

In 2016, the membership voted to change the structure of the Officers serving on the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association Board of Directors. The Vice-President, President, and Immediate Past President terms changed from one year to two years and removed the President-Elect position. Due to the change, there is a need to extend the number of years a person can serve of the Board of Directors in the Constitution and Bylaws as defined in Article VI Section 2. During the review of the Constitution and Bylaws to Revise Article VI Section 2, other updates are recommended to keep the document current.

Motion 1: Extend the number of years board members can serve.

Revise Article VI Section 2

Delete: No person shall serve on the Board for more than ten (10) consecutive years.

Replace With: No person shall serve on the Board for more than twelve (12) consecutive years.

Motion 2: Update Preamble with new mission statement.

Delete: The National Military Fish and Wildlife Association is dedicated to providing for natural resource management on the Department of Defense's, hereinafter referred to as DoD, lands in support of the military mission of the Armed Services that operate on these lands by utilizing sound natural resource management principles drawn from the full spectrum of natural resource management disciplines and implemented under the direction of professionally trained natural resources personnel.

Replace With: The National Military Fish and Wildlife Association connects, educates, supports, and advocates for natural resources professionals across the Department of Defense to protect and enhance the military mission through sustainable resource conservation.

Motion 3: Clarify all members are voting members.

Revise Article III, Section 1

Delete: The officers of the Association shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Eligibility for officer positions is limited to voting members of the Association.

Replace With: The officers of the Association shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Eligibility for officer positions is limited to members of the Association.

Revise Article III, Section 3

Delete: Membership in the Association shall be open to all persons dedicated to the objectives of the Association. Voting members are those NMFWA members employed as full-time DoD personnel, or full-time contractors, involved in natural resources management on military installations. Membership shall be by written application to the Membership Committee

Replace With: Membership in the Association shall be open to all persons dedicated to the objectives of the Association. Membership shall be by written application to the Membership Committee.

Motion 4: Clarify that the Association receives funds from registration fees.

Update Article III, Section 4

Add: Funds of the Association shall be derived from **registration fees**, dues, special assessments, work projects, contributions or any other means approved by the membership of the Board. They shall be placed in a Federally insured bank or similar financial institution.

Motion 5: Update language in Outreach Committee section

Revise Article IV, Section 7

Delete: The Outreach Committee Chairperson shall be appointed by the President. The President and Immediate Past-President shall serve as ex officio members of the committee. The Chairperson is responsible for obtaining additional committee members as required. The committee is responsible for preparing and presenting the Association's poster at the Annual Training Workshop. The committee shall work with other NMFWA members to arrange display of the Association's poster at other conferences/venues. The committee is responsible for working with the individual/business contracted to be the NMFWA Webmaster to maintain the Association's website including but not limited to content, links, bulletin boards and advertising, in accordance with current Association guidelines. The Chairperson will coordinate with the President and Treasurer regarding any business details between the Association and an internal or external webmaster. The committee shall develop policy with Board approval that will: 1. govern distribution of Association membership lists; and, 2. determine what form of advertising may appear in the Association newsletter, on its website and at Association workshops. The committee shall distribute the Association's brochure to members and other individuals that may request a copy. The committee shall also periodically review the brochure to determine whether its content needs to be updated.

Replace With: The Outreach Committee Chairperson shall be appointed by the President. The President and Immediate Past-President shall serve as ex officio members of the committee. The Chairperson is responsible for obtaining additional committee members as required. The committee is responsible for preparing and presenting **any** Association **printed material** at the Annual Training Workshop. The committee shall work with other NMFWA members to arrange display of the **materials** at other conferences/venues. The committee is responsible for working with the individual/business contracted to be the NMFWA Webmaster to maintain the Association's website including but not limited to

content, links, bulletin boards and advertising, in accordance with current Association guidelines. The Chairperson will coordinate with the President and Treasurer regarding any business details between the Association and an internal or external webmaster. The committee shall develop policy with Board approval that will: 1. govern distribution of Association membership lists; and, 2. determine what form of advertising may appear in the Association newsletter, on its website and at Association workshops. The committee shall distribute the Association's **outreach materials** to members and other individuals that may request a copy. The committee shall also periodically review **these materials** to determine whether its content needs to be updated.

Motion 6: Change Audit Committee to Financial Review Committee (Article IV, Section 9)

Motion 7: Update Elections and Voting

Revise Article VI Section 1

Delete: The election of officers and Regional & At-Large Directors shall be by U.S. mail, facsimile transmission, via the Association's Internet website or by e-mail. Voting members may submit ballots to the Immediate Past President (or his/her representative). Ballots must be received at least two weeks prior to the date of the Association's annual business meeting. Each voting member is entitled to one vote.

Replace With: The election of officers and Regional & At-Large Directors shall be via the Association's Internet website or by e-mail. Members may submit ballots to the Immediate Past President (or his/her representative). Ballots must be received at least two weeks prior to the date of the Association's annual business meeting. Each member is entitled to one vote.

Revise Article VI Section 2

Delete: Newly elected members of the Board shall be announced at the first Board meeting of the Annual Training Workshop and the election results posted at the registration desk.

Replace With: Newly elected members of the Board shall be announced at the first Board meeting of the Annual Training Workshop and the election results posted **on the Association's website**.