

DRC By Laws

Proposed Amendment

Current Language:

VI. - OFFICERS and AT-LARGE DIRECTORS- Officers of the organization shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. There shall also be ten At- Large Directors. The five Officers and the ten At-Large Directors shall constitute the Board of Directors and shall all be elected to terms of two years.

C. - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS- The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the members and the **Board of Directors**. The Chair shall also annually report, in writing, to the members and shall perform such other duties as are necessarily incident to the office of the Chair. The Vice-Chair shall, in case of death or absence of the Chair or the Chair's inability to act for any reason, perform the duties of the Chair. ...

VII. – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

C. - QUORUM - **Eight members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and no business may be transacted without a quorum.**

Proposed Language:

VI. - OFFICERS and AT-LARGE DIRECTORS- Officers of the organization shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair At- Large, Vice-Chair North, Vice-Chair Central, Vice-Chair Hudson, Vice-Chair West, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. There shall also be ten At- Large Directors. The nine Officers and the ten At-Large Directors shall constitute the Board of Directors and shall all be elected to terms of two years.

A. - ELECTION OF OFFICERS and At-Large Directors - The Officers, except Vice-Chair North, Vice-Chair Central, Vice-Chair Catskill/Hudson and Vice-Chair West, and five of the At-Large Directors shall be elected to two year terms by the membership at the spring conference organizational meeting held in odd numbered years, and five of the At-Large Directors shall be elected to two year terms at the spring conference organizational meeting held in even years, so that one-half of the At-Large Directors will be elected in even years and one-half will be elected in odd years. The Nominating Committee and the Secretary shall oversee the election process, except no one who is a candidate shall participate in overseeing the process with regard to that particular office. The Nominating Committee is responsible for endeavoring to present members with a ballot of candidates that offers the opportunity to elect a Board of Directors which represents the regional geographic diversity of the DRC. The Nominating Committee shall address this responsibility by: recruitment of candidates; by educating the membership to the geographic distribution of the Board; providing the

membership with maps or lists of counties and regions demonstrating representation by incumbents and candidates; and by other means that encourage the election of a broadly representative Board of Directors that includes all DRC regions and as many counties as possible.

B. - Voting for Officers, **except Vice-Chair North, Vice-Chair Central, Vice-Chair Catskill/Hudson and Vice-Chair West**, and At-Large Directors shall be by written secret ballot, except in the cases where the positions being elected are equal to or more than the number of candidates that have declared or have been nominated from the floor, in which case the Nominating Committee chair may entertain a motion to elect the candidates by acclamation.

1. Vice-Chair North, Vice-Chair Central, Vice-Chair Catskill/Hudson and Vice-Chair West will be elected by caucus of qualified voters from the constituent counties for each vice-chair position during the DRC, prior to balloted election of the Board of Directors. These positions will be elected through caucus in even numbered years.

C. - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS- The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the members and the **Board of Directors**. The Chair shall also annually report, in writing, to the members and shall perform such other duties as are necessarily incident to the office of the Chair. The Vice-Chair At Large shall, in case of death or absence of the Chair or the Chair's inability to act for any reason, perform the duties of the Chair. Vice-Chair North will be a resident of and represent members from Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren or Washington counties. Vice-Chair Central will be a resident of and represent members from Broome, Cayuga, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Madison, Oneida, Oswego, Schuyler, Seneca, Tioga or Tompkins counties. Vice-Chair Catskill/Hudson will be a resident of and represent members from Columbia, Delaware, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Otsego, Putnam, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Schoharie, Sullivan or Ulster counties. Vice-Chair West will be a resident of and represent members from Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Genesee, Livingston, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming or Yates counties. ...

VII. – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

C. - QUORUM - Ten members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and no business may be transacted without a quorum.

Rationale:

This proposed amendment will increase the capacity of the organization to advocate the needs of members by defining a regional leader who can liaison with counties.

Consistent with the By Laws, this proposed amendment may be adopted by a majority vote of the voting members present (in person or by proxy) at any duly called meeting where the notice of the meeting has included the proposed amendment, or by a two-thirds vote from the body without prior notice.

Respectfully Submitted on July 13, 2019

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Introduced July 13 in a meeting of the DRC, Watertown, NY