

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT #1

Combining the Nomination Committee and the Elections Committee

The Board of Trustees recommends that the Nomination and Election Committees be combined effective July 1, 2022, to allow for better continuity of the nomination and election process. The new name shall be the Nominations and Election Committee as demonstrated in the proposed amendment below.

RATIONALE FOR THIS PROPOSED CHANGE

The purpose for this change is to streamline efficiencies among the two committees to better support NAHU's nomination and election purpose and align with the strategic direction of NAHU.

Article X, Nominations and Elections currently reads as follows:

Section 1. Nominations

A. The Nominations Committee shall consist of the Chairperson and two (2) additional members. The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee shall be the Immediate Past President or the appointee of the President fulfilling the duties of that office for its unexpired term. The Vice-Chairperson shall be the President-Elect or the appointee of the President fulfilling the duties of that office for its unexpired term. The third member shall be a past NAHU President, who is appointed by the Nominations Committee Chairperson.

B. The role and responsibility of the Nominations Committee shall be to compile a list of candidates for the various offices to be filled at the Association's annual meeting. As a part of its responsibilities, the committee shall mail its report to the Secretary not less than ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting of the association. Not less than seventy-five (75) days prior to the annual meeting, the Secretary shall postal mail or electronic mail a copy of the report to the President and Secretary of each state and local association. In addition, the report of the Nominations Committee will be published in the association's magazine prior to the annual meeting.

C. A member's name may be presented to the Nominations Committee or the NAHU Board of Trustees, for consideration as a nominee by any member of the Nomination Committee, or by written notice from any state and local association accompanied by a statement signed by the nominee that he/she is willing and able to serve if nominated and elected. In the event that no members are nominated for a position, the Board of Trustees may nominate a candidate. Nominations may not be made by individual members, except as allowed in Section D below.

D. Additional nominations outside of the Nominations Committee may be made by written notice from the Boards of Directors of at least three (3) state and local associations, addressed to the Secretary of the association, which must be received not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. The Secretary shall publish such additional nominations and mail them to the state and local associations not less than twenty-five (25) days prior to the annual meeting.

E. With the exception of Immediate Past President and President, additional nominations for executive officers or Regional Vice Presidents may be made from the floor of the convention while nominations are open for a particular office. In order to qualify, the nominator must present to the Secretary no less than twenty-four (24) hours before the opening of the floor for nominations a petition containing a

minimum number of different state and local associations as described below, along with a signed statement by the nominee that he or she is willing and able to serve if elected.

- i. For an office which is voted on by all delegates, the minimum number of valid signatures shall be twenty-five (25) percent of the registered delegates in attendance at the annual meeting, and those signatures must be from a minimum of ten (10) different state and/or local member associations from at least five (5) different states must be represented by those signatures.
- ii. For an office which is voted on by delegates from a certain geographic region, the minimum number of valid signatures shall be twenty-five (25) percent of the registered delegates from that region in attendance at the annual meeting representing a minimum of three (3) different state and/or local member associations from at least two (2) different states within that region.

F. The Nominations Committee will determine the number and duration of nominating speeches for all candidates and all offices, with a minimum of two (2) minutes allowed per candidate.

Section 2. Elections

A. The Election Committee shall consist of the chairperson, who shall be the Immediate Past President, and regional members of the committee, who shall be one each from their respective region appointed by the Regional Vice President and approved by the entire Board of Trustees. They shall be members in good standing of NAHU. They shall not be currently running for office. If such should occur, his or her name should be withdrawn and the appropriate Regional Vice President will replace their name with another member in good standing.

B. The responsibilities of the Election Committee shall include:

- i. The adoption of procedures for credentialing delegates to vote for offices;
- ii. Reporting to the House of Delegates on the number of delegates who have been credentialed and the meeting of necessary quorum for the House of Delegates to conduct business; and
- iii. To supervise all ballot votes and tabulating and reporting the results of all votes.

C. The nominees for each office receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. An additional vote shall be taken if no candidate receives the necessary majority for election. The two (2) candidates receiving the most votes (or more in the case of a tie) on the first ballot shall be the only names on the additional ballot or ballots.

If adopted Article IX, Section 2 will read:

Changes that are additional to the current bylaws are indicated in bold and CAPITALS. Any deletions to the current bylaws are indicated in bold and strikethrough. Rational for change is addressed in italics. Section or items that experience no changes are not included in this review.

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