

The following are bylaw amendment submissions that will be voted on at the Membership Meeting on September 13th, 2020. The current bylaw is listed and then the proposed bylaw with the changed information being in red.

First Proposed Change

ARTICLE V-BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2. Voting Procedure.

Present Text

Nomination shall be made by written petition of the members. All candidates nomination petitions shall be in writing, signed and having the valid membership number of not fewer than twenty-five (25) members whose membership shall not have expired on or before October 1 of the year proceeding the election.

Proposed Change

Nomination shall be made by written petition of the members. All candidates nomination petitions shall be in writing, signed and having the valid membership number of not fewer than twenty-five (25) members whose membership shall not have expired on or before October 1 of the year proceeding the election. **Candidates shall have been members, in good standing, for 24 months prior to the regular annual meeting.**

Section 3 Regular Annual Board Meetings.

Present Text

At the place of holding the annual meeting of members, the Board of Directors, as constituted upon completion of the annual election of Directors, shall convene for its regular annual meeting. At this time the Board shall elect the officers of the corporation and transact any other business properly brought before it; provided that the regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors in any year may be held at a different time and/or place than that herein provided, by consent of a majority of the Directors of such new Board.

Proposed Change

At the place of holding the annual meeting of members, the Board of Directors, as constituted upon completion of the annual election of Directors, shall convene for its regular annual meeting. At this time the Board shall elect the officers of the corporation. **Directors nominated as officers, elected or appointed, shall have served as a Director for a minimum of 18 months. If a sufficient number of qualified Directors are not available the officers will be elected from the seated board.** The Board will transact any other business properly brought before it; provided that the regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors in any year may be held at a different time and/or place than that herein provided, by consent of a majority of the Directors of such new Board.

Purpose of the Proposed Change

Vetting of Directors and Officers

The NMLRA is a successful organization. The continued success of the NMLRA is dependent upon the decisions and directions of the Board of Directors. They are responsible for the operation and management of the NMLRA assets, real estate, and employees. The decisions they make are based on their personal experience and knowledge of the NMLRA.

The point of these proposed changes are to guarantee that the directors, selected by the membership, have been members long enough to understand the NMLRA, its precepts, and operation. Similarly, the changes concerning the selection of officers will allow the Board to select members who are experienced and understand the inner workings of the Board and the Association. The amendment also provides the Board an option, if a qualified Board member cannot be found to serve, to elect a member who did not qualify.

The amendment changes will also help to eliminate the possibility of an outside organization taking over or controlling the NMLRA by proxy. The cost to buy a large number of memberships is for some organizations a minor cost. If they should gain control of the NMLRA via stacking the Board of Directors, the association could be used for other purposes, closed and/or sold off, in short be lost forever.

Second Proposed Change

ARTICLE VII-AMENDMENTS

Present Text

These by-laws may be amended at any annual or special meeting of the members by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting, provided the said amendment is presented in the official Association publication to the members 60 days in advance of the meeting at which it is to be considered. Any proposed amendment to the by-laws must be delivered in writing to the Secretary of the corporation 120 days prior to said meeting.

Proposed Change

These by-laws may be amended at any annual or special meeting of the members by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting, provided the said amendment is presented in the official Association publication to the members 60 days in advance of the meeting at which it is to be considered. Any proposed amendment to the by-laws must be delivered in writing to the Secretary of the corporation 150 days prior to said meeting. The proposed amendment(s) will be presented to the Secretary as a packet which will include, the affected sections and the proposed changes. The packet shall also include an explanation, 300 words or less, of the merits and need for the proposed changes. The secretary shall immediately forward any proposed amendment(s) to the By-law Committee, a permanent standing committee.

Purpose of the Proposed Change

Formation of the By Law Committee

The proposed change establishes a permanent By-Law committee. A By-Law committee was used in the past to create and modify our original By-Laws. The By-Law committee will review and provide the advantages and disadvantages of proposed By-Law change(s) to the Board of Directors. The Board will have the opportunity to pass the information and its' opinion onto the general membership before the membership votes on the change(s). The members will have the advantage of understanding the impact of a change(s) prior to voting during the general membership meeting. The proposed By Law committee will be a permanent committee which becomes active only when a By Law change is proposed, but is not extinguished due to inactivity.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Cindric.

Third Proposed Change

I propose that we change the NMLRA PLATFORM to conform to all of our other printed material by eliminating the words "firearm, firearms and arms" in six(6) places and replacing them with the appropriate wording of "muzzle loading guns, guns or gun".

I further propose that we replace the word "firearms" in the first sentence of ARTICLE II - OBJECT to the word "guns".

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Murphy