

Moved: Mr. Norris
Seconded: Mr. Williams

MOVED: Upon review and advice of ARRL's Connecticut Corporate Counsel Day Pitney, and from review and revision of the existing ARRL Articles of Association and Bylaws by the working group of the Executive Committee; therefore, be it known that By Laws 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 are hereby amended as follows:

Elections

18. Each July and August the Secretary shall solicit nominations in *QST*, for the office of Director in those divisions in which the term of the incumbent will expire on the following January 1. The notice shall include the name of the incumbent. Any Full member of such Division may request official nominating petition form between the first solicitation for nominees in *QST* and noon Eastern Time of the second Friday of August of such election year. A valid nomination consists of, an original or a copy of an official Nominating Petition form as provided by the Secretary. The Nominating Petition must: (a) name a Full member of the Division as a candidate for Director; (b) be signed by ten or more Full members of the Division; (c) be accompanied by a statement signed by the candidate attesting to his eligibility, willingness to run, and willingness to fulfill the duties of the office if elected; and (d) be received by the Secretary no later than noon Eastern Time on the third Friday of August of that year. Upon request of the Secretary, the nominee shall cause the original documents to be received by the Secretary within seven days of the request. The Secretary shall immediately acknowledge the receipt of the nomination to the candidate, and shall forward the nomination to the Ethics and Elections Committee.

19. The Ethics and Elections Committee shall delete the name of any nominee who it finds to be ineligible for election, or who has withdrawn by written communication to the Secretary. If there is only one eligible nominee, the Ethics and Elections Committee shall declare him or her elected without balloting by the membership. If there is more than one eligible nominee, then on or before October 1 of that year the Secretary shall make a paper or electronic ballot available to every person who was a full member of the League in the divisions in which elections are being held on the tenth day of September of that year. The ballot shall list the names of the candidates for director in the division in alphabetical order.

20. Ballots, to be counted, must be received at the address established for their return no later than noon Eastern Time on the third Friday of November of the election year. The Ethics and Elections Committee shall appoint a committee of three tellers including at least one Director and shall arrange to have a certified public accountant present to certify the results of the balloting. No outer envelopes marked as containing ballots shall be opened until the meeting of the committee of tellers held for the purpose of counting the ballots. The committee of tellers shall meet at the headquarters office of the League as soon thereafter as possible and in the presence of each other shall open the envelopes containing ballots and shall count the vote, after first eliminating the ballot of anyone disqualified from voting.

Alternatively, the Ethics and Elections Committee may arrange for the distribution of ballots and tabulation of results by a qualified and disinterested entity provided that the tabulation is observed by a representative of the Committee and the qualified and disinterested entity attests to the accuracy of its tabulations. Upon completion of the ballot count and/or receipt of the attested ballot tabulation, a report of the results of the vote shall be prepared and signed, in the name of the Ethics and Elections Committee, declaring duly elected as Director the candidate in each division receiving the greatest number of votes therein; and all records and ballots shall be turned over to the Secretary for presentation at the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

Any member of the League who shall deliver to the Secretary on or before the first day of October of election year a written petition signed by at least ten full members of a Division, stating their desire that he or she witness the counting by the committee of tellers of the ballots from that Division, shall be permitted to do so.

21. If there be no eligible nominee, the procedure provided for in By-Laws 18, 19 and 20 shall be repeated three months later and if there again be no eligible nominee, the person then holding the office of director shall continue in office (subject to the provisions of Article 7 of the Articles of Association), until the next regular election established by these By-Laws for the Division.

22. Simultaneously with each election for director of any division there shall be held an election for Vice Director of that division. All of the provisions of By-Laws 1, 18, 19 and 20 shall be applicable to the election for Vice Director. Should it appear that any one person is nominated for the office of Director and Vice Director, his nomination shall be deemed for Director only and his nomination for Vice Director shall be void.

23. Elections for Directors shall take place according to the following schedule:

In the year 2015 and every third year thereafter there shall be elections in the Central, Hudson, New England, Northwestern, and Roanoke Divisions

In the year 2016 and every third year thereafter there shall be elections in the Pacific, Rocky Mountain, Southeastern, Southwestern, and West Gulf Divisions.

In the year 2017 and every third year thereafter there shall be elections in the Atlantic, Dakota, Delta, Great Lakes, and Midwest Divisions.

The terms of Directors shall begin at noon on the first day of January of the year after that in which they are elected.

Rationale: This motion corrects grammar, updates and refines language to better reflect the use of current technologies with respect to petition filing and submittals in the ARRL nomination

and election processes. This motion better defines the E & E protocols and procedures on declaring a candidate ineligible. This motion updates the language used in setting the ARRL Board election cycle/schedule with more recent years' dates being utilized.

Costs: Minimal IT time to update website which could be performed during routine maintenance.