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Clarifying That Where the Number of Nominees for an Elected Office Does Not Exceed the Number of Individuals to be Elected to the Particular Office, the Nominee(s) Shall be Declared Elected by Acclamation

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Article VI of the Constitution describes the means by which candidates shall be nominated and elected to office in the Federation. Historically, this Article has always been interpreted to mean that when the number of individuals who are nominated for a particular office does not exceed the number of available positions to be filled in that same office, the nominees are declared to be elected and no actual balloting is required.

The purpose of this amendment is to make explicit this historical interpretation.

Therefore, the Executive Council proposes the following amendments to Article VI, and proposes to renumber other subsections accordingly:

ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS

Sec. 1.(a) ~~Beginning in 1997, the~~ officers shall be elected at every ~~other~~ regular quadrennial convention ~~for a term of four years.~~

(b) If there is only one nominee for any Executive Office the nominee shall be declared elected and there shall be no election conducted for that office. If the number of nominees for the offices of Vice President does not exceed the number of Vice Presidents to be elected, the nominees shall be declared elected and there shall be no election conducted for those offices.

(~~b~~c) The election for any office as to which there are more nominees than positions to be elected shall be conducted by written ballot, with each affiliate having the number of votes to which it is entitled on a roll-call vote, as provided in Article IV.