

April 22, 2022

TO: Governing Board Members

The Governing Board will be voting on two proposed National Bylaws amendments during the August 24, 2022, Governing Board meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska. The amendments are enclosed for your review.

In accordance with National Bylaws Article XXI, "Governing Board members shall receive proposed Bylaws amendments no less than 120 days prior to the Governing Board meeting."

Respectfully submitted,



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National Secretary



Rett Porter  
National President

cc: Chapter Presidents  
Alternate National Directors



2022 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT

**PROPOSAL #1**

**The Constitution and Bylaws Committee moves to change the title of the national “Area Vice President” to “Area President.”**

**PROPOSER’S RATIONALE:**

This is to simplify the title of the National Officer with a more explicit title of their elected position. Each serves as a member of the FMCA Executive Board and the FMC Board of Directors, and as the President of his/her area association.

**Article XVI – Area Association, Paragraph (4)**

Amend this article to read:

(4) The Area **Vice** President, ~~who also serves as the area association president~~, shall preside at area association meetings and/or conduct issue forums at FMCA conventions, and serves on FMCA’s Executive Board.

**COMMITTEE RATIONALE:**

With the change of the title, the deleted words are no longer necessary.

*The Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends adoption of this amendment.*

*The Executive Board voted 6 in favor and 6 against. Rett Porter voted yes to break the tie; therefore, the Executive Board agrees with the committee recommendation.*

**Pro rationale from the Board:**

Members are confused with the same person holding two titles.

The term Area Vice President was in the Bylaws prior to the Area Associations forming.

**Con rationale from the Board:**

Not all members are confused with the governance structure.

Don’t change it for the sake of changing it; this is an education issue.

Area Vice Presidents have responsibilities at the National level, and the Area level.

The National Bylaws already lists them as national officers.

National Directors elect the Area Vice Presidents, who are also association officers.

The change would indicate there are 11 presidents at a meeting table with one national president.

## **PROVISOS:**

Approval of this proposed Bylaws Amendment will cause changes in the following P&Ps:

P&P #1021, Member Emeritus

P&P #2001, Area Communications

P&P #2004, Executive Board Meetings

P&P #2005, Executive Board, Nominations and Elections

P&P #2015, Governing Board Voting Procedures

P&P #2017, Legal Action Fund

P&P #2023, Area Vice President's Responsibilities

P&P #2025, Senior Vice President's Responsibilities

P&P #2029, Guide to the Writing and Presentation of the Candidate for an Elected Office

P&P #2031, Reimbursement of Travel Costs for Individuals Traveling on Official Business

P&P #2031/A, National Vice Presidents' Allocation of Expenses for Travel

P&P#3000, Area Associations – Creation and Operation

P&P #3001, Area Rallies

P&P #3003, Setting Area Rally Dates

P&P #3004, Area Rally Programs

P&P #3005, Area Rally Registration

P&P #3006, Area Bylaws Format

P&P #3007, Solicitation of Area and Chapter Rally Sponsorships

P&P #3012, Chapter Anniversary Presentations

P&P #3015, Chapter Membership Promotion

P&P #2025, Non-Chapter Member Mailing

P&P #3026, New Chapter Presentation

P&P #3027, Media Liability Insurance Coverage

P&P #4004, Convention Committee Responsibilities

P&P #4008, Nominating Committee Election and Responsibilities

P&P #4012, Wage Review Board

**2022 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT**  
**PROPOSAL #2**

**Article XVII - Chapters (5)**

Amend this Article to read:

A chapter ~~shall~~will elect a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, a national director, and an alternate national director for a one- or two-year term. An associate chapter shall elect a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer for a one- or two-year term. A chapter may elect in their Bylaws to combine the positions of secretary and treasurer into a single position. A chapter has the option of whether to elect an alternate national director. However, a chapter, other than associate, must maintain at least three (3) members holding the officer positions in that chapter. An FMCA member may hold no more than two chapter offices simultaneously. A member may hold an office in two chapters, however he/she may not hold the offices of national director or alternate national director in more than one chapter.

**COMMITTEE RATIONALE:**

Many of our chapters are having difficulty in finding a member willing to serve as the alternate national director. This officer position is a backup to the national director. Chapters can elect or chapter presidents can appoint a temporary delegate to represent them at the Governing Board if their national director is unable to attend. The question being asked is why is there a need to have an alternate national director?

*The Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends adoption of this amendment.*

*The Executive Board disagrees with the committee recommendation.*

They recommend the following replacement first sentence: “A chapter will elect a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and a national director for a one- or two-year term.”

**PROVISO:**

P&P #3022, Chapter National Director’s and Alternate National Director’s Responsibilities