

**BYLAWS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION**

ARTICLE IX — OFFICERS

SECTION 3: ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Currently Reads:

C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of votes cast, in accordance with voting procedures adopted by the NAWIC Board of Directors. When there is only one nominee for each offices, the NAWIC Secretary may be instructed to cast the elective ballot. (09/09)

Proposed to Read:

C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, by ~~a majority~~ the plurality of votes cast, in accordance with voting procedures adopted by the NAWIC Board of Directors. ~~When there is only one nominee for each offices, the NAWIC Secretary may be instructed to cast the elective ballot.~~——

Rational:

Two changes in the above by-law:

1). Change Majority to Plurality

In order to win the majority, the number of votes needs to be more than half or 50%.

Plurality refers to “the excess of votes received by the leading candidate.”

In an election in which there are three or more candidates, over those received by the next candidate.” This means that someone who wins the plurality of votes receives more than any of the other candidates but not necessarily the majority.

To optimize our voting process, reverting to a plurality vote would notably diminish the chances of incurring the costs and time associated with a runoff election. This approach would encourage the participation of multiple candidates running for a position, all while making the process more efficient and all-encompassing, thereby enabling the association to proceed with its operations seamlessly.

2). Strike out the last line for the NAWIC Secretary does not cast the elective ballot-since NAWIC votes on all candidate

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ARTICLE X — REGION DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

Currently Reads:

D. The NAWIC Director shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of votes cast, in accordance with voting procedures adopted by the NAWIC Board of Directors.

(12/17)

Proposed to Read:

D. The NAWIC Director shall be elected by ballot, by a ~~majority~~ plurality of votes cast, in accordance with voting procedures adopted by the NAWIC Board of Directors.

Rational:

Change Majority to Plurality

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ARTICLE X — REGION DIRECTORS

SECTION 3: VACANCY IN POSITION OF DIRECTOR:

Currently Reads:

SECTION 3: VACANCY IN POSITION OF DIRECTOR: A vacancy in the office of Director shall be filled by the Director-Elect, who shall serve as Director for the unexpired term and for the term to which she has been elected. If a vacancy in the office of Director occurs at a time when there is no Director-Elect, said vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the NAWIC Board of Directors, with consideration given to the recommendation of the Region involved.

Proposed to Read:

SECTION 3: VACANCY IN POSITION OF DIRECTOR: A vacancy in the office of Director shall be filled by the Director-Elect, who shall serve as Director for the unexpired term and for the term to which she has been elected. If a vacancy in the office of Director occurs at a time when there is no Director-Elect, said vacancy shall be filled by a ~~majority~~ plurality vote of the NAWIC Board of Directors, with consideration given to the recommendation of the Region involved.

Rational:

Change Majority to Plurality

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**STANDARD BYLAWS FOR AFFILIATED CHAPTERS
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ARTICLE IX — ELECTIONS
SECTION 3

Currently Reads:

SECTION 3: All Officers and Directors shall be elected by ballot no later than the end of June and shall take office October 1 following their election.

Proposed to Read:

SECTION 3: All Officers and Directors shall be elected by ballot, by a plurality of votes cast, in accordance with voting procedures adopted by the NAWIC Board of Directors, no later than the end of June and shall take office October 1 following their election.

Rational:

Change Majority to Plurality-to keep with the change in the voting. This approach would encourage the participation of multiple candidates running for a position, all while making the process more efficient and all-encompassing, thereby enabling the chapter to proceed with its operations seamlessly.

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ARTICLE IX — ELECTIONS
SECTION 4

Currently Reads:

SECTION 4: When a ballot for any office or directorship fails to show a majority, the name of the nominee having the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and balloting continued until a majority is declared.

Proposed to Read:

~~SECTION 4: —When a ballot for any office or directorship fails to show a majority, the name of the nominee having the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and balloting continued until a majority is declared.~~

Eliminate Section 4—if the bylaw is approved to change from a majority to a plurality vote:

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ARTICLE IX — ELECTIONS

SECTION 7-Mail Ballots

Currently Reads:

SECTION 7: All Chapter elections may be conducted by mail ballot by a majority vote.

Proposed to Read:

~~SECTION 7: All Chapter elections may be conducted by mail ballot by a majority vote.~~

Rationale: Remove this Section 7:

This was written during a time when Chapters could not meet in person. That time being passed, this section should be deleted so that Chapters can return to being in compliance with Chapter Standing Rules #1.

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ARTICLE XIII — ELECTION OF NAWIC DIRECTORS
SECTION 2

Currently Reads:

SECTION 2: The NAWIC Directors shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of votes cast, in accordance with voting procedures adopted by the NAWIC Board of Directors.
(12/17)

Proposed to Read:

SECTION 2: The NAWIC Directors shall be elected by ballot, by a ~~majority~~ plurality of votes cast, in accordance with voting procedures adopted by the NAWIC Board of Directors.

Rational:

Change Majority to Plurality

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