# Nevada State



# Elks Association

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Member Lodges, Delegates, Past State Presidents, and Officers of the

Nevada State Elks Association (NSEA)

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

At the Midterm meeting of the Association in Carson City, the following proposals to amend the Constitution and Bylaws will be presented. The complete proposals are attached to this notification and will be available on the website. This information should be made available to all attendees for the Midterm meeting. All Delegates should be prepared to act on each proposal as it is presented under NEW BUSINESS.

# Change 1 to amend the NSEA CONSTITUTION (4 Proposals) Change 1 to amend the NSEA BYLAWS (7 Proposals)

These proposals are presented through the Advisory Council. Most of the proposals deal with housekeeping due to the additional Vice President and the selection processes involved. No financial consideration is provided and should be covered under Association Budget process.

It is respectfully requested that the these documents be reviewed by your Lodge membership, and or individually as appropriate, and that your Representatives and Delegates be prepared to vote on the documents at the upcoming Midterm Business Meeting scheduled for November 18, 2023.

Lodge Secretaries, I will be sending both electronic through the website and I will hard copy to each Lodge.

Past State Presidents, <u>email Only</u> State Officers, <u>email Only</u>

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(signed)

Eugene S. Presnell Past State President







### **Change 1 to amend the NSEA Constitution**

Proposal #1 Housekeeping in nature.

# <u>ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS</u>

<u>Section 1</u>: The elected officers of the Association shall be a President, President-Elect, <u>District</u> Vice President North, <u>District</u> Vice President South, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Board of five (5) Trustees. The election of officers of the Association shall occur at the annual meeting of the Association where the term of office for the specific position has expired. The appointed officers of the Association shall be a Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Tiler, Organist, and Historian

Proposal #2

Housekeeping in nature

<u>Section 2</u>: The term of office for the President, President-Elect shall be two years, the first as President-Elect and the second year as President. The term of office for the <u>District</u> Vice President North and <u>District</u> Vice President South shall be one year.

Clarifies the selection process for nomination to office.

Section 3: Any Past Exalted Ruler, in good standing in their member Lodge shall be eligible for election to the office of the President, President Elect, Vice President North, Vice President South or Trustee.

The President shall have served as President-Elect.
The President-Elect shall have served as Vice President. Any
Past Exalted Ruler, in good standing in their member Lodge
shall be eligible for selection to the office of District Vice
President North or District Vice President South or Trustee.

Proposal #4

Restates the requirements for membership and duties of the Council.

# <u>ARTICLE IX – ADVISORY COUNCIL</u>

Section 1: An advisory council shall be established, consisting of the President, President Elect, Vice President North, Vice President South and all Past Presidents. All Past State Presidents of the Association will act as advisors to the officers and committees with respect to any matter affecting the welfare and best interest of the Association. The President and President-Elect should attend all PSP meetings as non-voting members.

# **Change 1 to amend the NSEA BYLAWS**

## **ARTICLE III - MEETINGS**

Proposal #1

This change will allow other than Lodges to host Meetings

<u>Section 3 - Host</u>: Any <u>Entity</u> <u>Lodge</u> desiring to host either the annual or mid-term meeting shall make application, in writing, to the Advisory Council at least eighteen months in advance of the meeting they desire to host.

Proposal #2 Housekeeping in nature

<u>Section 4 - Rotation</u>: The meetings of the Association shall be rotated throughout the State. The rotation shall be set forth in an addendum to these Bylaws. Any addition, deletion, or other change to said addendum shall not be deemed to be an amendment to these Bylaws of the Association. The Advisory Council will be responsible for any addendums to the rotation.

# ARTICLE VI - NOMINATION, ELECTION AND INSTALLATION

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#### Add new

Section 6 – North and South District Vice Presidents: Are selected by the District, not the State. The PDDGER's and PSP's at their December/January meeting will select the District Deputy Designate and the District Vice President for their District. The selection will be announced at the April Meeting.

### Add new

Section 7 – President-Elect: Shall have served as a Vice President and will rotate North, South. The PSP's will recommend a selection for President-Elect. This will not prevent an additional nomination from the floor by a Lodge.

### Renumber Section 6 as 8

Section 6 8 - Installation: Each duly elected and appointed officer of the Association shall be installed in their office at the closing banquet of the annual meeting and be installed by an approved ritual exemplified by designated installing officers. Any officer may be installed by proxy.

# **ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Proposal #4 Housekeeping change

**Section 2 - President-Elect**: The President-Elect shall serve as members of such committee(s) as directed by the President and shall perform such duties

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of the said committee(s) as hereinafter defined; and shall perform such other duties as shall be required of them by the Constitution and/or Bylaws or as assigned by the President. In addition, the President-Elect shall begin work on his/her program for the next year as President. The proposed committee chairmen and appointed officers recommended shall be presented to the Advisory Council for their recommendation(s) during the Advisory

Councils' Fall Meeting or at the Mid-Term Meeting in November. The President-Elect officers shall be allowed a payment not to exceed Five.

President-Elect officers shall be allowed a payment not to exceed Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) each per annum for reimbursement of expenses, payable annually, but shall not be allowed any additional moneys as and for personal expenses incurred in the conduct of the affairs of the respective office.

Proposal #5 Housekeeping change

<u>Section 3 – District Vice Presidents</u>: The <u>District</u> Vice Presidents shall serve as members of such committee(s) as directed by the President and shall perform such duties of the said committee(s) as hereinafter defined; and shall perform such other duties as shall be required of them by the Constitution and/or Bylaws or as assigned by the President. The <u>District Vice Presidents</u> officers shall be allowed a payment not to exceed Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) each per annum for reimbursement of expenses, payable annually, but shall not be allowed any additional moneys as and for personal expenses incurred in the conduct of the affairs of the respective office.

# **ARTICLE VIII – INTERIM GOVERNING BOARD**

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Housekeeping to bring the addition of the District VP's, into proper position in the Association.

<u>Section 1 - Make-Up</u>: The Interim Governing Board (Board) shall consist of the President, President-Elect, <u>District</u> Vice Presidents and the Trustees. Any five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.

### **ARTICLE X – DUTIES OF COMMITTEES**

Proposal #7 Housekeeping in nature.

<u>Section 14 - Public Relations</u>: This committee shall be charged with the duties and responsibilities of establishing, implementing, and maintaining a public relations program within the State, and assisting in the training of member Lodge <u>chairmen</u> <u>chairs</u> to publicize the activities of the Lodges within their communities.

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<u>Section 16 - Youth Activities</u>: This committee shall prepare, supervise, and conduct programs, other than those specified elsewhere herein, on behalf of the youth of the State; shall have charge, supervision, and responsibility for youth programs of the Association; and coordination of all such matters as may be referred to member Lodges of the Association by the Grand Exalted Ruler or the Grand Lodge <u>Youth</u> Activities Committee.

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