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To: Marine Corps League National COO Bob Borka
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From: Dennis Mathias, MCL Member, Life#: 39636

Subj: Proposed National Bylaws Amendment – ARTICLE VI

In accordance with the Bylaws Article XI, Sections 1100 and 1105, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2019 National Convention.

CURRENT:

SECTION 630 – National Board of Trustees Meetings

c. Recording of Minutes. All National Board of Trustees meetings must be properly recorded.

- (1) The minutes at a minimum shall include but not limited to:
 - (a) Date, Time, & Location of the meeting.
 - (b) Purpose of the meeting.
 - (c) Members attending.
 - (d) Issues discussed
 - (e) Action(s) taken.
- (2) The minutes of all regularly scheduled and special meetings will be sent to the National Chief Operating Officer for the filing of “official documents.”
- (3) The minutes of the meetings will be sent to each National Division Vice Commandants for distribution to all Departments and Detachments. The Detachments shall ensure that these minutes are available to each member. The exceptions to these minutes are matters that the Board of Trustees deemed unfinished and/or those matters that were discussed in “executive session.”

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Revise (2) to read:

Minutes will be taken for all regularly scheduled and special meetings of the Board of Trustees. After the minutes are approved by the Commandant or the presiding officer at the meeting, the Commandant will send the minutes to the National Chief Operating Officer within two (2) weeks after the meeting for the filing of “official documents.”

Change (3) to read; changes in BOLD:

The minutes of the meetings **upon receipt** will be sent **by the National Chief Operating Officer** to each National Division Vice Commandants for distribution to all Departments and Detachments. The Detachments shall ensure that these minutes are available to each member. The exceptions to these minutes are matters that the Board of Trustees deemed unfinished and/or those matters that were discussed in “executive session.”

CHANGE RATIONALE:

1. Section 630 c was added to the National Bylaws and approved at the 2018 National Convention.
2. Since approval a minimum of two (2) face-to-face meetings and eight (8) monthly telephone conference call meetings have taken place.
3. As of the date of this proposed amendment, no minutes have been distributed to the members.
4. No identified responsibilities and deadlines were included when approved in 2018 and, subsequently, no minutes have been distributed to the members.
5. As the Marine Corps League has received a Platinum award by Guide Star for transparency to everyone outside the League, it is only reasonable that the Board of Trustees demonstrate transparency to the members of The League.
6. Without these changes and as demonstrated, no minutes can ever be expected to be distributed to the members.

Respectfully Submitted,

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