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To: Bob Borka, National Executive Director/COO  
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 Subj: PROPOSED AMMENDMENT TO NATIONAL BYLAWS, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 415 AND NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2045

In accordance with the National Bylaws (NBL) Article XI, Sections 1100 and 1120, and National Administrative Procedures (NAP) Section 10020 the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2026 National Convention.

## I. National Bylaws

### **CURRENT: Section 415. Elections**

a. The election of National Officers shall be the last order of business of the National Convention. The election of the National Commandant, the National Senior Vice Commandant, the National Junior Vice Commandant, and the National Judge Advocate shall be conducted in this order by a *roll call vote*. (emphasis added). Following this procedure, the election of Division Vice Commandants and Assistant Division Vice Commandants shall be conducted by acclamation. The installation of officers shall be at the call of the current National Commandant.

### **PROPOSED: (Change in RED) Section 415. Elections**

a. The election of National Officers shall be the last order of business of the National Convention. The election of the National Commandant, the National Senior Vice Commandant, the National Junior Vice Commandant, and the National Judge Advocate shall be conducted in this order by a roll call vote **unless there is only one nominee for a national office, in which case, the election of that national officer may be declared by acclamation**. Following this procedure, the election of Division Vice Commandants and Assistant Division Vice Commandants shall be conducted by acclamation. The installation of officers shall be at the call of the current National Commandant.

**RATIONALE:** The NBLs currently require a role call vote. Past practice has been, contrary to the NBLs, to declare the election in favor of the single nominee for the office. This change will promote efficiency of elections as well as the integrity of the league by expressly permitting elections to be declared by acclamation when uncontested.

## II. National Administrative Procedures

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**RATIONALE:** NBL, Section 415(a) and NAP, Section 2045(a) are identical with the exception of the last line of NBL, Section 415(a). This is redundant and not necessary because the NBLs have higher precedent that the NAP and therefore must be followed.

Respectfully Submitted,



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