

# International Association Legions of Honor Wayne Steele 2nd Lt. Commander Bylaw Committee Chair



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From: Wayne Steele, 2nd Lt. Commander, Bylaw Committee Chair

Subject: Proposed Bylaw Change

**To:** Russell Gray, Commander, International Association Legions of Honor David L. Smith, Adjutant, International Association Legions of Honor Tracy Coughlin, Judge Advocate, International Association Legions of Honor

**Purpose:** The purpose of this bylaw is to change Article III, Section 2 by adding approval requirements to the convention contract if disapproved at Board Meeting and rearrange the sections for better representation. Add a new section "Contract Venue Approval.

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### **ARTICLE III**

#### Section 2. INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION LEGIONS OF HONOR CONVENTIONS:

- (A) The International Association Legions of Honor Annual Convention will be held on the dates approved by the Imperial Officer who will be Imperial Potentate at the time of the requested Annual Convention and the Divan Member of the Temple where said Annual Convention is to be held who will be Potentate at that time. The Annual Convention will be for the purpose of, but not limited to: Receiving the Annual Reports of the International Commander, International Finance Officer and Committee Chairmen, the election of all International Officers. The budget for the International Association Legions of Honor Convention is and will be an integral part of the Fiscal Budget for the I.A.L.O.H., which commences at the conclusion of the preceding Annual Convention. The contract for the hotel to be utilized for our Annual Convention must be submitted to the IALOH Judge Advocate at least two (2) years prior to the Annual Convention for his review, after which he shall submit his report to the Lt. Commander and the International Board of Directors to be considered before approval of said contract. The Annual Convention Budget will be presented and approved at the Arlington Meeting of the year prior to the commencement of the Fiscal Year. A copy of the budget is available for review from the International Finance Officer.
- (B) The International Commander will be responsible for making all arrangements for said meeting; however, the International Board of Directors must approve, by majority vote of the entire Board, all contracts that have been reviewed by the IALOH Judge Advocate and his report received and proposed expenditures, prior to any commitment by an International Lieutenant Commander for his year as International Commander. The International Association Legions of Honor is responsible and liable for all expenses incurred during Conventions. The elected officers of the International Board of Directors must have complete knowledge of all proposals and pre-approve same. All monies (registration and otherwise) generated by the International Association Legions of Honor Convention belong to the International Association Legions of Honor and be forwarded to the International Finance Officer.
- (C) **REGISTRATION FEE:** The International Lieutenant Commander, with approval of the International Board of Directors, set, and announce a Registration Fee for attendance at the International Association Legions of Honor Convention. Any individual Noble who wishes to attend and participate in any of the activities of the International Association Legions of Honor Convention pay such registration fee in advance.

If the Lady of an attending Noble (or any other person or persons) wishes to attend and participate in any activities, a Registration Fee must be paid for each. (Such registration fee will be paid in U.S. currency. The Registration Fee will have a cut-off date for acceptance. Any fees submitted after the cut-off date may be accepted depending on space availability to accommodate the Noble and/or Lady.

## **ARTICLE III**

# Section 2: INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION LEGIONS OF HONOR ANNUAL CONVENTION:

- (A) The International Association Legions of Honor Annual Convention will be held on the dates approved by the Imperial Divian member that will be the Imperial Potentate at the time of the request and the Potentate of the Temple where said International Association Legions of Honor Annual Convention is to be held.
- (B) The Annual Convention will be for the purpose of, but not limited to receiving the annual reports of the International Commander, International Finance Officer, Committee Chairmen, and the election of all International Officers.
- (C) The financial budget for the Annual Convention is included in the fiscal budget, according to Article VII, Section 1, (C).
- (D) The International Commander is responsible for making all arrangements for the current Annual Convention. The International Association Legions of Honor is responsible and liable for all expenses incurred during the Annual Convention. All monies (registration and otherwise) generated by the Annual Convention belong to the International Association Legions of Honor and will be forwarded to the International Finance Officer.
- (E) The Lieutenant Commander, with approval of the International Board of Directors, will set, and announce a registration fee for the Annual Convention. Any Noble who wishes to attend and participate in any of the activities of the Annual Convention will pay such registration fee in advance. If the Lady of an attending Noble (or any other person or persons) wishes to attend and participate in any activities, a registration fee must be paid for each (such registration fee will be paid in U.S. currency.) The registration fee will have a cutoff date for acceptance. Any fees submitted after the cutoff date may be accepted depending on space availability to accommodate the Noble and/or Lady and/or guest.

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## Section 3: INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION LEGIONS OF HONOR ANNUAL CONVENTION CONTRACT VENUE PROCESS

- (A) The Lieutenant Commander responsible for the convention two (2) years from the current Annual Convention will submit the convention venue contract to the International Association Legions of Honor Judge Advocate at least two (2) years prior to the Annual Convention for his review.
- (B) The Judge Advocate will submit a written report to the Lieutenant Commander and the International Board of Directors of his recommendations/changes for approval of said contract at the International Board of Directors Arlington meeting two (2) years prior to the Lieutenant Commanders Annual Convention. The initial contract and/or changes to the contract will be approved by majority vote of the members at the meeting. If the contract is not approved at the board meeting, then the contract will be approved according to Article III, Section 2, (D).
- (C) If the convention venue will only negotiate the contract for one (1) year in advance, the Lieutenant Commander will submit the contract to the Judge Advocate for review as soon as possible. The Judge Advocate will submit a written report to the Lieutenant Commander and the International Board of Directors at the Arlington Board of Directors meeting. If the contract cannot be submitted and approved at the Arlington Board of Directors meeting prior to the commencement of the annual convention then the International Commander will call a virtual/teleconference Board of Directors meeting to approve the contract according to the Article IV, Section 3, (E). If the contract is not approved the Lieutenant Commander will make the required adjustments and resubmit the contract within 30 days for review and approval as stated above according to Article III, Section 2, (C).
- (D) If the contact is disapproved, as submitted two years in advance, at the Arlington Board of Directors meeting the Lieutenant Commander will review and make the required changes and resubmit the contact to the International Association Legions of Honor Judge Advocate for review, after which he will submit a report of his recommendations/changes for approval to the Lieutenant Commander and the International Board of Directors at the upcoming Annual Convention International Board of Directors meeting for approval. If the contract is disapproved at the annual convention International Board of Directors meeting, the Lieutenant Commander, within sixty (60) days, will make the necessary changes and resubmit the contract for approval. The International Commander will call a virtual/teleconference meeting according to Article IV, Section 3 to approve the contract. The International Judge Advocate will be part of this meeting to review the contract and recommend approval or disapproval.

(E) Once the contract has been approved and there are any changes that must be made to the original approved contract the changes must be reviewed by the International Association Legions of Honor Judge Advocate, after which he will submit a report of his recommendations/changes for approval to the Lieutenant Commander and International Board of Directors. The changes to the contract must be approved by the International Board of Directors. If this cannot be accomplished at a scheduled International Board of Directors meeting the International Commander will call an International Board of Directors virtual/teleconference meeting according to Article IV, Section 3, (E) to approve the changes.