

## **BYLAW PROPOSALS (Referendum 12-10-19)**

Chapter 11 shall be amended (by adding **1.11.4.** and reordering the entire Chapter), to read as follows:

### **CHAPTER 11**

#### **1.11. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

##### **1.11.1. ELIGIBILITY**

##### **1.11.2. OFFICERS**

##### **1.11.3. DIRECTORS**

##### **1.11.4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Nominating committees have been established and are required to be used at all levels of Sons of Norway. The nominating committees shall identify, review, and recommend eligible candidates for the election of all officers and directors throughout the organization. Other requirements and procedures for nominating committees are found in sections **2.11.4.**, **3.11.4.**, and **4.11.4.** of the Charter and Constitutions.

##### **1.11.5. ELECTIONS**

##### **1.11.6. TERM OF OFFICE**

##### **1.11.7. VACANCIES**

##### **1.11.8. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

##### **1.11.9. OFFICER & DIRECTOR INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY PROTECTION**

##### **1.11.10. OFFICER AND DIRECTOR REMUNERATION**

##### **1.11.11. TRAVELING EXPENSES**

##### **1.11.12. RETIRING OFFICERS SURRENDER PROPERTY**

##### ~~**1.11.8.**~~

##### **1.11.13. INELIGIBILITY TO HOLD OFFICE**

Any individual convicted of a crime related to the performance of his or her Sons of Norway duties shall be ineligible to hold office as an officer or director at any level in Sons of Norway.

Section **2.11.4.** shall be amended to read as follows:

#### **2.11.4. ~~NOMINATIONS~~ NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**2.11.4.1. Nominating Committee.** The International Nominating Committee, as established by the International Board of Directors, shall identify, review, and submit eligible candidates for the election of the international officers and directors. No member of the nominating

committee shall be a candidate for election as international officer or director. Members may submit candidates to the nominating committee as determined by the International Lodge. Candidates for nomination to the International Board shall be benefit members and must meet all eligibility criteria as set forth by the International Lodge.

- ~~2.11.4.1.~~ 2.11.4.2. **Officers, Director and Alternate Director** .....
- ~~2.11.4.2.~~ 2.11.4.3. **Vacancies.** In the event of a vacancy .....
- ~~2.11.4.3.~~ 2.11.4.4. **Nomination Time Limits and Procedures.** ~~Only one nomination speech may be made to nominate any person for a given office and that shall not exceed two minutes.~~ No one will be permitted to make a seconding speech in support, or affirming the qualification, of a nominated candidate for such office. After the nomination has been made each nominated candidate for that office shall make an acceptance speech not to exceed two (2) minutes.

Section 4.11.4 shall be amended to read as follows:

**4.11.4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

At a regular meeting, not later than September of each year, a Nominating Committee of three (3) or five (5) members shall be elected by the Local Lodge. The Local Lodge Nominating Committee shall identify, review, and submit eligible candidates for the election of the Local Lodge officers and directors. Members may submit candidates to the nominating committee as determined by the Local Lodge. Candidates for nomination to the Local Lodge Board must be current lodge members and meet all eligibility criteria as set forth by the Local Lodge.

At the first regular meeting in October, the committee shall present to the lodge its slate of candidates recommended for office. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the time of election. (9/80)