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I move that ... BL Art. IV, § B, be updated w/ the following (red):

B. Time and Place:

The annual meeting of the Regional Assembly shall be held at the annual AANR-West Convention. The Convention shall be held within thirty (30) days prior to the AANR internal Annual Membership Meeting, at a time and place to be determined by the Regional Assembly. The Board of Directors shall have the power to amend or change the date or time of the annual AANR-West Convention within sixty (60) days after the Regional Assembly adjourns.

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3. Chould none of the accredited delegates of a club be able to attend, a club may delegate its right to vote at the Regional Assembly to an accredited delegation. However, no delegation shall east a sembined total of more than 30 votes, except that a club which has a valid voting strength in excess of 30 shall be entitled to cast the full number of its own votes. The instructions on the delegate forms may not be altered or controverted by the Regional Assembly. If delegate forms are not received, the votes will neither be cast nor be delegated by the Regional Assembly:

4. The AANR West regional Direct Members shall meet at the Annual Convention prior to the opening of the Regional Assembly to cleated delegates. Votes shall be allocated in asserdance with Item N 2, above. Votes shall be sarried only by a member of the regional Direct Members, with each elected delegate carrying no more than one vote. No provice to clubs or other delegates shall be permitted.

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5. A quorum of the Regional Assembly shall consist of a majority of the assertated delegator.

6. The number of votes to which a club is entitled at the Regional Assembly shall be based on the AANR year-end membership count. Any club chartered after January 1st shall use the membership count at the time of receiving its charter to determine its delegate count.

3. On May 7th of each year prior to the Regional Assembly, the initial notification, via e-mail, will be sent to each club (landed and non-landed) representative, as well as each direct member, allowing them to seek certification to vote for Board Members and motions as described below. Certification will be required on an annual basis.

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- Further notifications requesting that direct members seek certification will be sent May 14th, May 21st, and May 28th of each year prior to the Regional Assembly, via e-mail.
- 5. Registering of Certified Direct Member Delegates requires:
- a. The individual must be registered as direct member with AANR office by April 30th of the year in which the election is being held.
- b. The Vice President shall have the responsibility of attaining the listing of direct members in the AANR Western Region from the AANR office.
- c. This list shall be certified by the Vice President and shall be provided to the AANR-West Technology Team for development of the on-line voting system.
- d. The requests to be certified to vote as a direct member shall close ten (10) days prior to the AANR Western Regional

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Assembly. Anyone not certified prior to this time will not be eligible to vote at the Regional Assembly.

- 6. Certification of Club Representatives involves:
- a. On April 30th of the year in which the Regional Assembly is held, the Vice President shall obtain from the AANR office the number of AANR members register through each club.
- b. Each club will be allocated a number of votes equal to the number of members registered to AANR through their respective club.
- c. The Vice President shall notify each club representative of the number of votes held by that club.

RATIONALE:

Clarification of process. Replacement allocation of voting to create one-person-one-vote, and clarification of direct member voting.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

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- ... BL Art. IV, § C, sub-§ 3, be struck and sub-§ 1 be rewitten as:
- 1. Delegates to the Regional Assembly shall be elected each year notmore than 90 days prior to the opening prior to the opening session of the Assembly.
- 1. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

3. Should none of the accredited delegates of a club be able to attend, a club may delegate its right to vote at the Regional Assembly to an accredited delegation. However, no delegation chall cast a combined total of more than 30 votes, except that a club which has a valid voting strength in excess of 30 shall be entitled to east the full number of its own votes. The instructions on the delegate forms may not be altered or controverted by the Regional Assembly. If delegate forms are not reserved, the votes will neither be east nor be delegated by the Regional Assembly.

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RATIONALE:

- 1. Proxy voting can result in less participation by voting members when discussing issues. This is particularly of concern when dealing with issues and motions, where hearing different perspectives during the meeting can be critical for members who are still deciding how to vote.
- 2. The purpose of separating ballot voting from nominations from the floor is to encourage only those with a commitment to AANR-West to stand for regular election. Nominations from the floor should only be used in extreme circumstances in order to fill positions.
- 3. It can impact attendance if members get too used to voting by proxy. The organization may find that certain members or all members tend to be less movtivated, which can impact the quality of Board meetings, discussion of critical issues, and Board oversight.

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None.

- 4. Additionally, <u>Robert's Rules</u> disallows proxy voting for non-profit organizations. <u>Robert's Rules</u> states, "... proxy voting is incompatible with the essential characteristics of a deliberative assembly in which membership is individual, personal, and nontransferable ..."
- 5. With the elimination of the proxy vote, the question then becomes what format does AANR-West use to attempt a healthy discussion, as well involvement by members not able to attend the Regional Assembly.
- 6. Additionally, no suggestion is being made that clubs, particularly those incorporated as for-profit businesses, not have their input significantly represented; thus, the change from proportional voting to head-count voting.

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F. Nominations for Open Positions:

- Shall be called for by the President sixty (60) days prior to the Regional Assembly.
- a. This notification will be posted on the AANR-West website, as well as via e-mail.
- b. All nominations will be made through a portal provided on the AANR-West website.
- c. All seconds to nominations will also be made through the same portal.
- d. All nominees are required to affirm the acceptance of their nomination. For those who nominate themselves, acceptance of their nomination will be automatic.
- e. All nominations, whether a self-nomination or nomination by another member of good standing in AANR-West, must receive a second from yet another member of AANR-West.

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- f. Nominations and seconds for vacant offices shall be closed fifteen (15) days prior to the Regional Assembly. Any nomination not receiving a second shall not be included on the ballot.
- g. The Vice President shall then certify that each person nominated has the proper credentials to run for the office to which they have been nominated.
- The Vice President shall create a ballot of successful candidates, including any special information provided by the candidate, and forward such to the AANR-West Technology Team for assembly in the proper format for on-line voting.
- a. Candidates for vacant offices shall be responsible for providing any special information in support of their candidacy to the Vice President prior to the publication of the ballot at least ten (10) days prior the start of the Regional Assembly.
 - b. This information will be provided to the technology team

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- two (2) days prior to the opening of the on-line ballot and made available with the ballot.
- c. The opening of the election cycle will occur at 8:00 am Pacific Time Zone, seven (7) days prior to the Regional Assembly up to the time noted on the agenda for the call for voting from the floor.
- d. The Technology Support Team shall by the most secure means possible shall send an email to all voting members, certified by the Vice-President, with the link to the voting portal that will include information provided by the candidate in support of their nomination.
- e. At the start of the call for voting from the floor the technology support team shall close online balloting.
- f. Those present either through video conferencing or by their physical presence who have not yet voted will then be allowed to vote.
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Board member shall retire to tally the votes.

- h. Under no circumstances shall the vote count be reviewed or otherwise published until the end of the voting period according to the time allocated on the agenda.
- In the advent a tie for any open position a run-off ballot will be conducted of all certified voters present.
- Should it be the case that not all offices are filled during the on-line voting, nomination from the floor will be taken.
- a. Nominations from the floor, whether as a self-nomination or nomination by a member in good standing, shall require a second by another member in good standing.
- b. Each nomination from the floor, receiving a second shall be required to make a cogent presentation concerning their interest in the officer to which they have been nominated, as well as a statement of their commitment to the ideals of AANR.

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G. Ruling Documents:

All amendments to the governing documents shall be posted on the AANR-West website no more than ten (10) days after the close of the call for agenda items as announced by the Secretary to be placed on the official Regional Assembly meeting schedule.

- Motions coming from an AANR-West committee shall be considered as duly seconded.
- All other motions shall require a second before being posted on the AANR-West website.
 - 3. All motions shall be broken into their individual parts.
- 4. Once posted on the AANR-West website an email shall be sent to all members assigned to AANR-West by AANR noticing the posting of the amendments.

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- 5. Any member of AANR-West may provide feedback on motions during the period of posting up to the actual vote. This may be done on the website portal or in person at the Regional Assembly.
- 6. Only accredited delegates in attendance during the Regional Meeting, either in the meeting room or via video conferencing shall then be allowed to vote on the amendments.
- a. The rationale for the requirement to be present during discussion of amendments concerns potential changes to the amendments during the discussion period for each amendment.
- b. Nothing herein prevents the discussion of potential amendments in a global context; however, each amendment shall be voted on separately and the vote recorded by the Secretary of AANR-West.
- c. It shall be the province of the Board and only the Board to determine whether or not a compound motion is being made.

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