

NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND BRANCH BY-LAWS

Preamble: Our current By-Laws, although approved by Provincial Command in 2006, are not in compliance with Provincial guidelines regarding Branch By-Laws in one specific area regarding the amount of time required as an elected member of the Executive Committee to qualify to run for the office of Vice President. Our By-Laws only state that to run for the office of President a member must have served for one term as a member of the Executive Committee. Ontario Provincial Command rules (Article 306) state that both the President and Vice President offices require one full term on the Branch Executive Committee prior to running for these offices. As it cannot be determined if our Branch specifically asked to amend this requirement, effective immediately article 505 of the Branch By-Laws is amended to meet Provincial guidelines. It now will read:

“505. Nominees for the office of President and Vice President shall have previously been a member of the Branch Executive Committee for a period of one full year.”

It should be noted that in the following proposed amendments to our Branch By-Laws the specific new recommendations regarding qualification to run for these offices is covered.

BRANCH BY-LAWS - 2006 ARTICLE XIII AMENDING OF BY-LAWS

1301. These By-Laws shall not be amended or altered except upon a motion of which a Notice of Motion shall have been made at a previous General Meeting of The Branch. Such Notice of Motion shall state the changes required and shall be signed by the voting member presenting the notice. A majority of two-thirds of the voting members present is required to pass the proposed changes.

1302. These By-Laws may also be amended or altered by a motion submitted and signed by a designated member of the Executive Committee, of which Notice of Motion has been given at a previous meeting of The Branch. Such notice shall set out the proposed alterations or amendments. A majority of two-thirds of the voting members present shall be required to pass the proposed changes.

1303. These By-Laws may require amendments from time to time as a result of amendments approved to The General By-Laws by Dominion or Provincial Conventions. Such amendments will automatically supercede Branch By-Laws and must be incorporated herein.

1304. All Voting Members of The Branch will be notified prior to the meeting called for amending of these By-Laws.

AMENDMENT 1

Whereas it is deemed that the qualification to run for the office of President is not stringent enough, it is proposed that the qualification to run for the office of President be increased from one year on the Executive Committee to two years, with the added provision that at least one of these years must be as an elected Vice President.

CURRENT WORDING OF CHAPTER V ARTICLE 505

505. Nominees for the office of President and Vice President shall have previously been a member of The Branch Executive Committee for a period of one full year.

PROPOSED NEW WORDING OF CHAPTER V ARTICLE 505

505. Nominees for the office of President shall have previously been a member of The Branch Executive Committee for a period of two terms, one of which must have been as an elected Vice President.

AMENDMENT 2

If the amendment propose respecting the qualification to run for President is approved a new article (505. a.) respecting qualification to run for Vice President will be required. Whereas it is possible to be elected to the Executive Committee and not hold one of the Chairman positions felt essential to the Branch (Article 601) it is proposed that the qualification to hold this office be at least one term as an elected member of the Executive Committee and to have held at least one of the required Chairman positions.

PROPOSED NEW ARTICLE 505. a.

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a. Nominees for the office of Vice President shall have previously been a member of The Branch Executive Committee for a period of one term and to have held at least one of the required Chairperson positions as outline in article 601.

AMENDMENT 3

Whereas the position of President encompasses a need to know, in detail, how the Branch is operated and the duties and responsibilities of the three Vice Presidents and the various Chairpersons required, a term of office of a single year is deemed inadequate. It is proposed, that the term of office for the President be two years and that he/she be elected only on odd numbered years.

CURRENT WORDING OF CHAPTER 4 ARTICLE 401

401. The Elected Members of The Branch shall assume office on the 1st of June, with the term of office being for one year, running from the 1st of June to the 31st of May of the following year.

PROPOSED WORDING OF NEW ARTICLE 401

401. The President of the Branch shall assume office on the 1st of June in the year elected with the term of office being two years running from the 1st of June in the year elected to the 31st of May two years hence. All other Elected Members of The Branch shall assume office on the 1st of June, with the term of office being for one year, running from the 1st of June to the 31st of May of the following year.

AMENDMENT 4

Whereas having General Meetings on three consecutive months, being April, May and June seems unnecessary, it is proposed to reduce the number of months that meetings are held from five to four, by eliminating the General Meeting in May.

CURRENT WORDING

801. General Meetings will be held in June, September, January, April and May of each year. If an additional General Meeting is required, members are to be notified not less than seven (7) days prior to the date. General Meetings when held will be held on the third Tuesday of the month and commence promptly at 19:30 hours.

PROPOSED NEW

801. General Meetings will be held in June, September, January, and April of each year. If an additional General Meeting is required, members are to be notified not less than seven (7) days prior to the date. General Meetings when held will be held on the third Tuesday of the month and commence promptly at 19:30 hours.

Proposed by:

Date: 12 January 2010



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