

RES-2023-001

A resolution to clarify election rules and ensure the creation of an Elections Commission

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Whereas, to clarify what will occur in case the Board fails to appoint an Elections Commission before the scheduled start of an election; and,

Whereas, to allow for more flexibility in scheduling elections for the Board of Directors and reduce redundancy in the Bylaws; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Article 6 of the Bylaws for Southern Nevada Anthropomorphic Events is hereby amended to read as follows:

Article 6 — The Board of Directors

Section 6.01 — Composition

1. The duly elected Directors of the Organization shall together constitute the Board of Directors (hereinafter “the Board”).
2. There shall be a maximum of twelve (12) members of the Organization who shall serve as Directors.
3. Directors shall not be compensated by the Organization beyond having any membership due waived.
4. These Directors shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Organization.

Section 6.02 — Duties

1. The Board shall act in place of the General Membership while a general meeting is not in progress.
2. The Board may spend money, enter contracts, appoint Officers pursuant to Article 4 of these bylaws, and represent the General Membership on behalf of the Organization.
3. The Board shall set the structure of the Staff by forming the Departments and Offices of the Organization.
4. The Board shall fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Organization, and perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws.

Section 6.03 — Elections

1. Seats on the Board of Directors shall be divided into two equally sized classes, so that one-half shall be filled by election every two years. Directors shall serve four-year terms.
 - a. Elections for Class 1 of the Board of Directors shall take place every fourth year beginning in 2024.
 - b. Elections for Class 2 of the Board of Directors shall take place every fourth year beginning in 2026.
2. The election shall utilize a single transferable vote system (STV) and there will be a single race to fill every available seat. All members of the Organization shall be eligible to participate.
3. The election shall be held by a three-person ~~commission~~ Elections Commission appointed by the Board and made up of persons who are not running for a Director position.
 - a. If the Board fails to appoint an Elections Commission before the scheduled start of an election, the Chair of the Board, Secretary, and Treasurer shall make up the Commission. Please note that none of the three Officers shall be permitted to run for Director in such an election.
4. The election shall begin ~~on the first Saturday of June and last until the end of the Annual Meeting in July.~~ thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting and last until said meeting.
5. The results of the election shall be announced by the commission at the end of the Annual Meeting.

Section 6.04 — Eligibility

1. To be eligible for elections, candidates for the Board of Directors must:
 - a. Have previously served on the Organization's Staff, or
 - b. Have been a member of the Organization for the three years prior to the election.

Section 6.05 — Removal

1. A Director may lose their seat if they are found guilty of misconduct. A two-thirds vote by the Board of Directors, minus the accused, is required to remove a Director.
2. A Director may also be removed by a majority of the entire General Membership at a general meeting or by petition. Recall petitions must be submitted to the Secretary for verification.

Section 6.06 — Vacancies

In the case of a Director vacancy between elections, any member may submit their name to the Secretary for consideration at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. An appointed Director shall serve until the next scheduled election.