**Proposed bylaw and resolutions for the District 5 SN Lodge Meeting**

**Compiled at Convention**

**Proposed Resolutions**

**Resolution #1 – Zone alignment and distribution of lodges-DEFEATED**

(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)

Submitted: District 5 Board Contact: Darlene Arneson

WHEREAS: District 5 zones are not equal in number of lodges zone directors represent, geographical proximity, and number of members served, and

WHEREAS: The International has initiated a task force that also looks at District alignment and make-up, how lodges that are distant from each other are served, and other related issues, and

WHEREAS: The District can use the next biennium to study what lodges expect for service and representation, how the zones can be realigned, and what the task force and research recommends, and

*Resolved*, That the District Board have a zone realignment plan by December 31, 2017, that can be sent to lodges for review and input; that the Nominating committee use the proposed plan as they secure nominations for the 2018-2020 biennium, and that a by-law change be submitted for the 2018 District Lodge meeting that would take immediate effect.

**Resolution #2 Nominating Committee for International Director- PASSED**

(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)

Submitted: International SN Contact: Darlene Arneson

RE: NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, all districts have Nominating Committees to identify, review and recommend eligible candidates for International Director as set forth in Charter and Constitutions section 3.7.7; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the organization to have a large number of members eligible to serve on this Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the current Charter and Constitutions limits the Committee to members of the District Lodge:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter and Constitutions section 3.7.7 be amended to read as follows:

The District Board of Directors shall elect a Nominating Committee of no fewer than three (3) and no more than five (5) members of the District. ~~Lodge~~.

**Resolution #3 Nominating Committee for International Director-Laws Proposal-PASSED**

(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)

Submitted: International SN Contact: Darlene Arneson

WHEREAS, the Laws Committee delivered a report at the International Convention in Jacksonville, Florida in August of 2014, in which Law Proposals from several districts were rewritten for clarity; and

WHEREAS, an omission from the original proposals was made inadvertently by the committee; and,

WHEREAS, this omission was not corrected during the discussion period regarding the proposal; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of all districts to seek out as many qualified candidates from as wide a pool of members and from as many sources as possible; and,

WHEREAS, this is the same language that already appears in Section 3.11.5.1 Nominating Committee for District Officers:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter and Constitutions, section 3.7.7, be amended to read as follows:

3.7.7 The District Board of Directors shall elect a Nominating Committee of no fewer than three (3) and no more than five (5) members of the District Lodge. The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to identify, review, and recommend eligible candidates for the election of International Director. The Nominating Committee shall elect the Committee Chair from the elected committee members. No member of the Nominating Committee shall be a candidate for election as International Director. *Members of the District Lodge may submit candidates to the Nominating Committee as determined by the District Lodge.* Candidates for nomination to the International Board of Directors shall be benefit members and must meet all eligibility criteria as set forth by the International Board. The Nominating Committee shall review the qualifications of the candidates and present them to the Lodge and place the candidates on the ballot.

Other procedures and deadlines for the nomination of candidates for

International Director shall be determined by the District Lodge or District Board. (8/14)

**Resolution #4 Nominating Committee and Elections- Defeated**

(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)

Submitted: International SN Contact: Darlene Arneson

WHEREAS, the current Charter and Constitutions section 3.11.5.1 establishes a Nominating Committee for the purpose of identifying, reviewing and recommending eligible candidates for District offices; and,

WHEREAS, eligibility criteria to hold a district office includes being a Sons of Norway member, being a benefit member and may include proper vetting and background checks, if required by a District Lodge or Board; and,

WHEREAS, some offices may also require specific skill sets such as computer usage, knowledge of accounting and finance, management, leadership, vision and strategy; and,

WHEREAS, a reasonable amount of time must be allowed to complete the review and recommendation process to insure that the criteria are met and the required skill sets are in place:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter and Constitutions be amended to add new section, 3.11.5.1.1 to read as follows:

3.11.5.1.1 Candidate applications for District Officers must be submitted to the Nominating Committee for vetting no later than 30 days prior to the start of the District Lodge meeting.

**Resolution #5 Nominating Committee and Elections- PASSED**

(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)

Submitted: International SN Contact: Darlene Arneson

WHEREAS, the possibility exists where there may be no candidate for an elected District office; and,

WHEREAS, there must be a mechanism for filling that office in the event there is no one ready or willing to run at the District Lodge Meeting:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter and Constitutions be amended to add section 3.11.5.4 to read as follows:

3.11.5.4 In the event that there is no candidate for a district office(s), the District Board of Directors shall fill the office(s) from among the members of the District Lodge.

**Resolution # 6 – is now By-Law #4**

**Resolution # 7 - Fifth District Memorial- PASSED**

(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)

Submitted: Geoff Wodell Contact: Geoff Wodell

Whereas, Brother George Sievers served SoN for all of his adult life at local, District and International levels, and

Whereas, before his recent passing he asked that any memorial be directed toward a specific site development, and

Whereas, the logo for the 2016 D-5 Convention and Lodge Meeting is a troll heading toward Marshfield, and

Whereas, the memorial discussed by George and Janice Sievers is a “home” for trolls, Troll Mountain, and

Whereas, after trolls have finished the kitchen work, or tending to animals, or helping Julenisse, or delivering documents to this Lodge Meeting they must have a place of rest, such as Troll Mountain, now

Therefore, be it resolved, that District Five Lodge may support and promote the creation of Troll Mountain and encourage others to support it.

**Resolution # 8 - Officer Compensation- PASSED**

(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)

Submitted: District 5 Board Contact Darlene Arneson

WHEREAS, By-Laws Article VII, Par. 7 of the District 5 requires the District Lodge to determine compensation for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recreation Director, Publicity Director, Culture Director and Youth Director; and

WHEREAS, during the past biennium the District 5 Board has been diligent in their use of District funds within their control,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The following officer salaries be set for the 2016-2018 biennium:

President - $250.00 per annum;

Secretary - $750.00 per annum;

Treasurer - $250.00 per annum.

No other compensation shall be paid to any other members of the District Board.

**Resolution # 9 - District Board of Directors Travel-PASSED**

(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)

Submitted: District 5 Board Contact Darlene Arneson

WHEREAS, By-Laws Article VII, Par. 8 of the District 5 requires the District Lodge to establish the

Director’s per diem and traveling expense allowance for the 2016 - 2018 biennium,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Officers and Directors may request reimbursement for authorized

travel in the following amounts:

Personal vehicle mileage rate be set at the International Board of Directors’ rate;

Food allowance of up to $30.00 per day (must include receipts);

Toll road charges as needed (no receipt needed);

Reasonable lodging costs as needed.

**Resolution # 10 - Central Lodge Representation- Passed**

(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)

Submitted: Geoffrey Wodell

Resolution for Central Lodge representation

WHEREAS, Central Lodge has historically been one of the largest Lodges in the District, and

WHEREAS, District 5 had led the way in Sons of Norway to encourage Central Lodge participation,

and

WHEREAS, representation on the District Board is an important element of District participation, and

WHEREAS, travel extra costs for Central Lodge members could prove an economic hardship for the

District, now

THEREFORE, be it resolved any travel reimbursement to Central Lodge representatives on the

District Board shall be at the lesser of actual travel expenses or the average travel reimbursement to

members of the District Board (excluding the costs reimbursed for the District President and actual costs of any Central Lodge members) and shall only be for travel as directed by the District Board.

Resolution #11 – International Delegate Expense (new from June 23 Board Mtg)- PASSED but amended

(Requires a simple majority vote to pass)

Submitted: District 5 Board Contact: Darlene Arneson

WHEREAS: Article VIII, Par. 7 of the District Lodge 5 By-Laws requires the District Lodge to provide an expense allowance, decided by the District Lodge, to Representatives to the International Lodge Meeting, and

WHEREAS: The District must also act with fiscal responsibility and must determine that the expense allowance will not be a detriment to the continued financial health of the District treasury, and

WHEREAS: The District membership dues includes an amount of one-dollar ($1.00) per member, per year designated for support of the International Delegate Expense Allowance, and

WHEREAS: The amount of the membership dues collected for this purpose during the past biennium is $10,280., now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That delegates to the 2016 International Convention and Lodge Meeting to be held in Tacoma, WA shall receive an expense allowance of $15,300 ~~an amount equal to the~~ ~~$10,280~~ divided by the number of International Delegates elected. If a husband and wife are both delegates, one spouse would receive full delegate expense allowance and the other receives ~~75~~%. 50%

The committee moved the resolution’s passage. 2nd. There was a motion to amend the last paragraph to $15,300 and change from 75% to 50%. 2nd. The amendment passed.

***Resolved*, That delegates to the 2016 International Convention and Lodge Meeting to be held in Tacoma, WA shall receive an expense allowance of $15,300 divided by the number of International Delegates elected. If a husband and wife are both delegates, one spouse would receive full delegate expense allowance and the other receives 50%.**

**Resolution #12- Resolution of appreciation. PASSED**

Whereas: The 53rd Bienial District Five Assembly is coming to a successful conclusion; and

Whereas: District President Owen Christiansen has conducted the meeting with professional dispatch; and

Whereas: District Secretary Darlene Arneson has managed her office with gracious diligence; and

Whereas: The District Board has performed its duties and obligations in a timely manner including being host to this fine assembly; and

Whereas: International Treasurer Ray Knutson and International Director Jon Grinde have represented our District on the International Board with distinction; and

Whereas: Our Home Office Staff and Field Staff have been well represented and an integral part of this biennial meeting; and

Whereas: The various seminar presenters were well received and did a fine job; and

Whereas: The Fagernes Lodge performed to the delight of all; and

Whereas: The Parliamentarian Tim Heeg handled his duties professionally; and

Whereas: The Marshfield Hotel management and staff provided excellent service and accomodations; and

Whereas: The outgoing and current District Board members deserve our gratitude for their service; and

Whereas: those who participated in the Walk-a-thons and donated gifts to the fund-raising auction are to be commended; and

Whereas: Thanks to the appointed District Convention committees and temporary officers is due; and

Whereas: Delegates, Alternates, and Visitors have given much of their time and talents to attend this convocation and much appreciation is due them; and

Whereas: We extended safe travel wishes to the Delegates to the International Convention in Tacoma, Washington in August; and

Now therefore be it resolved: The incoming District Board of Directors extend our gratitude and thanks to any person or group inadvertently omitted from this resolution.

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**BY-LAW Proposals**

**By-law Proposal # 1 - Zone Description - PASSED**

(Requires a 2/3 vote to pass)

Submitted: District 5 Board Contact Darlene Arneson

ARTICLE VI . . . ZONES

Whereas, Knute Rockne (5-634) has disbanded in 2015,

Whereas, the zone descriptions must change when lodges disband;

Whereas, upon completion of disbanding action for Knute Rockne Lodge; now, therefore, be it Resolved, That By-Laws **ARTICLE VI...ZONES**, Par. 2 Description of Zones, be amended as follows:

Par. 2 Description of Zones

Zone 6- Nordkap 378, Samhold 473, Sonja Henie 490, Sognefjord 523, Christian Radich 568, Scandiana 600 and Askeladden 610, Circle City 614, Tre Elver 628, Knute Rockne 634, Edvard Grieg 657, Arctic Circle 662, Vikings of the Smokies 677 and Music City Vikings 681.

**By-law Proposal # 2 District Board of Directors Traveling Expenses- DEFEATED**

(Requires a 2/3 vote to pass)

Submitted: District 5 Board Contact Darlene Arneson

RE: DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TRAVELING EXPENSES

WHEREAS, all Officers and General Directors of the District are expected to communicate and be in contact with the local lodges within District Five; and

WHEREAS, most Officers and General Directors have Zone and local lodge assignments which involve travel for zone or lodge events and visits; and

WHEREAS, the District Lodge wishes to reimburse these travel expenses appropriately; and

WHEREAS, the current By-laws provide for establishment of the mileage rate and other travel expenses by the Board of Directors at their first meeting following the District Lodge Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the District Lodge should determine the mileage and other travel expenses for the Board members for the next biennium with a resolution similar in manner to the method used to set the officer’s compensation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that By-law ARTICLE VII. . .OFFICERS AND SALARIES, Par. 8 be amended to read as follows:

~~Par. 8 At the first meeting of the Board of Directors after a District Lodge Meeting, the Board shall determine the per diem and traveling expense allowance for members of the Board for the next biennium.~~

Par. 8 The Board of Directors shall receive per diem and traveling expense allowance for the next biennium as determined by the District Lodge. The Board of Directors shall make a recommendation to each District Lodge Meeting with respect thereto.

**By-law Proposal # 3 ARTICLE VII . . . OFFICERS AND SALARIES- Passed**

Whereas, the Treasurer’s duties have expanded with the additional legal, IRS and reporting duties, and

Whereas, the District 5 Secretary does not have an alternate as does the other District Board members and circumstances may be that the Secretary cannot attend a meeting or fulfill his/her duties for any reason, therefore

Be it resolved that

**ARTICLE VII . . . OFFICERS AND SALARIES**

Article VII, Par. 4 All Zones shall be entitled to exactly (2) representatives on the Board. The Secretary **and Treasurer** shall not be counted as a representative against a Zone. **An alternate for the Secretary and Treasurer should also be elected.**

**There was a motion to amend By-Law Proposal #3:**

All zones shall be entitled to exactly (2) representatives on the Board.  **All Board members shall reside within the geographical boundaries of the District.**The Secretary **and Treasurer** shall not be counted as a representative against a Zone.  **An alternate for the Secretary and Treasurer should also be elected.**

**By-law #4 International Lodge Delegates and Alternates - PASSED**

(Requires a 2/3 vote to pass)

Submitted: International SN Contact: Darlene Arneson

INTERNATIONAL LODGE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

WHEREAS, The Charter and Constitutions paragraph 2.6.1 was amended at the August 2014

International Lodge Meeting; and

WHEREAS, District By-Laws THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that By-law ARTICLE VIII. . .ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES, Par. 1 be amended to read as follows:

Par. 1 Prior to the District Lodge Meeting the Secretary shall prepare a notice which allocates to each

Zone the number of International Representatives to which it is entitled in proportion to its

membership. (One representative for each ~~400~~ 300 – balance to the pool.)

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , Par. 4 be amended to read as follows:

Par. 4. In addition to the two Representatives for the District provided for by the International Lodge

Constitution, one of whom shall be the District President, the remaining fraction of ~~400~~ 300 members

in each of the various Zones shall be pooled, and representatives elected at large in accordance with

the number of members of which the pool consists. Also a corresponding number of Alternates shall

be elected at large. Delegates and Alternates at large shall be nominated from the floor of the District

Lodge.