| Proposal #1: National Standing Rules II. National Convention: Section 2 | | |
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| Current Wording | Proposed Amendment | If Adopted, Will Read |
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| 2. Representation in the National Convention shall | 2. Representation in the National Convention shall | 2. Representation in the National Convention shall |
| be by Departments. Each Department shall be | be by Departments. Each Department shall be | be by Departments. Each Department shall be |
| entitled to five (5) delegates; and one (1) | entitled to five (5) seven (7) delegates; and one | entitled to seven (7) delegates; and one (1) |
| additional delegate for each fifteen hundred | (1) additional delegate for each fifteen hundred | additional delegate for each one thousand two |
| (1,500) members or major fraction thereof, whose | (1,500) one thousand two hundred $(1,200)$ | hundred (1,200) members or major fraction |
| current dues have been received by the National | members or major fraction thereof, whose | thereof, whose current dues have been received |
| Treasurer thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of | current dues have been received by the National | by the National Treasurer thirty (30) days prior to |
| said National Convention, and to one (1) alternate | Treasurer thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of | the meeting of said National Convention, and to |
| for each delegate. The delegates and alternates | said National Convention, and to one (1) alternate | one (1) alternate for each delegate. The delegates |
| shall be selected not less than two (2) weeks | for each delegate. The delegates and alternates | and alternates shall be selected not less than two |
| before the National Convention at Department | shall be selected not less than two (2) weeks | (2) weeks before the National Convention at |
| Conventions or in any manner specified by any | before the National Convention at Department | Department Conventions or in any manner |
| Department Constitution; provided that the | Conventions or in any manner specified by any | specified by any Department Constitution; |
| Department hosting the National Convention shall | Department Constitution; provided that the | provided that the Department hosting the National |
| be privileged to hold its Department Convention | Department hosting the National Convention shall | Convention shall be privileged to hold its |
| and select its delegates at the time and place | be privileged to hold its Department Convention | Department Convention and select its delegates at |
| designated by its Department of The American | and select its delegates at the time and place | the time and place designated by its Department |
| Legion. In addition to the above, the National | designated by its Department of The American | of The American Legion. In addition to the above, |
| President, National Vice President, National | Legion. In addition to the above, the National | the National President, National Vice President, |
| Division Vice Presidents, National Chaplain, | President, National Vice President, National | National Division Vice Presidents, National |
| National Historian, members of the National | Division Vice Presidents, National Chaplain, | Chaplain, National Historian, members of the |
| Executive Committee, and Past National Presidents | National Historian, members of the National | National Executive Committee, and Past National |
| in good standing with their respective Units shall | Executive Committee, and Past National | Presidents in good standing with their respective |
| be delegates-at-large with vote to be exercised | Presidents in good standing with their respective | Units shall be delegates-at-large with vote to be |
| with their respective Departments, except for the | Units shall be delegates-at-large with vote to be | exercised with their respective Departments, |
| National President who shall vote as Chairman of | exercised with their respective Departments, | except for the National President who shall vote as |
| the National Convention. | except for the National President who shall vote | Chairman of the National Convention. |
| | as Chairman of the National Convention. | |

Proposed by: Department of Minnesota, Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Rationale: See next page

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Rationale: To encourage more members, especially our younger members, to attend the National Convention as a representative of our Department. This would increase Minnesota by 6 delegates based on membership 20 days prior to the National Convention or 8.1.2022 at 26,987. Two by increasing the department delegates and four by membership allocation. Our membership is dropping and interest in our organization has also fallen. This would allow more members to attend our most important and informative event every year. (5 per department to 7 & 26,987/1,500 = 17.99 or 18. 26,987/1,200 = 22.489 or 22. Minnesota also had two delegates at large - NEC and National Northwestern Division Vice President. An increase from 25 to 31 delegates.)

Total National Delegates at the 2022 National Convention was 713 - with the new method, this would change to 900 delegates or an increase of 187 delegates.

Immediately following the Convention held by the Department of Minnesota in July 2023, the proposal, if passed, will be forwarded to the National Organization for vote at the National Convention held in Charlotte, North Carolina in August 2023.

Proposal, if passed at the National Convention, to be effective at the close of the 2023 National Convention.