

Constitution and Bylaws Changes

2017 Ballot Questions

Ballot Question #1

NOTE: IAFC legal counsel recommended a review of the Constitution and Bylaws (CBL) to identify items deemed to be policy matters rather than governance matters and move them into policy so they can be changed in timely manner when appropriate. Ballot questions #1 and #2 were identified by the Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee (CBR) as appropriate provisions to move to policy.

Article I. Section 4. Bonding of Officers

Move entire section without change to the IAFC Policy and Procedures Manual.

Click [here](#) to review text. (PDF)

Recommendations:

Constitution, Bylaws & Resolutions Committee Recommendation: YES

IAFC Board of Directors Recommendation: YES.

1 — YES, I support moving the Bonding of Officers provision to the policy manual.

2 — NO, I do not support moving the Bonding of Officers provision to the policy manual.

Ballot Question #2

Bylaws Section IV. Rules of Order

Move entire section without change to the IAFC Policy and Procedures Manual:

Click [here](#) to review text. (PDF)

Recommendations:

Constitution, Bylaws & Resolutions Committee Recommendation: YES

IAFC Board of Directors Recommendation: YES

1 — YES, I support moving the Rules of Order provision to the policy manual.

2 — NO, I do not support moving the Rules of Order provision to the policy manual.

Ballot Question #3

Article V. Section 2. Composition of the Board

Language is added and deleted to make the seats on the IAFC Board of Directors currently held by the Emergency Medical Services Section, the Fire and Life Safety Section and the Safety, Health and Survival Section, permanent seats of the board and to allow any other section to request a board seat if that section membership's is equivalent to or greater than 10% of the total IAFC membership.

Click [here](#) to see tracked changes. (PDF)

Recommendations:

Constitution, Bylaws & Resolutions Committee Recommendation: NO. The committee believes that the current CBL method of determining up to three additional section representative seats on the board of directors based on verified membership numbers is a fair and smart approach. The current method has established a tangible way for sections to demonstrate their value to the organization (member interest and priorities), may encourage section member recruitment efforts and maintains a pathway for other sections, current and future, to strive for a seat on the board if they wish.

IAFC Board of Directors Recommendation: YES. The board agrees that these three sections represent an integral part of the fire service and are critical to the success of the IAFC and its mission. The board believes that the current competitive process for aligning a board seat through membership numbers could create volatility and a lack of consistency in policy development. With the growing membership of the IAFC, the board also believes the 10% threshold provides the mechanism for current and future sections to petition for seats on the board and further demonstrates the members' interests and influence.

1. YES, I support Emergency Medical Services, Fire and Life Safety and Safety, Health and Survival sections obtaining permanent seats on the IAFC Board of Directors.
2. NO, I support current provisions regarding section seats on the IAFC Board of Directors remain in place.

Ballot Question #4

Article III. Section 3. Removal from Office

Language is added to permit removal of an IAFC officer in the event an officer becomes impaired physically or mentally to such an extent that the office holder is unable to discharge the powers and duties of said office.

Click [here](#) to see new section. (PDF)

Recommendations:

Constitution, Bylaws & Resolutions Committee Recommendation: – YES. The committee believes there should be a way to remove an officer should he or she become unable to fulfill their duties to the IAFC.

IAFC Board of Directors Recommendation: YES. The board believes there should be a way to remove an officer should he or she become unable to fulfill his or her duties to the IAFC due to a mental or physical impairment. The removal requires super majorities of both the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

- 1 — YES, I support the proposed Removal from Office provision.
- 2 — NO, I do not support the proposed Removal from Office provision.

Ballot Question #5

Article III. Section 2. Elected Officer Eligibility

Language is added for the position of Treasurer that candidates must meet the current requirements for the position as adopted by the IAFC Board of Directors.

Click [here](#) (PDF) to see the new language (highlighted in yellow) of Ballot Question #5.

Click [here](#) (PDF) to review the approved IAFC Treasurer Position Description policy.

Recommendations:

Constitution, Bylaws & Resolutions Committee Recommendation: YES. The committee believes this provision will help ensure only qualified candidates seek the IAFC Treasurer position. Also, this was a recommendation from a series of governance meetings held last year.

IAFC Board of Directors Recommendation: YES. The fiduciary responsibility of the IAFC is critical to success and sustainability. The board believes this provision will help ensure that candidates who seek the position of Treasurer are qualified. The recommendation of this change is a result of a series of governance meetings held last year.

1 — YES, I support the proposed Elected Officer Eligibility provision for IAFC Treasurer.

2 — NO, I do not support the proposed Elected Officer Eligibility provision for IAFC Treasurer.

Ballot Question #6

Article IV. Section 1. Duties of Officers

Language detailing specific duties of the Treasurer are removed and moved to IAFC policy.

Click [here](#) (PDF) to see tracked changes of Ballot Question #6 (strikethrough language moved to IAFC policy).

Click [here](#) (PDF) to review the approved IAFC Treasurer Position Description policy.

Recommendations:

Constitution, Bylaws & Resolutions Committee Recommendation – YES. The committee believes the specific duties of the Treasurer should be in the policy manual so they can be changed in timely manner when appropriate. Also, this was a recommendation from a series of governance meetings held last year.

IAFC Board of Directors Recommendation: YES. After a series of governance meetings last year and the advice of IAFC legal counsel, the board believes the specific duties of the Treasurer should be in the policy manual so they can be changed in a timely manner when appropriate.

1 — YES, I support the proposed Duties of Officers provision for IAFC Treasurer.

2 — NO, I do not support the proposed Duties of Officers provision for IAFC Treasurer.

Ballot Question #7

Article V. Section 4 (3) Subsection 2 A. Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee

Change the term of the chair of the Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee from 1 year to 3 years.

Click [here](#) to see tracked changes. (PDF)

Recommendations:

Constitution, Bylaws & Resolutions Committee Recommendation: YES. The committee believes this provision aligns the chair term with the other committee chair terms and 3-year terms chair have been the accepted practice on the CBR Committee for some time.

IAFC Board of Directors Recommendation: YES. The board believes this provision will align the chair term with the other committee chair terms and a 3-year term chair has been the accepted practice on the CBR Committee for some time and it will provide continuity and stability to the committee.

1 — YES, I support 3-year terms for the Constitution, Bylaws & Resolutions Committee chair position.

2 — NO, I do not support 3-year terms for the Constitution, Bylaws & Resolutions Committee chair position. Term should remain 1-year.

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