

To: National Executive Director/COO Bob Borka

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Subj: Amending Section 2040 of Administrative Procedures

Current Language:

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 Language:

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 (Letter of Intent- LOI) stating that they will accept Nominations to their respective offices through the National Headquarters.
- b. This process may begin as early as the MidWinter Conference. The NED/COO will ensure that LOIs are posted on the National website for accessibility for the membership.
- c. The LOIs may be submitted up until 60 days prior to the start of the National Convention with the following exceptions or extenuating circumstances:
 1. The candidate is no longer in good standing, is ineligible or is pending Chapter 9 actions.
 2. The candidate is deceased or has become incapacitated
 3. The candidate, for physical, health or personal reasons, has withdrawn his/her LOI.
- d. In such circumstances as noted in subparagraphs c. 1-3 above, an alternate candidate may nominated from the floor by a registered delegate.
- e. Each nominee shall be a regular member in good standing in the Marine Corps League at the time of his/her nomination.
- f. 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.
- g. Alternate candidates will state they would accept a nomination from the floor no later than the day preceding the day on which the elections are to be held. 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 may be accepted.

Rationale: 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. Establishing a timeline for submission of ROIs reduces the likelihood of

making the election process a popularity contest of the members present. This will ensure that without those identified extenuating circumstances, nominees will have the greatest opportunity for participating in a fully informed election for all eligible delegates.

Respectfully Submitted,

Semper Fi,

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