

**Founder Region Proposed Bylaws Amendment
2019-2020**

ARTICLE VI, Meetings

Section 6.1. b)

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
b. Every sixth year, conference shall be held at a site located within the boundaries of District VI.	b. Every sixth year, conference shall be held at a site located within the offshore district.

Proposed by: The Founder Region Board of Directors.

Advantages: By changing the designation to “the offshore district”, the reference will apply to both our current and future district alignment.

Disadvantages: None

Financial Impact: None

Rationale: The District Realignment which is effective on July 1, 2020, will change the District numbers.

Maintaining the six-year cycle allows the election to continue to occur in the offshore district on a regular basis.

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ARTICLE IX, Finance

Section 9.2. Dues and Fees. g.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
g. Each club shall pay Founder Region a fee of \$10.00 annually to support “S” Club or Sigma Society programs within the Region.	g. Each club shall pay Founder Region a fee of \$10.00 annually to support “S” Club, Sigma Society or Dream It, Be It programs within the Region.

Proposed by: The Founder Region Board of Directors.

Advantages: Adding the Dream It, Be It program gives more opportunity to be able to award grants to Founder Region Soroptimist clubs to promote high school programs for girls.

Disadvantages: None

Financial Impact: Once accumulated funds from this account are reduced, stipulations on the number and amount of grants that can be awarded annually will need to be established.

Rationale: The annual dues assessment to all Founder Region clubs has accumulated over \$19,000.00. Currently, we receive approximately 1 to 2 grant applications per year for Start-up funds for “S” Clubs, and less than 1 per year for “S” Club or Sigma Society projects. The Region board determined that the fund is underutilized and desires to expand the criteria for awarding grants for high school girls’ programs. Many clubs do not sponsor “S” Clubs or Sigma Societies and could apply for a grant from this fund to start a Dream It, Be it program. The Dream It, Be It grant criteria will be added to the Founder Region Procedures.

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ARTICLE V, Directors and Officers

Section 3

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
Section 3. A secretary and treasurer shall be elected from the incoming FRF Board of Directors at their first meeting held after the election.	Section 3. A secretary shall be elected from the incoming FRF Board of Directors at their first meeting held after the election.

Proposed by: The Founder Region Fellowship (FRF) Board of Directors

Advantages:

Disadvantages:

Financial Impact: None.

Rationale:

NOTE: Please see Proposed Bylaw Amendment ARTICLE V. Section 4 for Advantages, Disadvantages and Rationale.

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ARTICLE V, Directors and Officers

Section 4 (new)

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
	Section 4. A treasurer shall be elected from the membership at the annual conference beginning in 2022. For the 2020-2022 biennium, the treasurer shall be appointed by the incoming Founder Region Fellowship (FRF) President from applications submitted by members of Founder Region.

Proposed by: The Founder Region Fellowship (FRF) Board of Directors

Advantages: The FRF Board of Directors cannot always be guaranteed that a board member will have an accounting background and thorough knowledge of bookkeeping and accounting skills. Having someone serving in the position of treasurer will also free up the time previously spent by a FRF District Director who held the position and allow her/him to serve in the District Director position to which they were elected without adding additional responsibilities.

Disadvantages: The first biennium that this would be effective would require an appointment to the position, which would require that the Incoming FRF President be prepared to appoint a member with adequate accounting skills.

Financial Impact: None. Because of the region re-districting, the number of district directors will be reduced to five rather than previously having had six directors. Adding an (appointed) elected treasurer would mean that the number of members of the FRF board would remain at six plus the President.

Rationale: Elected district directors for FRF may or may not have qualifying accounting skills which would allow for one director to serve as the FRF treasurer. By having an elected treasurer from the membership, the board will be assured that there will be someone with accounting skills to ensure that bookkeeping is done properly.

NOTE: Addition of this Section will require a renumbering of Sections in ARTICLE V.

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ARTICLE V, Directors and Officers

Section 5

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
<p>Section 5. Nominations. Each club may submit the names of regular members to the Founder Region Nominating Committee. Each District in Founder Region shall thereafter elect one (1) member from that district to be a director. Nominations and elections shall be in accordance with Founder Region Bylaws.</p>	<p>Section 6. Nominations. Each club may submit the names of regular members to the Founder Region Nominating Committee for treasurer and director. Each District in Founder Region shall thereafter elect one (1) member from that district to be a director. The Founder Region membership, beginning in biennium 2022-2024, shall thereafter elect one (1) member of Founder Region to be treasurer. Nominations and elections shall be in accordance with Founder Region Bylaws.</p>

Proposed by: The Founder Region Fellowship (FRF) Board of Directors

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Disadvantages: The first biennium that this would be effective would require an appointment to the position, which would require that the Incoming FRF President be prepared to appoint a member with adequate accounting skills.

Financial Impact: None. Because of the region re-districting, the number of district directors will be reduced to five rather than previously having had six directors. Adding an (appointed) elected treasurer would mean that the number of members of the FRF board would remain at six plus the President.

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Article V, Directors and Officers

Section 2

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
Section 2. There shall be six (6) directors who are representatives of the six (6) districts of Founder Region. They shall serve for a biennium or until their successors take office.	Section 2. There shall be five (5) directors who are representatives of the five (5) districts of Founder Region. They shall serve for a biennium or until their successors take office.

Proposed by: The Founder Region Fellowship (FRF) Board of Directors

Advantages: Updates to reflect new redistricting for Founder Region

Financial Impact: None

Rationale: To bring Directors and Officers current in regards to redistricting, voted on at 2019 Conference, effective July 1, 2020.

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Article V, Directors and Officers

Section 9. Vacancies. b.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
<p>Section 9. Vacancies. b. If a vacancy occurs in the office of director, the FRF Board of Directors shall appoint a director from the membership of the designated district vacated to serve until the annual meeting where an election to fill such a vacancy is held, providing the nominee meets the requirements as set forth in these bylaws. A vacancy or vacancies on the board shall be deemed to exist in the event of a death, resignation, or removal of any director, or if the authorized number of directors is increased.</p>	<p>Section 10. Vacancies. b. Director If a vacancy occurs in the office of director, the FRF Board of Directors shall appoint a director from the membership of the designated district vacated to serve until the annual meeting where an election to fill such a vacancy is held, providing the nominee meets the requirements as set forth in these bylaws. A vacancy or vacancies on the board shall be deemed to exist in the event of a death, resignation, or absence/ removal of any director, or if the authorized number of directors is increased.</p>

Proposed by: The Founder Region Fellowship (FRF) Board of Directors

Advantages: To allow “absence” as opposed to only “removal”

Financial Impact: None

Rationale: To allow “absence” as opposed to only “removal”

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ARTICLE V, Directors and Officers

Section 9. Vacancies. c. (new)

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
	<p>Section 10. Vacancies. c. Treasurer If a vacancy occurs in the office of treasurer, the FRF Board of Directors shall appoint a treasurer from the membership of FR to serve until the annual meeting where an election to fill such a vacancy is held, providing the nominee meets the requirements as set forth in these bylaws. A vacancy or vacancies in the office of treasurer shall be deemed to exist in the event of a death, resignation, or absence/ removal of treasurer.</p>

Proposed by: The Founder Region Fellowship (FRF) Board of Directors

Advantages: To allow “absence” as opposed to only “removal” as it applies to the newly proposed method for selection of treasurer and to ensure a successor is appointed/elected.

Financial Impact: None

Rationale: To allow “absence” as opposed to only “removal” as it applies to the newly proposed method for selection of treasurer and to ensure a successor is appointed/elected.

NOTE: Addition of this Section will require a renumbering of Sub-sections in ARTICLE V. Section 10.