

Please note that crossed out words are to be removed and underlined words are to be added. All other wording is exactly as it appears in the current (2018-2020) Constitutions.

Chapter 11 of Section 1 – General Provisions of the Constitution shall be amended (by adding 1.11.4. and reordering the entire Chapter), to read as follows:

“CHAPTER 11

1.11. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

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. All nominations for the international president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, director and the alternate to that director shall be submitted to the International Nominating Committee no later than two weeks after the last district convention and lodge meeting. Nominations shall cease at that time. (8/18)

~~2.11.4.2.~~

2.11.4.3. Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy in the position of alternate to the international director the district delegation shall caucus at the earliest possible moment after the International Lodge Meeting elections and choose an alternate nominee from among their delegation. (The nominee must be a benefit member and a delegate.) The nominee shall be immediately reported to the International Nominating Committee, which shall have 30 days from receipt of such name to secure a candidate leadership application (CLA) and conduct the required vetting. Should the nominee be rejected by the International Nominating Committee, it shall be the district’s responsibility to secure a subsequent nominee through the district delegate referendum (see Section 3 – District Lodge, Chapter 10, paragraph 3.10.4.), and then provide the nominee’s name to the International Nominating Committee. The committee shall have 30 days to confirm the nominee by obtaining the CLA and performing the required vetting. (8/18)

~~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. (8/12)

Section 4.11.4 shall be amended shall be amended to read as follows:

“4.11.4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At a regular meeting, not later than September of each year that precedes an election, 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)”