

Proposed NCENA Bylaws Changes

Membership Categories

Bylaws Amendment #1 - Article II, Section 2

Current language:

The membership of the State Council is composed of the following categories and such additional categories as may be established by National ENA from time to time: Voting Members (which includes National, International, Senior and Military members) and Nonvoting Members (which includes Affiliate, Student and Honorary members). The criteria for membership are the same as those established by the National ENA for each such membership category in its bylaws and policies.

Proposed Language:

The membership of the State Council is composed of the following categories and such additional categories as may be established by National ENA from time to time: **(i) Voting Members (which includes only licensed, or the equivalent thereto) professional registered nurses; and (ii) Nonvoting Members.** The criteria for membership are the same as those established by the National ENA for each such membership category in its bylaws and policies.

Rationale:

- Required alignment with current ENA bylaws as amended by 2023 ENA General Assembly.

Bylaws Amendment #2 - Article II, Section 3c

Current language:

Nonvoting Members shall be entitled to serve and participate in the State Council's committees and task forces; and attend the member meetings and social functions of the State Council. Nonvoting Members do not have the right to vote on any matter.

Proposed Language:

Nonvoting Members **(which includes any individual who shares interest in and supports the purpose, mission, and objectives of ENA, but does not otherwise meet the criterial for voting membership)** shall be entitled to serve and participate in the State Council's committees and task forces; and attend the member meetings and social functions of the State Council. Nonvoting Members do not have the right to vote on any matter.

Rationale:

- Required alignment with current ENA bylaws as amended by 2023 ENA General Assembly.

Change from "ENA Procedures" to "ENA Policies and Procedures"

Bylaws Amendment #3 - Article VIII, Section 1a

Current language:

In accordance with ENA Procedures, the State Council must maintain the following core committees: (i) Membership; (ii) Government Affairs; (iii) Institute for Quality, Safety, and Injury Prevention (IQSIP); (iv) Pediatric; (v) Trauma; and (vi) Fundraising.

Proposed Language:

In accordance with **ENA Policies and Procedures**, the State Council must maintain the following core committees: (i) Membership; (ii) Government Affairs; (iii) Institute for Quality, Safety, and Injury Prevention (IQSIP); (iv) Pediatric; (v) Trauma; and (vi) Fundraising.

Rationale:

- Required alignment with updated ENA Bylaws template.
- Matches current name of the ENA Policy and Procedures Manual it's in reference to.

Bylaws Amendment #4 - Article IX, Section 1

Current language:

State Council Voting Members that are licensed or reside within the same local geographical territory may be organized as a local chapter of the State Council and each such local chapter will be an integral part of the State Council (each of which is referred to as a "Local Chapter"). The State Council Board of Directors may authorize the establishment of Local Chapters and shall determine the name, boundaries, eligibility requirements and policies and procedures governing their operations (subject to the prior written approval of the National ENA Board of Directors and such rules and policies as may be adopted by the National ENA Board of Directors from time to time including, without limitation, the ENA Procedures). The State Council Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing and managing the activities of its Local Chapters and has the right to disband or dissolve any Local Chapter it creates as set forth below.

Proposed Language:

State Council Voting Members that are licensed or reside within the same local geographical territory may be organized as a local chapter of the State Council and each such local chapter will be an integral part of the State Council (each of which is referred to as a "Local Chapter"). The State Council Board of Directors may authorize the establishment of Local Chapters and shall determine the name, boundaries, eligibility requirements and policies and procedures governing their operations (subject to the prior written approval of the National ENA Board of Directors and such rules and policies as may be adopted by the National ENA Board of Directors from time to time including, without limitation, the **ENA Policies and Procedures**). The State Council Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing and managing the activities of its Local Chapters and has the right to disband or dissolve any Local Chapter it creates as set forth below.

Rationale:

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Bylaws Amendment #5 - Article IX, Section 2

Current language:

The State Council Board of Directors, or its designee(s), shall adopt an application form and procedures to facilitate the consideration of applicants seeking to be organized as a Local Chapter. All applicants must complete the application form and submit the application to the State Council President. The State Council Board of Directors (or its designee(s)) shall review the application of all applicants and determine, based on the criteria set forth in these bylaws, the ENA Procedures and such other policies or guidelines as the State Council Board of Directors may prescribe, if applicants meet the qualifications necessary for recognition as a Local Chapter.

Proposed Language:

The State Council Board of Directors, or its designee(s), shall adopt an application form and procedures to facilitate the consideration of applicants seeking to be organized as a Local Chapter. All applicants must complete the application form and submit the application to the State Council President. The State Council Board of Directors (or its designee(s)) shall review the application of all applicants and determine, based on the criteria set forth in these bylaws, the **ENA Policies and Procedures** and such other policies or guidelines as the State Council Board of Directors may prescribe, if applicants meet the qualifications necessary for recognition as a Local Chapter.

Rationale:

- Required alignment with updated ENA Bylaws template.
- Matches current name of the ENA Policy and Procedures Manual it's in reference to.

Bylaws Amendment #6 - Article IX, Section 3a

Current language:

Local Chapters may not incorporate (except as otherwise provided in the ENA Procedures) and shall operate and function as committees or special interest groups of the State Council.

Proposed Language:

Local Chapters may not incorporate (except as otherwise provided in the **ENA Policies and Procedures**) and shall operate and function as committees or special interest groups of the State Council.

Rationale:

- Required alignment with updated ENA Bylaws template.
- Matches current name of the ENA Policy and Procedures Manual it's in reference to.