**CASSAR Bylaws Committee**

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**Report to the Annual Meeting of the California Society, SAR**

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**Amendments of Bylaws.**

***Bylaw 8, §4(b)(iv)***

At annual or board of managers meetings properly noticed, proposed amendments to the bylaws may be voted upon with such voting restricted to one vote for each chapter president (or his designee). Passage of the proposed amendment requires at least a two-thirds vote of the chapters present and voting at the meeting.

**Proposal No. 1**

**Bylaw 2, Section 4:**

**Current**

**Section 4**—A chapter may be adjudged by the board to have forfeited its charter from the society should it fail to fulfill its duties to the society and particularly should it: (1) fail without good reason to hold at least four (4) meetings in any year; (2) fail to hold an annual meeting and to elect officers; (3) fail to report to the board on the meetings as prescribed; or (4) fail to make return of and pay the monies due the society.

**Proposed**

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**Rationale**

Chapters are expected to send registered and authorized representatives to state meetings so the chapter can learn about state activities, and the state can learn about the chapter activities.

**Proposal No. 2**

**Bylaw 4, Section 1:**

**Current**

Section 1—OFFICERS—The officers of this society shall be president, immediate former president, executive vice president, two vice presidents designated vice president north and vice president south, vice president for membership, secretary, treasurer, registrar, historian, genealogist, chancellor, chaplain, surgeon and three trustees of the invested funds. Prior designation shall not change until incumbent has been replaced. They shall all serve without compensation. The officers, except the immediate former president and the vice president for membership, shall be elected at each annual meeting of the society by the delegates, and except for the trustees of the invested funds and the vice president for membership, shall hold office for one year or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The vice president for membership shall be elected, for a two-year term, and each of the trustees of the invested funds shall be elected for a three-year term, staggered such that one expires each year, except when there is more than one vacancy, in which case different terms will be required so that only one trustee term will expire each year. The term “most senior past president” shall mean the most recent former president.

**Proposed**

Section 1—OFFICERS—The officers of this society shall be president, immediate former president, executive vice president, two vice presidents designated vice president north and vice president south, **~~vice president for membership~~ color guard commander**, secretary, treasurer, registrar, historian, genealogist, chancellor, chaplain, surgeon and three trustees of the invested funds. Prior designation shall not change until incumbent has been replaced. They shall all serve without compensation. The officers, except the immediate former president **~~and the vice president for membership~~**, shall be elected at each annual meeting of the society by the delegates, and except for the trustees of the invested funds **~~and the~~** **~~vice president for membership~~** shall hold office for one year or until their successors have been elected and qualified. **~~The vice president for membership shall be elected, for a two-year term, and~~** **E**ach of the trustees of the invested funds shall be elected for a three-year term, staggered such that one expires each year, except when there is more than one vacancy, in which case different terms will be required so that only one trustee term will expire each year. The term “most senior past president” shall mean the most recent former president.

**Rationale**

The Color Guard Commander has a very active role in the State Society and as the face of the CASSAR should sit on the Executive Committee.  The role of VP Membership is degraded to being a middleman between the NSSAR and the Chapters, simply forwarding prospective new member inquiries received at NSSAR to the appropriate chapter. The VP Membership is not out in the field recruiting new members.

**Proposal No. 3**

**Bylaw 5(a), Section 1:**

**Current**

**Section 1—** There shall be a CASSAR executive committee with a total membership of nine. The executive committee shall be composed of the president, the immediate past president, the four vice presidents (executive, north, south and membership), the secretary, the treasurer, and the chancellor.

**Proposed**

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**Proposal No. 4**

**Bylaw 4, Section 3(c):**

**Current**

1. **Section 3(c)** The vice president for membership shall function statewide and shall provide guidance and assistance to the chapters in membership recruiting. The incumbent of this office is not in the line of progression.

**Proposed**

**Eliminate Section 3(c) in its entirety, and replace with New Section 7 (renumbering old Sections 7 through 14):**

**Section 7 – COLOR GUARD COMMANDER – The CASSAR Color Guard Commander supports and coordinates SAR color guard activities across California.**

**Primary responsibilities are organizing and commanding the color guard at CASSAR meetings and upholding the traditions, standards, safety, data collection, and reporting of color guard activities and participation. He supports and mentors’ chapter-level color guards, encourages recruitment and training to maintain safe and professional conduct at all CASSAR events, and represents the CASSAR on the NSSAR Color Guard Committee.**

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