeritus member status, the member shall be exempt from paying all additional CASSAR dues.

Proposed

Section 9—An emeritus member is defined as a member of the CASSAR who has paid dues to the CASSAR for fifty years (does not have to be continuous). Upon reaching emeritus member status, the member shall be exempt from paying all additional CASSAR and chapter dues.

Rationale

Clarify the state definition of emeritus member and ensure no dues are paid by the emeritus member.