

Proposed Change to the National Bylaws #1

Convention Year: 2026

Article: V, Section 4

Description: Adds language that requires the National Executive Board to adopt a balance budget and if they are not able to do so they must have a town hall meeting to explain how they plan to achieve a balanced budget, as soon as possible.

Rationale: As an organization we should have sufficient resources to be able to balance the budget and manage those resources to maintain member services, or make the necessary program adjustments to get to a balanced budget.

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To amend Article V, Section 4 by adding the word “balanced” in the first sentence after annual and add a new second sentence that reads, “If they cannot adopt a balanced budget, the president and board shall host a town hall meeting for the membership to explain why and present their plan to balance the budget as soon as possible.”

Existing Provision	Provision With Proposed Changes
<p>Article V, Section 4</p> <p>The National Executive Board shall adopt an annual budget. It shall arrange for and pay premium on bonds sufficient to cover indemnity of National Officers and employees authorized to receive and disburse funds. It shall provide for internal control and audit. It shall further provide for an annual audit of all financial records by a Certified Public Accountant. The full report shall be provided to Organization members upon request. The summary financial report of such audit shall be published in an official publication of the Organization.</p>	<p>Article V, Section 4</p> <p>The National Executive Board shall adopt an annual balanced budget. If they cannot adopt a balanced budget, the president and board shall host a town hall meeting for the membership to explain why and present their plan to balance the budget as soon as possible. It shall arrange for and pay premium on bonds sufficient to cover indemnity of National Officers and employees authorized to receive and disburse funds. It shall provide for internal control and audit. It shall further provide for an annual audit of all financial records by a Certified Public Accountant. The full report shall be provided to Organization members upon request. The summary financial</p>

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Articles and Bylaws Committee: The committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of this proposed change.
National Executive Board voted to: