

Proposed Technical Amendments to IAFC Constitution and Bylaws

Article III, Section 2. B

In the event that a member vacates his/her position through retirement or otherwise as chief of department while holding an elected office, the member may continue to hold said office until completion of the term. If at any time such officer accepts a position that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, conflicts with the interests and values of the IAFC, the Board of Directors may, with a minimum of 75% of the Board voting in the affirmative, ~~remove~~suspend that person from office, ~~thereby creating a vacancy in that office.~~

Article III, Section 3. Removal and Suspension from Office

- A. In the event that an officer is convicted of a felony while holding office, that officer shall be deemed to have forfeited his/her office, and shall be removed from that office.
- B. In the event that 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, that officer shall be ~~removed~~suspended from office if both of the following actions are taken:
 1. A minimum of ~~four~~two-thirds of ~~six~~the members of the Executive Committee vote in favor to recommend removal from office to the Board of Directors.
 2. A minimum of 75% of the Board of Directors vote in favor to ~~remove~~suspend the officer, ~~thereby creating a vacancy in that office.~~

Article V, Section 5. Vacancies

- A. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the president or his/her successors, the next officer in line shall immediately be directed by the Board of Directors in writing or in formal session to assume all duties and authorities of the vacant office and an acting second vice president shall then be named by the president and, upon approval of the Board of Directors, shall serve for the unexpired term.
- B. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the treasurer, an acting treasurer shall immediately be appointed by the president and, upon approval of the Board of Directors, shall serve for the unexpired term.
- C. Vacancies in any offices or directorships not provided for above may be filled by the vote of those required to elect the officer or director at issue. However, should the vacancy remain unfilled for six months and the board be unable to constitute a quorum with the remaining directors (due to their absence, illness or other inability), then a majority of the remaining directors may appoint an interim director or officer, as applicable, to fill the vacancy. Such an interim director or officer shall hold office only until his or her successor is elected and qualified.
- D. In the event of the suspension of an officer, the appointment of an acting officer to act with the authority of such office for the duration of the suspension shall be made in accordance with this Section as if the suspension created a vacancy.

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