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AMENDMENTS:

### **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIPS**

**Section 3. TYPES:** There shall be two types of membership: Active and Associate.

- A. Active members may vote, hold office, and enter all IFMC events. **A voting member may hold dual state membership in another state concurrently, but not hold an IFMC elected or appointed office or chair in Iowa.**

**Rationale:** We believe it is in the best interest of Iowa to have leadership that is singularly devoted to our state without exception.

### **ARTICLE IV – ELECTED OFFICERS**

**Section 1. PRESIDENT:**

- A. Shall be elected for a term of two (2) years **OR until a successor is elected.** Term of office begins immediately upon election and installation.
- ~~C. Shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and at State Convention.~~ **Redundant-same as F.**

**Section 2. VICE-PRESIDENT:**

- B. Shall be elected for a term of two (2) years **OR until a successor is elected.** Term of office begins immediately upon election and installation.

**Section 3. RECORDING SECRETARY**

- A. Shall be elected for a term of two (2) years **OR until a successor is elected.** Term of office begins immediately upon election and installation.

**Rationale:** The president needs the discretion to appoint officers for their administration upon installation. If the bylaws provide that officers shall hold office for a specified term *or* until their successors are elected/appointed, the election/appointment of their successors may take place at any time and will allow for the president to fill their roster of appointments in a timely manner and chairs can begin work for the new administration immediately.

- F. Shall keep ~~Bylaws~~ **the official updated bylaws on file.**
- G. Shall keep ~~Standing Rules updated.~~ **the official updated Standing Rules on file.**

**Section 4. TREASURER:**

- B. Shall be elected for a term of two (2) years **OR until a successor is elected.** Term of office begins immediately upon installation.
- L. **Shall serve as voting credential chair for convention elections.**
- M. **Shall perform such other duties as are incidental to the office or assigned to the office.**

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**Section 5. National Board Member**

- A. Shall be elected by the Board of Directors for a term of two (2) years **OR until a successor is elected**. Election occurs in the Fall of even-numbered years; the term of office begins at the first meeting following the election of NFMC Board members at the National Convention in odd-numbered years.

**Section 6. Removal and Resignation.** Any officer may be removed without cause by the Board by a majority vote of all Board members then serving. Any officer may resign by giving written notice to the President. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein.

**ARTICLE V – APPOINTED OFFICERS**

*The other particulars of each appointed office not specified in these bylaws shall be listed in the Standing Rules. The President appoints all the appointed officers with the approval of the Board of Directors. The President has the authority to remove an appointed officer subject to approval of the Executive Committee. An appointed officer cannot hold dual state membership in another state concurrently and hold an appointed office or chair in Iowa.*

**Section 1. ADULT/SENIOR DIVISION CHAIR:**

- A. Shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years **OR until a successor is named**. Term of office begins immediately upon appointment.
- C. **Shall respond to inquiries and aid in organization of new adult/senior clubs.**

**Section 2. STUDENT-COLLEGIATE DIVISION CHAIR:**

- A. Shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years **OR until a successor is named**. Term of office begins immediately upon appointment.
- C. **Shall respond to inquiries and aid in organization of new student-collegiate clubs.**

**Section 3. JUNIOR DIVISION CHAIR:**

- A. Shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years. Term of office begins immediately upon appointment **OR until a successor is named**.
- C. **Shall respond to inquiries and aid in organization of new junior clubs.**

**Section 4. STATE FEDERATION CUP CHAIR:**

- A. Shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years **OR until a successor is named**. Term of office begins immediately upon appointment.

**Section 5. STATE FESTIVAL CHAIR:**

- A. Shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years **OR until a successor is named**. Term of office begins immediately upon appointment.

**Section 6. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY/EDITOR:**

- A. Shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years **OR until a successor is named**. Term of office begins immediately upon appointment.

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**Section 7. HISTORIAN:**

- A. Shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years OR until a successor is named.  
Term of office begins immediately upon appointment.

**Section 8. CHAPLAIN:**

- A. Shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years OR until a successor is named.  
Term of office begins immediately upon appointment.

**Section 9. PARLIAMENTARIAN:**

- A. Shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years OR until a successor is named.  
Term of office begins immediately upon appointment.

**ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 3. QUORUM:** Sixteen (16) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors. The quorum shall be defined by a simple majority of those eligible to vote, the number of those eligible to vote being reduced by those serving in more than one position and clubs submitting their proxy relinquishing board representation. The quorum may be met by those members eligible to vote who are present in person or by proxy for quorum purposes. The voting proxy is valid only for those clubs wishing to relinquish their representation on the Board of Directors sent with the call for a specified board meeting and must be submitted in writing to the secretary or President at least one week prior to the called meeting.

Rationale: The number of clubs can fluctuate as clubs dissolve or are added. Furthermore, it is paramount that all clubs be given representation on the BOD. Should a club desire to not exercise its representative vote for a called meeting, a signed written statement to that effect can be submitted to the recording secretary or President. This is not a “once and forever” proxy as clubs may wish to exercise their right to representation with changes of leadership.

**Section 4. DUTIES:**

- C. To approve appointments of officers and vacancies of offices, and chairman of standing committees.

**ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS**

- B. Proposed revisions or amendments to the Bylaws must have been printed and members notified of recommendations by mail/e-mail at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting at which the bylaws will be voted upon by 2/3 majority of those present and voting.

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## **ARTICLE XII – AUTHORITY**

**Section 4.** ~~Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be the parliamentary authority.~~ A Consensus Building Approach (CBA) will be used to aid in all discussions and decision-making votes. Consensus building is an approach to group decision-making that puts a premium on problem-solving. Members agree to support a decision in the best interest of the whole. If an agreement is not unanimous, it will be the decision of the majority with the president holding the final authority.