



**Marine Corps League
Department of South Carolina**

23 March 2023

To: Department of South Carolina Judge Advocate Claude Davis III

From: Helen Breen, Commandant, Low Country Detachment #803 / Department of SC

Re: Proposed Bylaw Amendment

In accordance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800 of the Department of South Carolina Bylaws, I respectfully propose the following amendment to Section 230 – Voting

Current Bylaw:

Section 230 – Voting

(a) Between the Department Annual Convention and Department Quarterly Meetings, the Department Board of Trustees is empowered to conduct business at any regular or special meeting, or by mail, fax, or e-mail.

(b) All business by mail requiring a yes or no vote shall be handled routinely by the Department Adjutant who shall mail to every Board Member an identical copy of the question on a printed ballot containing spaces for yes or no vote, a space for the voter's signature, and a space for entry date.

(c) Upon receipt of a mail ballot forwarded by certified mail return receipt requested, each Board of Trustees Member shall cast his/her vote and complete as indicated. The ballot shall be returned to the Department Adjutant within 1 week. A Board of Trustee member failing to return his/her ballot within the allotted time, will be recorded as not voting.

(d) The Adjutant shall keep a record of all ballots mailed / e-mailed with the date of mailing, a record of the date of return ballot, and shall mail to each Board Member identical tallies reflecting results of the balloting by showing the vote of each Board Member and the total of yes and no votes.

(e) The results of each mail balloting shall be made available to the Department Board of Trustees within five (5) business days after compiling the vote. Following each balloting by the Department Board of Trustees, the results of such vote, in detail for the information of the membership, shall be sent to Detachment Commandants in a letter for release.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 230 – Voting

REVISED (a) Between the Department Annual Convention and Department Quarterly Meetings, the Department Board of Trustees is empowered to conduct business at any regular or special meeting, or by ~~mail, fax, or email~~ **or virtual (online) meeting**.

REVISED (b) All business by ~~email~~ **email** requiring a yes or no vote shall be handled routinely by the Department Adjutant who shall ~~email to every Board Member an identical copy of the question on a printed ballot containing spaces for yes or no vote, a space for the voter's signature, and a space for entry date.~~ **a copy of the question and a vote submission deadline date.**

REVISED (c) Upon receipt of ~~an email ballot forwarded by certified mail return receipt requested~~, each



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Board of Trustees Member shall cast his/her vote and complete as indicated. The email ballot shall be returned to the Department Adjutant within no more than one (1) week. A Board of Trustee member failing to return his/her ballot within the allotted time, will be recorded as not voting.

REVISED (d) The Adjutant shall keep a record of all ballots mailed / emailed with the date of emailing, a record of the date of return ballot, and shall email to each Board Member identical tallies reflecting results of the balloting by showing the vote of each Board Member and the total of yes and no votes.

REVISED (e) The results of each email balloting shall be made available to the Department Board of Trustees within five (5) business days after compiling the vote. Following each balloting by the Department Board of Trustees, the results of such vote, in detail for the information of the membership, shall be sent to Detachment Commandants in a letter for release.

Rationale: With the current technology available, should the need for an emergency / immediate vote arise, a virtual meeting or an email vote is a much more efficient and cost-effective way to facilitate the completion of the vote versus using the US Postal Service with Return Receipt Requested.

Respectfully Submitted,
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