

November 7, 2007

TO: 2008 Executive Committee
Western Shrine Association

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee recommends the following submissions to WSA Bylaws for consideration at the 2008 WSA Annual Meeting and presents the following to the Executive Committee IAW Article X, Section 4 (a) of the WSA Bylaws.

Proposed WSA Bylaw Changes:

1. General Change to all sections of existing WSA Bylaws:
 1. Replace “Shrine Centers” with “Shrine Temples”

Justification: This proposal will make WSA Bylaws consistent with Imperial Bylaws.

2. Article III (a):
 1. Change to read; “Primarily to promote good fellowship among the members of the Shrine Temples of this Association through unit and club participation in performances and/or competition;”

Justification: This proposal places the emphasis of WSA on Unit and Club performances and/or competition as recommended by voting members at the 2005 WSA Annual Meeting.

3. Article VI:
 1. Section 1: Remove “(E) Fourth Vice President”
 2. Rewrite Section 3 as follows: “Section 3. The President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Third Vice President, shall be a progressive line elected at the annual business meeting of this Association and shall hold office until a successor is elected at the next annual business meeting of this Association. The Secretary will also be an elected position but not part of the progressive line. An individual serving as Secretary may serve multiple years in that position at the will of the Association. The Treasurer shall be appointed from the membership of the Shrine Temple to which the President of the Association is a member and shall hold office until a succeeding President is elected. Election to every office of this Association, except Treasurer shall be by majority vote.”
 3. Rewrite Section 4 as follows: “Section 4. Upon election, the Noble elected to the President will designate the location for the Annual WSA Convention for the following year, the First Vice President will designate the location two years from election, the Second Vice President will designate the location three years from election, and the Third Vice President will designate the location four years from election.”

4. Remove Section 5.

Justification: This proposal would allow Temples to act into the future as far as possible with a progressive line of five years and would not require a commitment of said Temples past the timeframe of the existing Divans.

4. Article VIII:

1. Section (6) – Reverse subsections (B) and (C)

Justification – Puts the invocation before the presentation of the flags, therefore putting God before Country.

2. Remove Section (7).

Justification: Removes the requirement for a certified court reporter to record minutes of the annual meeting. This was proposed at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

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