

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SKÅL USA PUBLICATION TITLED  
"THE-BY-LAWS of SKÅL INTERNATIONAL UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SKÅL USA)"**

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**SUBMITTED BY SKÅL INTERNATIONAL ATLANTIC CITY**

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ORIGINAL	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	RATIONALE
<p><b>Article 4: Composition</b></p> <p><b>5(B)</b> The total travel and meeting expense for the Executive Committee shall not exceed 50% per year of the gross Skål International USA membership dues collected the prior year. If the Executive Committee deems it necessary to exceed the 50% rule for any reason they can show the reason why, what the additional cost are and get approval from the Clubs before exceeding the 50% year of the gross membership dues collected the prior year.</p> <p><b>5(C)</b> A Club must have a minimum of fifteen (15) Members, Active, Life and Retired shown on the Skål International data base as of 10 days prior to the AGM or NCM to have a voting representative on the National Committee Board.</p>	<p><b>Article 4: Composition</b></p> <p><b>5(B)</b> The total travel and meeting expense for the Executive Committee shall not exceed 50% per year of the gross Skål International USA membership dues collected <b>for the proposed budget year</b>. If the Executive Committee deems it necessary to exceed the 50% rule for any reason they can show the reason why, what the additional cost are and get approval from the Clubs before exceeding the 50% year of the gross membership dues collected <b>for the proposed budget year</b>.</p> <p><b>5(C)</b> A Club must have a minimum of fifteen (15) Members, Active, Life and Retired shown on the Skål International data base as of 10 days prior to the AGM or NCM to have a voting representative on the National Committee Board. <b>If a Club does not reach this requirement they will not be required to attend the AGM.</b></p>	<p>In accordance with general accounting practices and a balanced budget, your proposed expenses should not exceed your proposed income. There has been a consistent decrease in membership over recent years, so if you base your expenses on a previous year's income you are starting out with a negative balance.</p> <p>If a Club does not have a vote then they should not be required to attend the AGM and not be assessed a non-participant fee.</p>

**Article 5: Nominations and Election of the Executive Committee**

1. Nomination of Executive Committee Officers – The Board of the candidate’s home Club, must file nominations of qualified candidate(s) after having obtained the consent of the nominee(s), with the Skål USA Administrator, for any office between September 16<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>. This filing can be made by mail or e-mail, via a scanned PDF file.

A) The candidate’s nomination must be supported by a signed letter of endorsement from their Club President (or in their absence, an officer of the Club), Personal Skål Curriculum Vitae and Professional Resume. Candidate must be an Active, Life or Retired Member, excepting Retired Members may not hold representative positions of Skål International USA. The presentation of candidates “en bloc” is not permitted. Should no candidates be presented, the existing Officers will provisionally remain and the General Secretariat must be informed for further action.

**Article 6: International SKÅL Councillor**

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**B) The candidate for the office of President shall have been a member of the Skål International USA Executive Committee for a minimum of two (2) years and served as President of a local Club.**

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In this important position as one of two representative positions of Skål International USA, the candidate should have held the leadership role of President on the local level as is expected of the Skål USA Club representative. Also to have been a member of Skål International USA Executive Committee for a minimum of two (2) years, the same requirements as the Councillor since the President can be deputized by the Councillor to attend a Council meeting on their behalf.

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**Article 8: National Committee Meetings and SKÅL International Congress**

7. The Skål International Executive Committee members authorized to attend the Skål International Congress paid for by the National Committee shall be, Skål International USA President and the International Skål Councillor or their representative.

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After discussion at the AGM in Boise, it was voted to only send the Skål International USA President and the International Skål Councillor.