

Officer Elections & Nominations—Submitted by Suzan Karayel

EXISTING TEXT:

ARTICLE IV – Officers:

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2. **Election of Officers- Terms of Office:** Officers of the NB will serve for a 2-year period, beginning the day following the NB annual meeting. Staggering the terms of Office, along the same line with the WUSPBA Executive Committees' terms of Office.
3. **Replacing Officers-** The Vice President will automatically assume the Office of President, should the President leave office during the year. If the Vice President is unable or unwilling to assume the Office of President, the remaining NB officers will appoint a President. For the Office of Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, the remaining NB officers shall appoint a replacement.
4. **Reimbursement of Officers-** ...
5. **Removal of Officers-** ...
5. **Branch Elections- Nominations:** the President shall appoint a nominating committee of no less than three (3) members from different NB member bands or solo members to serve as the nominating committee. The nominating committee shall provide information about office duties and NB activities to potential candidates, and provide the names of the candidates to the NB Secretary at least 30 days before the annual meeting. The Secretary shall verify that the candidates are members of the NB bands or solo member in good standing and provide the proposed slate of officers to NB bands/solo members at least 15 days before the NB annual meeting. Nominations shall also be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting.

PROPOSED TEXT:

ARTICLE IV – Officers:

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2. **Election of Officers and Terms of Office.** Officers are elected by the members present at the Northern Branch AGM. Officers of the NB will serve for a 2-year period terms, beginning the day following the NB annual meeting after they are elected. Staggering the terms of Office, along the same line with the WUSPBA Executive Committees' terms of Office. The terms of office will be staggered as follows: President and Treasurer will be

elected at the NB AGM following each even-numbered year; Vice President and Secretary will be elected at the NB AGM following each odd-numbered year.

3. **Eligibility.** Any individual member of the Northern Branch, or registered member of a Northern Branch band, who is at least 18 years of age, is eligible to serve as a Northern Branch officer. Additionally, any custodial parent or legal guardian of a minor child who is ineligible solely because of age is also eligible to serve as a Northern Branch officer.
4. **Replacing Officers.** The Vice President will automatically assume the Office of President, should the President leave office during the year. If the Vice President is unable or unwilling to assume the Office of President, the remaining NB officers will appoint a President. For the Office of Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, the remaining NB officers shall appoint a replacement. **In all cases, a replacement officer shall serve for the remainder of the current term.**
5. **Reimbursement of Officers.** ...
6. **Removal of Officers.** ...
7. ~~**Branch Elections–Nominations:** the President shall appoint a nominating committee of no less than three (3) members from different NB member bands or solo members to serve as the nominating committee. The nominating committee shall provide information about office duties and NB activities to potential candidates, and provide the names of the candidates to the NB Secretary at least 30 days before the annual meeting. The Secretary shall verify that the candidates are members of the NB bands or solo member in good standing and provide the proposed slate of officers to NB bands/solo members at least 15 days before the NB annual meeting. Nominations shall also be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting.~~
Nominations. Nominations for officers shall be accepted from the floor at the Northern Branch AGM. However, no person may be nominated from the floor who is not present at the meeting. The Secretary may also accept nominations in advance of the NB AGM, provided that the Secretary’s contact information and the deadline for submitting advance nominations are stated in the notice of the NB AGM. If nominations are received in advance, the Secretary shall contact the nominated individuals before the elections are held to verify that they are willing to serve.

EXPLANATION/RATIONALE:

Clarify how and when officers are elected and who may serve. Define what year each officer position is to be elected; this should be clear without having to consult the minutes of the previous year’s AGM. Rewrite the nominating procedure to reflect what has been the actual practice for several years. Eliminate the possibility of electing an officer in absentia, without the individual’s knowledge or consent.