

Task Force Call- August 26, 2023 Agenda

Agenda:

1. Review the Pros Cons survey results
2. Discuss response on how fast International would approve changes
3. Since the call: Emails back from Mark Agerter on the process: **Read from the last email to the top to get the correct sequence of questions and responses!**

Mark Agerter [via sofnboard1.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mark.agerter@sofnboard1.onmicrosoft.com)

Mon, Aug 7, 11:09 PM
(3 days ago)

to me, Cheryl, Duane, Robin

Can't make any hard and fast promises as to time frame as there are too many steps involving too many people and their busy schedules. My best advice to you is to draft the concept, run it by legal, get D5 board approval, then set up a referendum of your 2022 delegates to approve or not. Then send to the CMGC for their approval, who will then forward to CEO and legal for their signatures of approval. Unless you have some other process in your bylaws, which I have not seen, you only have two avenues for approval: at the convention by 2024 delegates or by the 2022 delegates in a referendum, the time frame of which is up to the D5 board. I might recommend that once you have this drafted that you send me a copy, in addition to legal, so I can also take a stab at trying to spot any issues that might require revision.

Seems like a lot to happen in a short period of time!

May I ask what the rationale is for this change?

Hope that helps.

Mark

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Sent: Monday, August 7, 2023 7:51 AM

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Subject: Re: Zones

Good morning-

Just to clarify on this statement from Mark's response below- after the District approves the change (let's say in January), would we be able to know by March 1 so that our Nominating Committee could be assured of what their task is?

Mark wrote- "**After district delegate approval, the revised bylaws would have to be approved by CMGC, then signed by CEO and legal. So, if at convention, maybe a month or so afterward.**"

Thank you so much!

Darlene

On Sat, Aug 5, 2023 at 12:00 PM Mark Agerter <mark.agerter@sofnboard.com> wrote:

That is my understanding. But the concept should be run by legal in any case.

From: Duane Kittleson <duane.kittleson@sofnboard.com>

Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2023 9:51:17 AM

To: Robin Fossum <robin.fossum@sofnboard.com>; Mark Agerter <mark.agerter@sofnboard.com>

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Subject: Re: Zones

Thanks Mark. So I am reading into this that governance type issues like this at the district level would not have to go to MN Dept for review and approval, but international bylaws would.

Duane

Duane Kittleson,

Sons of Norway International Director

From: Robin Fossum <robin.fossum@sofnboard.com>

Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2023 11:39:54 AM

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Subject: Re: Zones

Brilliant! We appreciate your answer on a Saturday, extra brownie points...

I'm copying Darlene Arneson and Duane Kittleson.

Enjoy the rest of the weekend!

Robin

From: Mark Agerter <mark.agerter@sofnboard.com>

Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2023 11:04 AM

To: Robin Fossum <robin.fossum@sofnboard.com>

Subject: Re: Zones

Robin - good question! Bylaws section 2.3.3 state:

2.3.3 **Optional** division

Each district lodge may be divided into several geographical zones for administrative purposes. The boundaries of the zone shall be fixed by the district lodge and the description thereof shall be stated in the district bylaws.

Since the zones are presumably already defined/created in the district bylaws the bylaws would need to be changed to reflect the new reality. This would take a vote of convention delegates next year, unless done by referendum electronically to speed up the process. After district delegate approval, the revised bylaws would have to be approved by CMGC, then signed by CEO and legal. So, if at convention, maybe a month or so afterward. If via electronic, maybe a month or so after the vote is finalized and verified. In either case the secretary would need to create a revised document first so add that to the timeframe.

Hope that answers your question.

Have a great weekend.

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From: Robin Fossum <robin.fossum@sofnboard.com>
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To: Mark Agerter <mark.agerter@sofnboard.com>
Subject: Zones

Mark,

Sorry for the Saturday email, I'm back from a week in Fargo for Flere Lag Stevne and now on a District 5 Task Force Meeting.

If District 5 eliminates their Zones and just has the D5 board/directors administer the District, would that take official approval from the International Board and how long would it take? Just asking...

Robin

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What do we propose to the board or do next?

Next call: _____