



SAR Western District Proposals to Amend the By-Laws

Situation

The current By-Laws of the SAR Western District do not state any residency requirements for the position of Vice-President General of the Western District. In addition, the By-Laws do not include a provision for rotating the position of Vice-President General among the State Societies in the Western District.

Proposal 1

Amend Article VI. Section 2 of the By-Laws to require that “The candidate for nomination as Vice-President General of the Western District shall be a **full-time resident of one of the states in the Western District**, and shall be decided by a vote of the current Vice President General and the most recent Vice Presidents General from the other states **in the Western District**.”

Rationale for Proposal 1

The requirement to be a resident in one of the states in the Western District during the term of service will facilitate the ability of the VPG to visit the State Societies and Chapters in the Western District. This will enable the VPG to understand the needs of the states in the Western District and to communicate more effectively between the State Societies and the National Organization.

In addition, the requirement to be a resident in one of the states in the Western District during the term of service will provide more opportunities for residents of the states in the Western District to be nominated for VPG of the Western District.

Proposal 2

Amend Article VI. Section 2 of the By-Laws to add the requirement that ...**“The Vice Presidents General shall nominate candidates in a rotation of the states in the Western District when qualified candidates are available and willing to serve.”**

Rationale for Proposal 2

Adding the requirement to rotate the position of Vice President General among the states in the Western District is intended to state in the By-Laws what has been the informal practice in the past.

These amendments will not affect the ability of the State Societies to nominate and elect their National Trustees or State Officers.