

New York State Women, Inc.
Special Members Meeting
October 13, 2012

Started: 3:15pm Ended: 4:10pm

Secretary, Kim Nowakowski, stated attendance was 67. President, Sue Mager, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order.

2012/13 SM-1

Renee Cerullo moved that the agenda of the special meeting be adopted. Colleen Ostiguy seconded. The motion carried.

Rules of the Special meeting were adopted.

2012/13 SM-2

Margherita Clemento, as By-Laws Chair, moved that "The Board of Directors recommends that Article VIII, Regional Organization, be approved as presented.

Pages 1-5 follow:

~~MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION SHALL BE DIVIDED INTO THE SEVERAL REGIONS AS SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE.~~

CURRENTLY READS

~~DISTRICT
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTOR
SECTION 8. LOCAL ORGANIZATION~~

CHANGE TO

~~REGION
REGION DIRECTOR
ASSISTANT REGION DIRECTOR
SECTION 8. LOCAL CHAPTER~~

CURRENTLY READS

~~ARTICLE VIII REGIONAL ORGANIZATION~~

PROPOSED REVISION

~~ARTICLE VII REGIONAL ORGANIZATION~~

~~Section 1. The state shall be divided into regions. The regions shall be the conduit between chapters and the state organization. A representative may shall be elected in the region representing the membership of the region.~~

Section 1. REMAINS THE SAME

~~Section 2. The board of directors shall have the authority to change the location of regions and the boundaries of each region.~~

Section 2. REMAINS THE SAME

~~Section 3. Each district shall elect from its own membership a district director and an assistant district director. They shall serve for a one year term with a maximum of two consecutive terms.~~

Section 3. REMAINS THE SAME JUST CHANGING WORDS: DISTRICT TO REGION, DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO REGION DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO ASSISTANT REGION DIRECTOR.

Section 3. Would now read:

Each region shall elect from its own membership a region director and an assistant region director. They shall serve for a one year term with a maximum of two consecutive terms.

~~Section 4. The district director shall be a member of the board of directors of the state organization and shall assume office at the post-conference board meeting following the district election. The incoming district director shall have the privilege of attending the pre-conference board meeting without a vote.~~

Section 4. The region director shall be a member of the board of directors of the state organization:
a) The region director and assistant region director shall assume office at the close of the annual conference and shall serve until the close of the following annual conference and (or) until their successor assumes office.
b) The incoming region director and assistant region director shall have the privilege of attending the pre-conference board meeting without a vote.

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PROPOSED REVISIONS

ARTICLE VIII REGIONAL ORGANIZATION (CONTINUED)

Section 4.

Section 4. (continued)

c) In the case of vacancy in the office of region director the assistant region director shall succeed to the office of region director. A special region meeting shall then be called to elect an assistant region director. However, should the vacancy occur before the region director's election is finalized at state conference, a special region meeting shall be called to elect a region director;

Section 5. The election of district director and assistant district director as per Section 9 of this article, shall be ratified on the first day of the state conference. The assistant ~~district director shall serve in the same manner as the local chapter president~~ organization and shall have the privilege of attending pre-conference board meeting without a vote. While serving as a district director, it is preferred a member not serve as a local chapter president.

Section 5. MOVE TO MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS CHANGING WORDS DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO REGION DIRECTOR ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO ~~ASSISTANT REGION DIRECTOR~~

~~Section 6. A member eligible for nomination as district director shall have been a member in good standing of a local chapter for at least two years and shall have served as a local chapter president for at least one year.~~

~~Section 6. A member eligible for nomination as assistant region director shall:~~
a) Be a member in good standing of a local chapter for at least two years and shall have served as a local chapter president for at least one year.
b) Officially and publicly support the state legislative and advocacy platforms.

~~Section 7. A member eligible for nomination as assistant district director shall have been a member in good standing of a local chapter for at least two years and shall have served as a local chapter president for at least one year.~~

PLEASE NOTE THAT SECTIONS 6 AND 7 HAVE BEEN COMBINED UNDER RENUMBERED SECTION 5.

~~SECTION 1. DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE~~

~~Section 1. A district nominating committee consisting of one member appointed by each local chapter in the district shall meet and elect its own chair, at the time of the fall district meeting. The chair of the district nominating committee shall send to the president of each local chapter in the district all forms the district nominating committee deems necessary for a district director/assistant district director from a local chapter.~~

~~The forms should name the specific office for which the candidate is endorsed. These forms shall be returned to the chair of the district nominating committee by the president of each local chapter.~~

~~From these forms, the district nominating committee shall prepare a slate of one or more nominees for the offices of district director and assistant district director not be from the same local chapter. The slate together with nominee qualifications shall be sent to each local chapter president in the district at least 30 days prior to the election.~~

~~All candidates presented to the district meeting either by the district nominating committee or from the floor shall have consented to serve.~~

~~Section 2. District director and assistant district director elections shall be by ballot at the annual district meeting prior to the annual conference of the state organization. A plurality of all votes cast shall constitute an election.~~

~~SECTION 2. ELECTION TO MANAGER OF INSTRUCTIONS TRAINING WORKS
DISTRICT TO REGION - DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO REGION DIRECTOR
ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO ASSISTANT REGION DIRECTOR~~

~~REMOVED TO SECTION 6. Region directors and assistant region directors elections shall be by ballot at spring region meeting prior to the annual conference of the state organization. A plurality of all votes cast shall constitute an election.~~

CURRENTLY READS PROPOSED REVISIONS
ARTICLE VIII REGIONAL ORGANIZATION (CONTINUED)

Section 10. The voting body at a district meeting shall be composed of the district director, assistant district director and members in good standing who have registered.

SECTION 10. MOVE TO MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS CHANGING WORDS DISTRICT TO REGION - DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO REGION DIRECTOR - ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO ASSISTANT REGION DIRECTOR.

Section 11. In the case of vacancy in the office of district director, the assistant district director shall succeed to the office of district director. A special district meeting shall then be called to elect an assistant district director. However, should the vacancy occur before the district director's election is ratified at state conference a special district meeting shall be called to elect a district director.

COVERED UNDER SECTION 4. C)

Section 12. A district may elect or the district director may appoint additional officers; but no such additional officer shall assume the office of district director. Where such additional officers are elected, they may be nominated and elected in such manner as the district decide.

SECTION 12. MOVE TO MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS CHANGING WORDS DISTRICT TO REGION - DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO REGION DIRECTOR

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the district director to:

~~RENEWED SECTION 7. It shall be the duty of the region director to~~

- a) Act as liaison officer between the local chapter and the state organization.
- b) Serve as a member of the Directors.

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- b) Serve as a member of the board of directors.

WHEN MOVING TO MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS CHANGE WORDS DISTRICT TO REGION DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO REGION DIRECTOR

- c) Assist the local chapter in the furtherance of state programs.
- d) Work with state and national membership within the district.
- e) Assist the state membership chair in organizing new local chapters in the district.
- f) Maintain a close relationship with local chapter presidents within the district.

- c) MOVE TO MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS
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PROPOSED REVISIONS

ARTICLE VIII REGIONAL ORGANIZATION (CONTINUED)

Section 13 (continued)

- g) Ensure that each local chapter in the district is visited by the district director at least once a year.
- h) Plan district meetings, preside at all district meetings and submit a report of each district meeting to the state president-elect
- i) Provide for the election of the succeeding district director in accordance with procedures outlined in this article.

g) MOVE TO MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS

h) MOVE TO MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS.

i) MOVE TO THE MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS.

Section 14. It shall be the duty of the assistant district director to:

- a) Assist the district director in every way possible.
- b) Serve as the representative of the district director when requested to do so.
- c) Assume the position of district director with voting rights at state board meetings or at state conference when the district director is unable to attend.

RENUMBERED SECTION 8, It shall be the duty of the assistant region director to:

- a) Assume the position of region director with voting rights at the state board of directors meetings and the pre-conference board meetings when the region director is unable to attend.
- b) Assist the region director in every way possible.
- c) Serve as representative of the region director when requested to do so.

Section 9. If the region director or assistant region director are unable to attend state board meetings or the pre-conference board meeting, then the region director shall appoint a representative to assume the position of region director with voting rights. The region director will notify the state president the name of the person representing region prior to the start of the board meeting. The state president shall approve the appointment at the roll call of the state meeting.

Section 15. Each district shall hold two (2) meetings per year, one in the spring and one in the fall, the time and place to be determined by the district and notification given to the state president-elect.

SECTION 15. MOVE TO MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS CHANGING WORD DISTRICT TO REGION

The motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned by President Mager.

Submitted by Kim Nowakowski, Secretary

Approved 4/5/2013

President, Sue Mager

Parliamentarian, Susan M. Fayle