



National Conventions And Conferences Committee

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To: Robert Borka, Chief Operating Officer

From: Gregory Hunt, Director

Subj: Proposed Bylaw Change

In accordance with National Bylaws Article XI, National Bylaws Amendments, Chapter Two, National Conventions of the 2018 National Administrative Procedures, Section 2065, Bids for National Convention is hereby proposed amended. The proposed Administrative Procedure Amendment is submitted for consideration by the Registered Delegates voting at the 2019 National Convention.

National Bylaws, Administrative Procedures, Chapter Two – National Convention, Section 2065 – Bids for National Convention

Current – Any Detachment may make a formal written bid for a National Convention provided that such bid, in complete detailed form as outlined hereinafter, is in the hands of the National Director of Convention Committee a maximum of three (3) years and a minimum of two (2) years prior to the National Convention Committee meeting at which consideration is desired. All bids must be received no later and 30 May, two (2) years prior to the requested year to host a National Convention. All formal written bids must include the following minimum requirements:

Proposed Change: - Add the wording, “and/or the National Conventions and Conferences Committee”.

Change to Read: **Section 2065 – Bids for National Convention.** Any Detachment **and/or the National Conventions and Conferences Committee** may make a formal written bid for a National Convention provided that such bid, in complete detailed form as outlined hereinafter, is in the hands of the National Director of Convention Committee a maximum of three (3) years and a minimum of two (2) years prior to the National Convention Committee meeting at which consideration is desired. All bids must be received no later and 30 May, two (2) years prior to the requested year to host a National Convention. All formal written bids must include the following minimum requirements:

Rationale: - Each year it's becoming a struggle to get Detachments and/or Departments to submit bids for hosting the National Convention in their Division. Several reminders are sent out following the initial invitation in November. For the past three (3) years, we've received one (1) bid and two (2) of those were rejected, calling for a rebid process and losing time in the preparation for the bidding year. By allowing the National Convention and Conferences Committee to submit bids, will ensure we have four (4) to five (5) bids to consider each year. Thus giving the membership more choices and options of where to attend National Conventions. The National Convention and Conferences Committee has cities and hotels across the nation begging to host the Convention, but can't because the local Detachments and Departments refuse to host it. Nothing will change on the surface of the National Convention that would be visible or disruptive to the attendee's, the only change would be the National Convention and Conferences Committee would be the host instead of a Detachment or Department. However, if a Detachment and/or Department wanted to assist the National Convention and Conferences Committee, it would be welcomed and allowed.

Respectfully submitted,