

SEACOAST DIVISION NMRA

Revising Election Process

RESOLUTION: Pursuant to Article XIII Amendments of the Division's bylaws, the Board of Directors hereby approves the following specific language of a proposed amendment to the bylaws that will modernize the annual director election process enabling many more members of the division to vote each year regardless of travel distances and health concerns by revising Article XII's paragraphs 4, 5, and 6. This proposed amendment shall be posted for 45 days on the Division's website and all members will be alerted either by email or postal mail prior to a final vote by the Board.

Article XII

4. There shall be a Nominating Committee of three members elected by the Board of Directors no later than the end of the month of July each year. Said committee shall prepare
- A slate of no fewer candidates than the total number of Directorships that are expected to be open at the next Annual Meeting of the Members, and
 - A slate of candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President (one or more for each office).

These slates, which are to be presented to the Board of Directors at the fourth calendar quarter one of its meetings of the Board of Directors held no later than the last day of September each year, will be included in the notice of Annual Meeting of the Members distributed to the membership posted on the Division's website and published in the division's newsletter, The Switch Tower or successor publication, at least forty five (45) days prior to the deadline for submission of ballots. In preparation for each year's annual election, the Nominating Committee will solicit candidates, explaining the requirements of the positions. In addition, any Member may nominate someone else via a written notice to the Nominating Committee with the permission of the nominee. All such nominations must be submitted to the Nominating Committee at least ten days before the fourth calendar quarter the last meeting of the Board of Directors prior to October 1 of each year. If the number of candidates is no more than the number of known open positions, no election process is necessary, and the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates shall be declared elected to the Board at end of the next Annual Meeting by the President.

5. At the Annual Meeting, the President shall, after the slate of candidates chosen for Directorships by the Nominating Committee has been presented, call for further nominations from the floor. If more candidates than open Directorships are nominated, the election shall be held by written secret ballot. If there are no excess candidates for the open positions, the Secretary may cast one ballot for the final slate of candidates for Director. If an election process is necessary, the Secretary, if not a candidate for election or re-election to the Board, or alternatively a designee of the Secretary who is not themselves a candidate, shall arrange for and supervise a secure online voting system to conduct the election of directors and report the results to the Members at the next Annual Meeting. The deadline for receipt of ballots shall be at least two (2) days before the Annual Meeting. Provisions must be made to enable Members who cannot vote online to vote by other means such as paper ballots. Also, the process must provide for confidentiality of every Member's votes.

6. Directors newly elected at the Annual Meeting will take office upon the conclusion of the election process Annual Meeting.