



National Weather Service Employees Organization

2008 Notice to NWSEO members of proposed change in NWSEO Constitution

A. PROPOSED CHANGES TO ARTICLE VIII NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES

1) First proposed change: Section 1, BRANCH PROCEDURES

Purpose: *to clarify existing NWSEO election practices*

Current language:

Any member in good standing of the Branch may nominate himself/herself or any other member of the Branch for Branch Steward or Vice Steward, and Delegate and Alternate Delegate. Any Active Member in good standing of the Region may nominate himself/herself for the position of Delegate and/or Alternate Delegate by letter to the Branch Steward or designee. Nominations must be in writing, dated and signed by the member making the nomination and presented to the Steward or designee by the deadline. INSERT NEW LANGUAGE HERE: *In the alternative e-mail nominations are acceptable.*

2) Second proposed change to Article VIII Section 2, NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PROCEDURES

Purpose: *to clarify existing NWSEO election practices*

Current language:

e. The Credentials Committee shall certify the Delegate or Alternate Delegate and assign to him/her the proper number of votes for each Branch, one vote for each Branch member. The name of the Delegate or Alternate Delegate shall be recorded along with the number of votes he/she is entitled to cast for each Branch he/she represents. A summary of this record shall be furnished to the Chairperson of the conference or convention and to the conference or convention Secretary. INSERT NEW LANGUAGE HERE: Notification of results will be sent to the Regional Chairperson *and the Credentials Committee*, who shall forward the results to the National Office. *Notification of the results by e-mail are acceptable. If an election was held, the ballots shall be sent to the Credentials Committee for certification of the results.*

B. PROPOSED CHANGE TO ARTICLE 11, SUCCESSION OF OFFICERS

Section 2 – REGIONAL OFFICERS

Purpose: To establish a new procedure for filling a vacant Regional Vice Chair position. Currently there is no procedure for filling a Vice Chair vacancy.

Current language:

SECTION 2. REGIONAL OFFICERS: A vacancy in the office of the Regional Chairperson which occurs between regional conferences shall be filled by the Regional Vice Chairperson. INSERT NEW LANGUAGE HERE: *When a vacancy in the Regional Vice Chair occurs between regional conferences the Regional Chair, in consultation with the President, will nominate a Vice Chair to serve until the next election. The nomination must be approved by a two thirds majority of the National Council.* If both the position of Regional Chairperson and Regional Vice Chairperson fall vacant, an interim Chairperson shall be appointed by the National President until the next National Council meeting, when the National Council shall elect a Regional Chairperson to serve until the next election.. Vacancies on the Regional Council shall be filled by the Regional Chairperson in consultation with the Regional Vice Chairperson. Each succeeding officer shall serve in that office until the next scheduled election.