

CHAPTER 7 - ANNUAL MEETING

7.1 Title & Date

1. Title

The Annual General Meeting of the Corporation shall be known as the National Convention.

2. Date

The date for the Annual General Meeting will be established by the Board of Governors some time in June of the following year.

7.2 Program

The National Convention program shall include meetings of the General Assembly of Governors, discussion groups, meetings of the outgoing and incoming National Boards, and seminars and meetings of direct interest to individual members attending the National Convention to encourage the maximum participation of all delegates. All members of the Corporation may attend the Annual Meeting.

7.3 Notice

1. Written Notice

Every Local Chapter shall be given written notice of the National Convention at least sixty (60) days prior to its commencement and such notice shall remind the Local Chapter of the right to vote by proxy at the General Assembly according to By-law 6.8.

2. Information

Any written notice shall contain sufficient information to permit a Local Chapter to make a reasoned judgement on the decisions to be made.

7.4 Contract

A contract binding on both the Corporation and the host Local Chapter or group of Local Chapters shall be signed by the authorized representatives of both parties at the National Board meeting immediately following the General Assembly at which the site was selected.

7.5 Cancellation of Contract

In the event no suitable bids to host the National Convention are received by the General Assembly, or in the event that the host Local Chapter forfeits its right to hold the National Convention as a result of the breach of the Convention contract, then the National Board may, on ninety (90) days written notice to all Local Chapters of the Corporation, determine the time and place of the National Convention.

7.6 Supervision of Business

The supervision of business arrangements and the general program of a National Convention, including the extending of invitations to speakers, shall be the responsibility of the National President.

7.7 Special Meetings

1. General Assembly

Special general meetings of the Corporation shall be called by the National President whenever he is requested to do so by a majority of the National Board or by written petition signed by more than one-half (1/2) of the Local Chapters.

2. Notice

Thirty (30) days written notice of any special general meeting must be given to the Local Chapters indicating the date, time, place, and purpose of such meeting, and such notice shall contain sufficient information to permit a member to make a reasoned judgement on the decision to be taken.

3. Business

At such special general meetings only the business specified in the notice of meeting can be discussed unless two-thirds (2/3) of the Local Chapters present give their consent to the contrary.

4. National Board

Special meetings of the National Board may be called by the National President at the President's discretion. Special meetings of the National Board must be called by the National President if the National President is requested to do so in writing by at least 50% of the National Board. Twenty-one (20) days written notice of any such meeting must be given to all members of the National Board indicating the time, place and purpose of such meeting.

5. Teleconferencing

- (a) A member of the National Board may participate in a meeting of the Board or of a Committee of the Board by means of telephone or other communication medium that permits the persons participating in the meeting to hear each other and a member participating in a meeting by those means is deemed to be present at that meeting and part of the quorum.
- (b) Such a meeting shall be approved by two-thirds of the Board who must agree on security measures and the registration of votes, etc.
- (c) Each Board member must have equal access to the technology to be used and consent in advance to its use for such a meeting.
- (d) At such a meeting the quorum shall be two-thirds of the National Board members.