

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS & STANDING RULES

Please Note:

Amendments are listed in the order the referenced sections appear in the NER Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Amendment #7 re a new Standing Rule #6 will be considered before Amendment #1.
If Amendment #7 is defeated, Amendment #1 will not be considered.

Amendment #3 re Term of Office will be considered before Amendment #2.
If Amendment #3 is defeated, Amendment #2 will not be considered.

<p style="text-align: center;">ORDER OF CONSIDERATION 3,2, 7,1, 4,5,6, NOTICE OF MOTION</p>

EDITORIAL CHANGES

Changes made for consistency as noted.

Amendment # 1 - ELECTED OFFICERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Secretary to keep roster in accordance with new Standing Rule #6.

Amendment # 2 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Removal of rule that Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who serve one-year terms, be elected by mail vote in the non-conference year.

Amendment # 3 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All officers to serve a 2-year term.

Amendment # 4 – CONFERENCE

To allow conference information to be e-mailed rather than snail-mailed.

Amendment # 5 – CONFERENCE FEES

To eliminate the club payment of a Region Conference fee if no conference is held that term.

Amendment # 6 – LEADERSHIP DAY

To specify requirements for a Leadership Day on the non-conference year.

Amendment # 7 – NORTHEAST REGION ROSTER

To specify deadlines for clubs to submit roster information to the Region Secretary.

NOTICE OF MOTION

To restructure the Region Board.

EDITORIAL CHANGES

The following editorial changes have been done automatically by the Bylaws Chair.

- The following Bylaws and Standing Rules were amended by inserting “or biennial” after “annual” to bring them into accordance with Bylaw 9.1:
 - 6.2 The president shall:
 - 6.2.1.b. arrange and preside at the annual *or biennial* conference and board meetings.
 - 6.2.1.g. arrange for an annual *or biennial* management training for councils and clubs/chapters.
 - 14.1. These bylaws may be amended at any annual *or biennial* Conference by a two-thirds (2/3) vote or by a mail vote with two-thirds (2/3) of all member clubs/chapters in good standing voting in favor of the amendment. All amendments shall be presented in writing to the member clubs/chapters at least thirty (30) days prior to the voting. All amendments adopted at the conference shall become effective August 1 following conference, unless otherwise specified.

Standing Rule 2.1:

An annual *or biennial* region conference shall be held the first weekend in June unless otherwise directed by the region board.

Standing Rule 8.4: CONFERENCE TRAVEL EXPENSE.

Officers' travel to and expenses in connection with the pre-and-post-conference board meetings shall be included in the Northeast Region budget and shall not be included in calculating the cost of the annual *or biennial* conference. Travel and meeting expenses of officers elected at the conference shall not be reimbursed for the post-conference board meeting.

- **Bylaw 7.4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

Sections 7.5 and 7.6 were renumbered to 7.4.6 and 7.4.7 for consistency.

Section 7.4.6 was amended by deleting “Vice president and secretary” and inserting “Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer”, and by deleting “one (1) year” and inserting “their full term”, to read:

TERM. Officers shall take office at the beginning of the fiscal year. The President and President-Elect shall serve for two years. The *Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer* shall serve for one year. Officers shall serve for *their full term* or until a successor takes office, or until removed by resignation, death, or by adoption of a motion by member clubs/chapters with notice and a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

This amendment was to keep the section in accordance with Bylaw 7.4.1.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

#1 Article 6 - ELECTED OFFICERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

6.2.4.c The secretary shall

Amend by adding “in accordance with Standing Rule #6” at the end of the sentence.

Current Wording:	Proposed Wording:
prepare and keep a roster of council officers, club officers, club members and members-at-large, within the region and distribute the compiled roster to active clubs and members-at-large.	prepare and keep a roster of council officers, club officers, club members and members-at-large, within the region and distribute the compiled roster to active clubs and members-at-large, <i>in accordance with Standing Rule #6.</i>

Rationale:

To bring clarity to when clubs and members-at-large will receive Northeast Region Rosters **and** provide deadlines for clubs and members-at-large to provide current information to the Region Secretary for publication.

SUBMITTED BY Winchester Communicators

NOTE: Proposed Amendment #7 re a new Standing Rule #6 will be considered before Amendment #1.

If Amendment #7 is defeated, this amendment will not be considered.

#2 Article 7 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

7.4.1

Amend by deleting the last sentence.

Current Wording:	Proposed Wording:
Election of officers shall be held at the region conference. In the event no region conference is held, officers shall be elected by mail vote prior to the end of the fiscal year. <i>In the second year of the two year term, the Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected by mail vote by the first week-end in June.</i>	Election of officers shall be held at the region conference. In the event no region conference is held, officers shall be elected by mail vote prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Rationale:

Not required if all officers hold 2-year terms.

SUBMITTED BY the Bylaws Committee

NOTE: Proposed Amendment #3 re Term of Office shall be considered before Amendment #2.

If Amendment #3 is defeated, this amendment will not be considered.

#3 Article 7 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

7.4.6

Amend by deleting:

The President and President-Elect shall serve for two years. The Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve for one year. Officers shall serve for one (1) year

and inserting:

Officers shall take office at the beginning of the fiscal year and shall serve for two (2) years

Current Wording:	Proposed Wording:
TERM. Officers shall take office at the beginning of the fiscal year. <i>The President and President-Elect shall serve for two years. The Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve for one year. Officers shall serve for their full term</i> or until a successor takes office, or until removed by resignation, death, or by adoption of a motion by member clubs/chapters with notice and a two-thirds (2/3) vote.	TERM. <i>Officers shall take office at the beginning of the fiscal year and shall serve for two (2) years</i> or until a successor takes office, or until removed by resignation, death, or by adoption of a motion by member clubs/chapters with notice and a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

Rationale:

To maintain consistent terms for all officers.

SUBMITTED BY the Bylaws Committee

PROPOSED STANDING RULE AMENDMENTS

#4 2. CONFERENCE

2.5

Amend by inserting “postal or electronic” before “mailing”.

Current Wording:	Proposed Wording:
Conference bills must be presented within thirty (30) days after the close of conference. A mailing containing all information needed for members to register for and attend the conference shall be sent to each member at the last known address no later than 45 days before the conference.	Conference bills must be presented within thirty (30) days after the close of conference. A <i>postal or electronic</i> mailing containing all information needed for members to register for and attend the conference shall be sent to each member at the last known address no later than 45 days before the conference.

Rationale:

In some clubs, all members have e-mail access and may prefer to receive the mailing electronically, or the club CLO may be willing to print copies for all members. Similarly, some members-at-large may prefer e-mail. To appease these members, as well as reduce mail costs, the Conference Coordinator should have the leeway to determine which method of communication is most effective.

SUBMITTED BY Fredericton POWERtalkers

#5 3. CONFERENCE FEES

3.1

Amend by substitution.

Current Wording:	Proposed Wording:
Each club/chapter shall pay an annual conference fee of \$10 (US) and shall be entitled to minutes of the conference. The conference fee is due August 1 of each year. Clubs/chapters chartering after August 1 will pay the conference fee when chartered.	<i>Each club/chapter shall pay a conference fee of \$10 (US), due August 1 of the fiscal year of the annual or biennial conference. This shall entitle the club/chapter to minutes of the conference. Clubs/chapters chartering after August 1 will pay the conference fee when chartered, if a conference is scheduled for that term.</i>

Rationale:

Clubs should not be required to pay a conference fee if no conference is held that term.

SUBMITTED BY the Bylaws Committee

#6 4. LEADERSHIP DAY

Amend by adding new Standing Rule #4.

If passed, the remaining Standing Rules will be renumbered.

Proposed Wording:
4. LEADERSHIP DAY
4.1 A Leadership Day will be held each non-conference year.
4.2 The Leadership Day will be held the first weekend in June unless otherwise directed by the Northeast Region Board of Directors.
4.3 A speech contest will be held in conjunction with the Leadership Day unless otherwise directed by the Northeast Region Board of Directors.
4.4 The Northeast Region Board of Directors will be responsible for coordinating the Leadership Day location and events.

Rationale:

The region will be best served by holding a Leadership Day on the non-conference years to keep continuity in the region’s on-going education and training.

SUBMITTED BY Winchester Communicators

#7 6. NORTHEAST REGION ROSTER

Amend by adding new Standing Rule #6.
If passed, the remaining Standing Rules will be renumbered.

Proposed Wording:

6. NORTHEAST REGION ROSTER

- 6.1 The roster of Northeast Region clubs and members-at-large will be published on October 15 each year. The club treasurer, or other designated club officer, and members-at-large will submit up-to-date membership information each year to the region secretary no later than October 1 to be included in the official Northeast Region roster.
- 6.2 Updates to the roster will be published on January 1 and March 1 each term.

Rationale:

The Northeast Region Roster is an important tool in our *POWERtalk* activities. It is vital that members provide the information to the Region Secretary in a timely manner so that all members can communicate effectively with the membership.

SUBMITTED BY Winchester Communicators

NOTICE OF MOTION

I will be making a motion (on behalf of the current Region Board) at the NER Conference 2014 that the Region Board be restructured to permit better communication and participation of the clubs, councils, members at large, and clubs at large.

SUBMITTED BY Karen Sherry, NER Secretary
on behalf of the Region Board