

To: National Executive Director/COO Bob Borka

From: Marine Jeffrey D. Jones

Subj: Amending Section 2040 of Administrative Procedures

Existing:

Section 2040. Nominations

- a. Each nomination for an elective National office shall be made from the floor no later than the day preceding the day on which the elections are to be held. Each nominee shall be a regular member in good standing in the Marine Corps League at the time of his nomination. Each nominee, when called upon, shall rise, if not restricted by a physical impairment, and state to the Chair that if elected, he will accept the office and serve loyally, faithfully, and to the best of his ability during the term to which elected.

Proposed:

Section 2040. Nominations

- a. Each Candidate for an Elected National office (National Commandant, National Senior Vice Commandant, National Junior Vice Commandant, National Judge Advocate) shall make an announcement in writing, stating that they will accept Nominations through the National Headquarters via the Executive Director/COO (who will disseminate to the BOT's and Department Commandants) at least 90 days prior to the opening of the National Convention which the Election is to take place. Stating they would accept a nomination from the floor no later than the day preceding the day on which the elections are to be held. Each nominee shall be a regular member in good standing in the Marine Corps League at the time of his/her nomination. Each nominee, when called upon, shall rise, if not restricted by a physical impairment, and state to the Chair that if elected, he/she will accept the office and serve loyally, faithfully, and to the best of his/her ability during the term to which elected. If there are no declared candidates present on the convention floor during nominations, then any other regular member in good standing can be nominated from the floor and will be accepted.

Rational:

The officers of the Marine Corps League, a Congressionally chartered veterans' organization, are elected by a majority vote of the qualified delegates present. Without prior, educated knowledge of the candidate's qualifications or experience it is impossible for Detachment's voting members to have valid means of instructing their voting delegates as to the wishes of the Detachment. Thus, making the election process a popularity contest of the members present.

Respectfully Submitted,

Semper Fi,

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