

NCRA

VOTER'S GUIDE

At this time, two bylaw amendments have been proposed for NCRA members to consider at its next Annual Business Meeting.



2025 Proposed Bylaw Amendments



The following serves as official notice that amendments to NCRA's Constitution and Bylaws have been proposed and will be considered during and voted upon following the next Annual Business Meeting of the membership, July 24, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minn. Voting on amendments will be held electronically with a voting period of 24 hours. All voting members are advised to ensure that NCRA has a current email address in the database by July 15.

NOTES:

For your reading ease, the language to be added is *italicized*. Language to be stricken is indicated by ~~strikethrough~~.



To review the full text and the changes, visit [NCRA.org/bylaws](https://ncra.org/bylaws).

■ DATES TO KNOW

Discussion of Bylaws: NCRA Annual Business Meeting, July 24, 2025, at Hyatt Regency Minneapolis.

Verify your email address by July 15, 2025.

Voting starts within 2 hours of the close of the Business Meeting.

Voting remains open for 24 hours.

Amendment #1

This amendment is submitted by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

RATIONALE

Since all communication is online, there is no need for a 60-day petition window to get on the ballot. Reducing the petition window will also benefit scheduling potential election dates that are based on a fluctuating date of the Annual Business Meeting each year.

Constitution & Bylaws: Article VIII—Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors

Section 3 – Preparation of the Slate of Nominees

c) Additional eligible members may be added to the ballot by submitting to the Executive Director, within ~~60~~ 45 days after publication of the Nominating Committee slate, a signed letter confirming their willingness to serve in such office, together with pertinent biographical information. In pursuance of being added to the ballot, the member must acquire one hundred (100) Voting Member signatures, no more than twenty-five (25) of whom are located in any one state, within the ~~60~~ 45-day petition period. Candidates who were not previously considered by the Nominating Committee shall be required to complete the same application materials required of candidates who were considered by the Nominating Committee.

Amendment #2

This amendment is submitted by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

RATIONALE

The members will not know the results of the election until the announcement is made; therefore, the 48 hours should begin after the announcement of said vacancy. Article IX, Section 3(d) references the same stipulation about when the special election will be held; therefore, the change to “at least” in section f) makes it consistent.

Constitution & Bylaws: Article VIII—Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors

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f) In the event an election creates a vacancy in a director or officer position, a special election shall be held. Candidates shall have 48 hours after the ~~close of the initial election~~ *announcement of said vacancy* to submit a signed letter declaring their candidacy to serve in such vacant position, together with pertinent biographical information. Candidates in the special election shall be required to complete the same application materials required of candidates considered by the Nominating Committee and shall be required to submit signatures of twenty-five (25) voting members, no more than five (5) of whom are located in any one state, if signatures have not previously been submitted, within five (5) days following the submission of their signed letter declaring their candidacy described above. The special election shall be held *at least* fifteen (15) days after completion of the ~~initial election~~ *application period*. Members voting by electronic mail or other authorized means of electronic transmission for the special election will have a period of 24 hours to vote once the online voting period begins.