

CHAPTER 22 - AMENDMENTS

22.1 By-laws

1. Authority

Amendment or additions to the By-laws of the Corporation may be proposed by the National Board, or by a Local Chapter.

2. Notice

Notice of proposed By-law amendment(s) or addition(s) must be submitted to the General Legal Counsel at least ninety (90) days prior to the National Convention at which it is (they are) to be considered. At least thirty (30) days notice of the proposed amendment(s) or addition(s) shall be given to all Local Chapters of the Corporation in advance of the National Convention at which it is (they are) to be considered.

3. Majority

The proposed amendment(s) or addition(s) to become effective must be ratified by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the valid votes cast by the official representatives voting at that meeting.

4. Without Notice

Any amendment to the By-laws or Constitution received by the General Legal Counsel later than ninety (90) days prior to the National Convention at which it is to be considered, shall be put to the meeting only with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) or more of the official representatives at that meeting.

5. Ministerial Approval

The repeal or amendment of any By-law shall not be enforced or acted upon until the approval of the Ministry of Industry has been obtained.

22.2 Policy Manual

1. Majority

The Policy statements and terms of reference of the Corporation may be revised or added to by the National Board with two-thirds (2/3) vote of the valid votes cast or at the General Assembly with a majority vote of the official representatives voting at that meeting.

2. Notice

At least thirty (30) days written notice of the proposed amendment(s) to policy shall be given to all members of the National Board in advance of the meeting at which it is (they are) to be considered.

3. Without Notice

Any amendment to the Policies of the Corporation received by members of the National Board later than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which it is (they are) to be considered, shall be put to the meeting only with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) or more of the official representatives at that meeting.

22.3 Waiver

1. By-laws

The By-laws of the Corporation shall not be subject to waiver unless a motion to waive a particular By-law(s) receives an 85% vote of the General Assembly at a National Convention whereby four-fifths (4/5) of the total voting strength of the General Assembly registered at the National Convention participate in the vote.

2. Policies

The policies of the Corporation shall not be subject to waiver unless a motion to waive the policy(ies) receives a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Assembly at a National Convention whereby four-fifths (4/5) of the total voting strength of the General Assembly registered at the National Convention participate in the vote, or by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the National Board attending a scheduled meeting of the National Board.