

# PROPOSED NEW and CHANGED AMENDMENTS TO THE Skål International USA By-Laws

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**Skål International USA Executive Committee** Proposed: May 2021

ORIGINAL	PROPOSED CHANGE	RATIONALE
<p><b>ARTICLE 4: COMPOSITION</b></p> <p>1. Composition The delegates of the clubs, who must be Active, Life or Retired members, are the only authorized persons to vote on all subjects included on the Agenda. Retired members however may not hold office.</p> <p>5. a) Elected Executive Committee Officers: President, Vice President-Administration; Vice President-Finance – Communications and Public relations: Vice President – Membership: two (2) Directors of Membership: and the International Skål Councillor.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 4: COMPOSITION</b></p> <p>1. Composition The delegates of the clubs, who must be Active, Life or Retired members are the only authorized persons to vote on all subjects included on the Agenda. Retired members <b>may not hold representative office (President or ISC). Suppliers to Tourism (Goods, Services &amp; IT) may not hold any National Office.</b></p> <p><b>5.a) Elected Executive Committee Officers: President, Vice President-Administration, Vice President-Finance, Vice President Communications and Public relations, Vice President – Membership and the International Skål Councillor</b></p>	<p>To clarify the membership Activity of Suppliers to Tourism (Goods, Services &amp; IT) shall not hold office on the Skål USA International National Committee. Retired members may not hold representative office of President or International Skål Council.</p> <p>The positions of Director of Membership no longer exists and references to it has been deleted.</p>

**ARTICLE 5: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**1. Nomination of Officers –**

a) The nomination of candidates for officers of Skal International USA shall be made in writing to the Skal USA Administration by October 15, the candidate must be supported by a curriculum vitae and must be an Active, Life or Retired member excepting retired members may not hold representative office. The presentation of candidates “en bloc” is not permitted. In the event of no nomination being received for a position at the time of the election, all appropriate clubs will be advised to see if there are any interested candidates, within one week of the close of nominations. Should no candidate be presented the existing Officers will provisionally remain and the General Secretariat must be informed for further action. An appointment by the Executive Committee can be made for a maximum duration of on year.

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**b) Any candidate for President of Skål International USA shall have served at least one (1) year as the Skål International USA Vice President Administration. In the event there is no candidate meeting this requirement the candidate seeking the President position shall have served on the Skål International USA Executive Committee for a minimum of two (2 years)**

Clarify that Suppliers to Tourism (Goods, Services & IT) shall not hold a National Office and that only one member from a Club may serve as an elected member of the Skål International USA Executive Committee.

Clarify requirement needed to run for President of Skål International USA.

<p>c) <b>New</b></p> <p><b>ARTICLE 8: NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND SKÅL INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS</b></p> <p><b>Section 6</b></p> <p>Attendance – Elected representatives from all Clubs are required to attend the Annual General Meeting each year. Each authorized voting delegate must be confirmed in writing by the club President before either an Annual General Meeting (AGM) or National Committee Meeting (NCM) to officially receive a ballot, establish the clubs’ eligibility for the \$500 attendance credit. Presidents can send the Skål International USA Vice President of Administration an email to confirm their voting delegate(s). Email must be received no less than 2 days prior to the AGM or NCM. The delegate(s) of a Club with payments due Skal International USA that are more than six months past due at the time of an Annual General Meeting (AGM) or National Committee Meeting (NCM) will not be permitted to cast votes/ballots.</p>	<p>Any candidate for Vice President – Administration of Skal International USA must have served at least one (1) year as a member of the Skal International USA Executive Committee.</p> <p><b>ARTICLE 8: NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND SKAL INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS</b></p> <p><b>Section 6</b></p> <p>Attendance – Elected representatives from all Clubs are required to attend the Annual General Meeting each year. Each authorized voting delegate must be confirmed in writing by the club President before either an Annual General Meeting (AGM) or National Committee Meeting (NCM) to officially receive a ballot, establish the clubs’ eligibility for the \$500 attendance credit. Presidents can send the Skal International USA Vice President of Administration an email to confirm their voting delegate(s). Email must be received no less than 2 days prior to the AGM or NCM. The delegate(s) of a Club with payments due Skal International USA that are more than six months past due at the time of an Annual General Meeting (AGM) or National Committee Meeting (NCM) will not be permitted to cast votes/ballots.</p> <p><b>Covid-19 exception 2021:</b> Due to the ongoing pandemic of 2020 and 2021 the Skål International USA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will again be held virtually in the Spring of 2021. The first in person meeting in 2021 will be the Skål International World Congress in Quebec, Canada and will include the fall Skål International USA National Committee Meeting (NCM). The NCM will become the Skål</p>	<p>Clarify requirements needed to run for Vice President Administration of Skal International USA</p> <p>.</p> <p>To provide a onetime exception allowing the \$500 Club credit to attend the annual AGM be transferred for use at the 2021 NCM. The 2021 NCM will be scheduled during the Skål International World Congress in Quebec, Canada or as a stand-alone NCM in the USA. This change will only apply in 2021.</p>
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International USA mandatory meeting for 2021 and the credit of \$500, usually given to attend the annual AGM held during the North American Skål Congress (NASC), will be given to each qualified club to attend the 2021 NCM. Should the Quebec World Congress not take place in person in 2021, Skål International USA will hold a separate in person NCM in the United States, at a date and location selected by the Executive Committee of Skål International USA and the \$500 Club credit will apply.

**Section 7**

The Skål International USA 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.

For any additional Executive Committee members to attend a Skål International Congress at National Committee Expense requires prior approval of the delegates at the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

**Covid-19 exemption 2021:** Allow the entire Skål International USA Executive Committee, 2020 Past President, and the Senior Auditor to attend the Skål International World Congress to be held in Quebec, Canada in 2021 at the expense of the National Committee, for the purpose of holding the Skål International USA National Committee Meeting, (NCM) in conjunction with the 2021 Skål International World Congress. Should the Skål International World Congress not take place in person in 2021, Skål International USA will hold a separate NCM in the United States at a date and location selected by the Executive Committee of Skål International USA and the \$500 Club Credit will apply.

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Asking for a one-time exception to allow all members of the Skål International USA Executive Committee, Senior Auditor and 2020 Past President to be able to attend the Skål International USA NCM during the Skål International World Congress in Quebec, Canada in 2021. The 2020 Past President worked hard on behalf of the organization and was denied the ability to participate in an in-person World Congress during his Presidency because it was cancelled due to Covid-19

**ARTICLE 9: TERM OF OFFICE**

d) The term of office for the two (2) Directors of Membership shall be for two (2) years. One starting on even years and the other odd years. No re-election for the Director of Membership position is permitted.

**ARTICLE 13: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SKAL USA CLUBS ATTENDING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND NASC CONGRESS**

With the exception of the voting delegate of the Skäl International USA Club hosting the Annual General Meeting, to be eligible for the \$500.00 credit from Skäl International USA each club must have their voting delegate pay the full registration package fee (including a host hotel accommodation, single or double occupancy), have a net gain of at least one paying Active Club member of the average of the previous two years and the credit must be applied for by the club within ninety (90) days of the AGM's conclusion. Only one \$500.00 credit may be given to each club sending a qualified

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The position of Director of Membership no longer exists. Remove d)  
One Director elected to serve for a two-year term in 2021/2022 may complete the elected term and at the end of that term the position will be removed. Should that Director not complete the second year of the term, the remaining time of that term will not be filled.  
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Position no longer exists – delete:

To make the By-law compliant with Skäl International By-laws.

This change allows for the \$500 club credit usually given to attend the Annual General Meeting during NASC to be used for the National Committee Meeting (NCM) which will be held in conjunction with the 2021 Skäl International World Congress in Quebec Canada. Should the World Congress be cancelled the credit would be given for attending a NCM in the United States in the fall of 2021.

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**ARTICLE 14: FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SKÅL CLUBS HOSTING A NASC CONGRESS IN THE UNITED STATES**

Skål International USA will establish and maintain a special restricted account where each year \$1.00 per Member or \$2,000 whichever is less, is placed in this restricted account. The member count will be determined each year. Only Active, Life, Retired and Associate Members will be counted. The amount up to \$4,000.00 will be advanced to any Skål International Club hosting a NASC Congress in the United States. Payment of these funds will be made to the Club at least one (1) year prior to the NASC Congress.

Committee Meeting (NCM) in Quebec, Canada in place of the Annual General Meeting.

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The inevitable membership decline will reduce this fund, so it is important that Skål International USA give financial support to any US Club that is awarded NASC. Establish that a flat fee of \$2,000 a year be placed into a restricted account and the amount be capped at \$4,000.

Delete reference to Associate member as the category no longer exists.