

Proposed Changes to NSWDAHAC Bylaws:

*ARTICLE XVIII
Amendments*

SECTION 1. These Bylaws may be amended at any Annual Rendezvous by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting, notice having been given to the National Board of Management at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
ARTICLE IV- <i>Membership</i> Section 1a. An applicant for membership within a Court shall be proposed by one member and endorsed by another member of the same Court, who is in good standing and to whom the applicant is personally known. The acceptability of the applicant for Court membership shall be voted upon by its Executive Board. Upon favorable action, official duplicate application papers for membership in the National Society shall be sent to the applicant....	Remove: “duplicate”	ARTICLE IV- <i>Membership</i> Section 1a. An applicant for membership within a Court shall be proposed by one member and endorsed by another member of the same Court, who is in good standing and to whom the applicant is personally known. The acceptability of the applicant for Court membership shall be voted upon by its Executive Board. Upon favorable action, official application papers for membership in the National Society shall be sent to the applicant....

Rationale: The Registrar National no longer requires two copies of application papers.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
ARTICLE IV – <i>Membership</i> Section 3. Each member of the National Society shall be entitled to a certificate of membership duly attested by the President National, Recording Secretary National, and Registrar National, to which has been affixed the seal of the National Society.	Remove: “Recording Secretary National”	ARTICLE IV – <i>Membership</i> Section 3. Each member of the National Society shall be entitled to a certificate of membership duly attested by the President National and Registrar National, to which has been affixed the seal of the National Society.

Rationale: Current membership certificates are signed only by the President National and Registrar National.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
ARTICLE VI – <i>Nomination and Election of Officers</i> Section 1. There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of all Honorary Presidents National, who are physically able and have agreed in writing their willingness to serve, plus any additional Member(s) of the Society, appointed by the President National, needed to constitute an uneven number on the Nominating Committee, which shall have a minimum of five members. ...	Remove: Consisting of all Honorary Presidents National, who are physically able and have agreed in writing their willingness to serve, plus any additional Member(s) of the Society, appointed by the President National, needed to constitute an uneven number on the Nominating Committee, which shall have a minimum of five members. Replace with: Consisting of three members appointed by the President National. Ideally, one or two Honorary Presidents National will be on this committee.	ARTICLE VI – <i>Nomination and Election of Officers</i> Section 1. There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of three members appointed by the President National. Ideally, one or two Honorary Presidents National will be on this committee. ...

Rationale: Many of the older Honorary Presidents National are no longer active or able to serve. Ideally, there will be one or two Honoraries on the committee, but this allows for the possibility that none are able to serve.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
<p>ARTICLE VII- <i>Duties of Officers</i></p> <p>Section 6. The duties of the Corresponding Secretary National are to attend to such correspondence as the President National, the National Board of Management, and the Executive Committee may direct and includes being Editor of the <i>Broadsides</i>, publication of the Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.</p>	<p>Remove: ...and includes being Editor of the <i>Broadsides</i>, publication of the Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.</p> <p>Replace with: She will provide a mailing list of members to the Editor of the <i>Broadsides</i>.</p> <p>Add: She compiles the National Directory during the first year of each National term.</p>	<p>ARTICLE VII- <i>Duties of Officers</i></p> <p>Section 6. The duties of the Corresponding Secretary National are to attend to such correspondence as the President National, the National Board of Management, and the Executive Committee may direct. She will provide a mailing list of members to the Editor of the <i>Broadsides</i>. She compiles the National Directory during the first year of each National term.</p>

Rationale: There is an appointed Editor of the *Broadsides*, thus the Corresponding Secretary National no longer serves as editor. She does, however, compile the National Directory.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
<p>ARTICLE VII- <i>Duties of Officers</i></p> <p>Section 6. (second paragraph)</p> <p>Two months before the meetings of the</p>	<p>Remove: ... to all members... ...in the <i>Broadsides</i>...</p>	<p>ARTICLE VII- <i>Duties of Officers</i></p> <p>Section 6. (second paragraph)</p> <p>Two months before the meetings of the</p>

<p>Executive Committee and National Board of Management, traditionally held in October and April, and the Annual Rendezvous in April, she is to mail the Call to all members of the Society, giving the date, place and time of the meetings in the <i>Broadside</i>. Registration and reservations forms, provided by the Registration& Reservations Chairman, with a response form will be included with the Call in the <i>Broadside</i>.</p>	<p>Replace with:</p> <p>...to Officers National, Honoraries, Chairmen National and Court Presidents with a request that it be forwarded to the Court members...</p>	<p>Executive Committee and National Board of Management, traditionally held in October and April, and the Annual Rendezvous in April, she is to mail the Call to to Officers National, Honoraries, Chairmen National and Court Presidents with a request that it be forwarded to the Court members giving the date, place and time of the meetings. Registration and reservations forms, provided by the Registration& Reservations Chairman, with a response form will be included with the Call in the <i>Broadside</i>.</p>
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Rationale: The Corresponding Secretary does not send the Call to all members, only those listed.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
<p>ARTICLE VII- <i>Duties of Officers</i> Section 8 – The Treasurer National shall collect and have charge of all funds and securities of the National Society. She shall deposit the same to the credit of the Society in banks approved by the Executive Committee. She shall pay all bills approved by the President National. She shall notify members-at-</p>	<p>Remove:</p> <p>She shall issue permits for all insignia.</p>	<p>ARTICLE VII- <i>Duties of Officers</i> Section 8 – The Treasurer National shall collect and have charge of all funds and securities of the National Society. She shall deposit the same to the credit of the Society in banks approved by the Executive Committee. She shall pay all bills approved by the President National. She shall notify members-at-</p>

large and Court Treasurers when dues are payable. She shall keep account of all expenditures, file all bills and report to the Society at all business meetings. She shall issue permits for all insignia. She shall be placed under bond for the faithful discharge of her duties.		large and Court Treasurers when dues are payable. She shall keep account of all expenditures, file all bills and report to the Society at all business meetings. She shall be placed under bond for the faithful discharge of her duties.
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Rationale: This duty is now performed by the Insignia Chairman.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
ARTICLE VII – <i>Duties of Officers</i> Section 10. (2 nd paragraph for Historian-Librarian). She shall have custody of the books, magazines, manuscripts and clippings of the National Society other than those authorized to be in the custody of other officers, and shall catalogue and/or arrange them for use. She shall provide a list of her holdings upon request to Officers National, Chairmen National and Courts of Assistants. She shall, at the completion of her term of office, arrange for the storage in the Society's lockers in Washington, D.C. of those materials not	Remove: She shall, at the completion of her term of office, arrange for the storage in the Society's lockers in Washington, D.C. of those materials not to be transferred into the custody of her successor. Remove: ...notify the Librarian National... Replace with: ...notify her...	ARTICLE VII – <i>Duties of Officers</i> Section 10. (2 nd paragraph for Historian-Librarian). She shall have custody of the books, magazines, manuscripts and clippings of the National Society other than those authorized to be in the custody of other officers, and shall catalogue and/or arrange them for use. She shall provide a list of her holdings upon request to Officers National, Chairmen National and Courts of Assistants. She shall encourage Courts to place Society publications in local libraries and notify her of said donations.

<p>to be transferred into the custody of her successor. She shall encourage Courts to place Society publications in local libraries and notify the Librarian National of said donations.</p>		
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Rationale: The Society no longer has a storage locker, and grammar.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
<p>ARTICLE VII – <i>Duties of Officers</i> Section 11. The Color Bearer National shall have charge of the Flags, banners, sabre, and other articles of value in the possession of the Society. she shall arrange for their appearance at the Annual Rendezvous and on such special occasions as the National Board of Management directs. She shall arrange for their safe keeping in a proper storage warehouse.</p>	<p>Remove: She shall arrange for their safekeeping in a proper storage warehouse.</p>	<p>ARTICLE VII – <i>Duties of Officers</i> Section 11. The Color Bearer National shall have charge of the Flags, banners, sabre, and other articles of value in the possession of the Society. She shall arrange for their appearance at the Annual Rendezvous and on such special occasions as the National Board of Management directs.</p>

Rationale: The society does not have a “proper storage warehouse”.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
<p>ARTICLE VIII – <i>Meetings of the National Society</i></p>	<p>Remove: ...which vote may be taken by mail...</p>	<p>ARTICLE VIII – <i>Meetings of the National Society</i></p>

<p>Section 2. Unless otherwise ordered by the National Board of Management, which vote may be taken by mail, the Annual Rendezvous shall be held in Washington, D.C., on Sunday and Monday during the week preceding that which the nineteenth of April falls.</p>	<p>Add: ...or its immediate environs...</p> <p>Remove: ...Sunday and...</p>	<p>Section 2. Unless otherwise ordered by the National Board of Management, the Annual Rendezvous shall be held in Washington, D.C. or its immediate environs on Monday during the week preceding that which the nineteenth of April falls.</p>
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Rationale: Method of voting is discussed in Article IX, section 3 (below). Provides more flexibility in finding meeting locations, and there is no longer a need for an in-person board meeting on Sunday, as it is conducted electronically.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
<p>ARTICLE VIII – <i>Meetings of the National Society</i> Section 8.</p> <p>Special meetings of the National Society shall be called by the President National when directed to do so by a majority of the National Board of Management, provided that at least ten members vote affirmatively. This vote may be taken by mail....</p>	<p>Remove: This vote may be taken by mail. Replace with: This vote may be taken electronically.</p>	<p>ARTICLE VIII – <i>Meetings of the National Society</i> Section 8.</p> <p>Special meetings of the National Society shall be called by the President National when directed to do so by a majority of the National Board of Management, provided that at least ten members vote affirmatively. This vote may be taken electronically....</p>

Rationale: Provides for email or other method of electronic voting to call a special meeting.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
<p>ARTICLE VIII – <i>Meetings of the National Society</i></p>	<p>Add Section 9. In the event of a state or nationally declared catastrophic event where in-person gathering is not possible,</p>	<p>Section 9. In the event of a state or nationally declared catastrophic event where in-person gathering is not possible, prohibited or discouraged, the</p>

	prohibited or discouraged, the annual Rendezvous may be held via a virtual platform.	annual Rendezvous may be held via a virtual platform.
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Rationale: Allows for a virtual Rendezvous if it is not possible to meet in person.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	Rationale
ARTICLE IX – <i>National Board of Management</i> Section 3. Meetings of the National Board of Management shall be held at the call of the President National at least twice each year. One of these meetings shall precede the Annual Rendezvous. Special meetings may be called by the President National upon special request of ten members of the board. At least thirty days' notice of time and place of meeting shall be given and the business to be transacted shall be stated in the call. Electronic communication is acceptable.	Remove: Electronic communication is acceptable. Replace with: An electronic platform such as Zoom is acceptable for these meetings.	ARTICLE IX – <i>National Board of Management</i> Section 3. Meetings of the National Board of Management shall be held at the call of the President National at least twice each year. One of these meetings shall precede the Annual Rendezvous. Special meetings may be called by the President National upon special request of ten members of the board. At least thirty days' notice of time and place of meeting shall be given and the business to be transacted shall be stated in the call. An electronic platform such as Zoom is acceptable for these meetings.

Rationale: Thanks to the advent of electronic meeting software, these board meetings can be conducted virtually without the need for members to travel. This has enabled members to attend who might otherwise not be able due to time, distance and expense.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
<p>ARTICLE XI – <i>Fees and Dues</i> Section 9. A member-at-large in good standing, desiring to become a member of a Court, if approved by the Court Board of Management, as the Court Bylaws may provide, shall be entitled to a transfer card from the National Society. She shall adjust payment of dues to the Court in accordance with the rules of the Court to which she transfers.</p>	<p>Remove: “card”</p>	<p>ARTICLE XI – <i>Fees and Dues</i> Section 9. A member-at-large in good standing, desiring to become a member of a Court, if approved by the Court Board of Management, as the Court Bylaws may provide, shall be entitled to a transfer from the National Society. She shall adjust payment of dues to the Court in accordance with the rules of the Court to which she transfers.</p>

Rationale: The National Society no longer uses any sort of membership cards.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
<p>ARTICLE XIII – <i>Courts of Assistants</i> Section 5. (b). A member-at-large having accepted a written invitation from a Court President to be transferred to that Court, shall at once be entitled to a transfer card signed by the Treasurer National and the Registrar National.</p>	<p>Remove: “card signed by the Treasurer National and the Registrar National.”</p>	<p>ARTICLE XIII – <i>Courts of Assistants</i> Section 5. (b). A member-at-large having accepted a written invitation from a Court President to be transferred to that Court, shall at once be entitled to a transfer.</p>

Rationale: The National Society no longer uses any sort of membership cards.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
<p>ARTICLE XIV – <i>Organization of New Courts</i> Section 1.</p> <p>A member who wishes to organize a new Court in a state where she resides and where no Court exists, shall apply to the Organizing Secretary National for appointment as Organizing President. No such application shall be made to any other officers of the National Society. Recommendations of other members for the appointment of Organizing Presidents shall also be submitted to the Organizing Secretary National.</p>	<p>Remove: ...shall apply to the Organizing... Replace with: ...shall notify the Organizing...</p> <p>Remove: No such application shall be made to any other officers of the National Society.</p>	<p>ARTICLE XIV – <i>Organization of New Courts</i> Section 1.</p> <p>A member who wishes to organize a new Court in a state where she resides and where no Court exists, shall notify the Organizing Secretary National for appointment as Organizing President. Recommendations of other members for the appointment of Organizing Presidents shall also be submitted to the Organizing Secretary National.</p>

Rationale: Unnecessary verbiage.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
<p>ARTICLE XIV – <i>Organization of New Courts</i> Section 3.</p> <p>Necessary supplies for which there is normally a charge when sent to existing Courts shall be furnished by the Treasurer National, without charge, to Organizing Presidents.</p>	<p>Remove current wording and replace with: The Printed Supplies Chairman will furnish current publications as available, without charge to the Organizing President.</p>	<p>ARTICLE XIV – <i>Organization of New Courts</i> Section 3.</p> <p>The Printed Supplies Chairman will furnish current publications as available, without charge to the Organizing President.</p>

Rationale: Supplies such as *The Genealogical Data...* , recent lineage books, and current directory will be helpful for the Organizing President to have. These can be provided by the Supplies Chairman.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
ARTICLE XIV – <i>Organization of New Courts</i> Section 4. Ten members, all of whom are residents of the state in which the new Court is being organized, are necessary to constitute a Court, and six out of the required ten must be new members and not transfers.	Remove: ..., and six out of the required ten must be new members and not transfers.	ARTICLE XIV – <i>Organization of New Courts</i> Section 4. Ten members, all of whom are residents of the state in which the new Court is being organized, are necessary to constitute a Court.

Rationale: Enables current members to more easily form a Court in their own state.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
ARTICLE XIV – <i>Organization of New Courts</i> Section 5. A member of an existing Court who wishes to become an organizing member of a Court must be transferred to membership-at-large prior to the organization of the new Court. She shall pay a fee of one dollar to the Registrar of the Court from which she is	Remove: She shall pay a fee of one dollar to the Registrar of the Court from which she is transferring to membership-at-large. Replace with: She shall notify the Registrar of her existing Court that she wishes to transfer.	ARTICLE XIV – <i>Organization of New Courts</i> Section 5. A member of an existing Court who wishes to become a member of an organizing Court must be transferred to membership-at-large prior to the organization of the new Court. She shall notify the Registrar of her existing Court that she wishes to transfer. The

transferring to membership-at-large. The Treasurer National shall certify that she is in good standing.		Treasurer National shall certify that she is in good standing.
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Rationale: There is no need for a one dollar fee, however she should notify her current Registrar.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
<p>ARTICLE XIV – <i>Organization of New Courts</i> Section 6. Pending the organization of a new Court, the applicant shall send to the Organizing President duplicate application papers accompanied by a check payable to the Treasurer National for the application fee and national dues. The three application papers shall be signed by the Organizing President and sent to the Organizing Secretary National for her signature. The Organizing Secretary National shall sign the completed applications and shall transmit such completed applications and check to the Registrar National. The Registrar National who shall forward the check and all pertinent information to the Treasurer National. A person who joins the Society for the purpose of</p>	<p>Remove: ...duplicate application papers Replace with: ...her application paper...</p> <p>Remove: The three application papers shall be signed by the Organizing President and sent to the Organizing Secretary National for her signature. The Organizing Secretary National shall sign the completed applications and shall transmit such completed applications and check to the Registrar National.</p> <p>Replace with: The Organizing President shall send page one of the applications to the Organizing Secretary National who will sign it and return to the Organizing President who will then transmit the completed applications and check to the Registrar National who shall forward the check and all pertinent information to the Treasurer National. A person who joins the Society for the purpose of organizing a new Court shall be a member-at-large and shall pay</p>	<p>ARTICLE XIV – <i>Organization of New Courts</i> Section 6. Pending the organization of a new Court, the applicant shall send to the Organizing President her application paper accompanied by a check payable to the Treasurer National for the application fee and national dues. The Organizing President shall send page one of the applications to the Organizing Secretary National who will sign it and return to the Organizing President who will then transmit the completed applications and check to the Registrar National who shall forward the check and all pertinent information to the Treasurer National. A person who joins the Society for the purpose of organizing a new Court shall be a member-at-large and shall pay</p>

organizing a new Court shall be a member-at-large and shall pay dues directly to the Treasurer National until the new Court is organized.	completed applications and check to the Registrar National.	dues directly to the Treasurer National until the new Court is organized.
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Rationale: Only one copy of each application is necessary. Sending only page one minimizes the chance of losing application in the mail.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
ARTICLE XIV – <i>Organization of New Courts</i> Section 11. No Court organized under any of the provisions of this section shall be recognized as a Court until a report, in duplicate, of the organization meeting shall have been sent to and verified by the Organizing Secretary National, and the organization of the Court has been confirmed by the National Board of Management. The report shall contain date of organizing meeting, the names and signatures of the organizing members and of the officers elected.	Remove: ...in duplicate...	ARTICLE XIV – <i>Organization of New Courts</i> Section 11. No Court organized under any of the provisions of this section shall be recognized as a Court until a report of the organization meeting shall have been sent to and verified by the Organizing Secretary National, and the organization of the Court has been confirmed by the National Board of Management. The report shall contain date of organizing meeting, the names and signatures of the organizing members and of the officers elected.

Rationale: A single copy is enough.

Current Wording	Proposed Change	To Read:
ARTICLE XVI – <i>Insigne</i> Section 3. The Insigne, ribbon, and ancestral bars shall be issued only by permit of the Treasurer National.	Remove: “Treasurer National” Replace with: “Insignia Chairman”	ARTICLE XVI – <i>Insigne</i> Section 3. The Insigne, ribbon, and ancestral bars shall be issued only by permit of the Insignia Chairman.

Rationale: This duty is now performed by the Insignia Chairman.