

Call to Conference

West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Jane Jacobs Larke, State Regent
Sandra Isner-Johnson, State Vice Regent

Call to the One Hundred Nineteenth State Conference
April 5-7, 2024, Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, WV

THEME:

“125 Years and Counting”

The State Conference being the Annual Meeting of the West Virginia State Society is called for the purpose of receiving reports of the State Officers, District Directors, Chapter Regents and State Chairs, voting on recommendations and resolutions, and acting on such other business as may properly come before the Conference body.

Credentials/Registration – Holiday Inn

Friday, April 5 – 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 6 – 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Sales and Displays – Holiday Inn

Closed during all meals and business sessions

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 4, 2024

4:00 p.m. - Arrival and Check-In for Executive Committee and Conference Guests

6:30 p.m. - Informal Dinner at “The Barn at Mahogany Hill” in Inwood, WV, for Executive Committee and Conference Guests *ALL DAR members and HODARS are welcome to attend.*

8:30 p.m. - Executive Committee Meeting – Blue Ridge Boardroom

8:30 p.m. - Private showing – “Clear Day Thunder” Everyone welcome. - Salon CD

Friday April 5, 2024

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast on your own

8:30 – 10:30 a.m. - Set up (Displays, Credentials, Registration and “DAR-lings Delights!”) - Blue Ridge Boardroom and Pre-function Area

8:30 a.m. – Depart for Colonel Morgan Morgan Memorial Service, Bunker Hill, WV (*This is a preconference optional event. Meet in the lobby. We will carpool to the cabin. After the service attendees will go directly to lunch.*)

10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Registration Open, Chapter Press Book and Scrapbook Displays, “DAR-ling Delights!” – Blue Ridge Boardroom and Pre-function Area

12:00 noon - Cameo Club Luncheon and Meeting at “The Purple Iris Restaurant” - Martinsburg, WV *ALL DAR members and guests are welcome to attend.*

1:45 p.m. - Board of Management meeting - Salon CD

2:45 – 3:30 p.m. - West Virginia Chorus Rehearsal - Salon CD

TBD - Page Meeting and Flag Rehearsal - Blue Ridge Boardroom

3:00 p.m. - State Officers Club Meeting (Open to current and past state officers) - Salon AB
6:00 p.m. - "WVDAR 125" Dinner - Salon AB
8:15 p.m. - Processional Forms – Pre-function Area
8:30 p.m. - Opening Session of the 119th State Conference - Salon CD
Receiving Line Following the Opening Session - Pre-function Area (remember your gloves)
10:00 – 11:00 – "Service in Seconds" Service Project -*State Chair, Andrea Duckworth* - Salon D

Saturday April 6, 2024

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. - Chapter Regents' Club Breakfast and Meeting (Open to current and past chapter regents) -
Salon AB
7:30 – 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast with a Book - Salon CD
8:50 a.m. - Processional Forms – Pre-function Area
9:00 a.m. - Conference Business Session - Salon AB
9:15 a.m. - Tour for State Conference Guests (Meet in the lobby)
12:00 noon - "Celebrating Achievement" Luncheon - Salon ABCD
1:30 p.m. - Continuation of Business Session, if needed
2:00 – 2:30 p.m. – Voting Blue Ridge Boardroom
2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. - Workshop Session 1
Literacy Workshop *Presenter: Karrington Childress, Miss West Virginia 2023* - Salon B
Genealogy Workshop *Presenter: Morgan Elliott, VPG* - Salon D
3:15 – 4:00 p.m. Workshop Session 2
Registrar Round Table – Salon D
"Writing Winning Reports" for Chapter Regents/Vice Regents and State Chairs – Salon B
4:00 p.m. DAR-lings Delight closes
5:00 – 6:30 p.m. – Photographs - Blue Ridge Boardroom
7:00 p.m. - "Friendship Blooms in WVDAR" Banquet - Salon ABCD
8:30 p.m. - Page Pool Party
10:00 p.m. – "Service in Seconds" Service Project – *State Chair, Andrea Duckworth* - Salon D

Sunday, April 7, 2024

8:00 a.m. - Drop-In Breakfast Buffet - Salon CD
9:00 a.m. - Memorial Service - Salon AB
10:00 a.m. - Closing Business Session - Salon AB

State Conference Fee

Each Chapter shall have paid dues for each member and must have paid the Chapter conference fee (\$1 per member) for the current year. Any chapter whose state dues, assessments and conference fees have not been paid 60 days before the State Conference shall not be entitled to representation at the State Conference.

Representation at Conference

Chapter representation is based on the number of members whose dues have been received by the State Treasurer and Treasurer General by December 1, 2023, not by the number of members in the Chapter. Each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at any meeting of the State Conference by three (3) times as many delegates and alternates as the previous Continental Congress (132nd Continental Congress, 2023) one of whom shall be the Chapter Regent, Chapter Vice Regent or the Chapter Regent's representative. State Chairs and State Vice Chairs are appointees, and therefore, have no vote at the 119th State Conference unless elected as Delegates by their Chapter.

Credentials

State Chair – Rebecca Davis, 1910 Lazzelle Union Blvd., Moundsville, WV 26541-8017. Please return one copy of the credential form to the State Chair by March 21, 2024, and another copy to the State Regent as directed on the form. Each Chapter Delegate and alternate must present with proper identification to the Credentials Table in the registration area.

Meal Reservations

Enclosed with the Call to Conference is the reservation form that lists the meal functions and prices. Prices quoted include gratuity. Deadline for Meal Reservation is March 21, 2024. Requests for cancellations or refunds must be made no later than March 21, 2024. Reservations should be mailed to: Mary Werner, 170 Berkeley Drive, Charles Town, WV 25414. Please make checks payable to WVDAR State Treasurer.

Hotel Reservations

Room reservations are to be made directly with Holiday Inn – Martinsburg by using the booking code DAR and by calling the front desk at 304-267-5500. A deposit equal to one night's rate plus taxes will be due with each room reservation request. Reservations will be accepted until March 14, 2024. Room requests after March 14, 2024 will be considered pending availability and are not guaranteed the WVDAR State Conference rate.

Reports

Executive Committee members, District Directors, Chapter Regents, and State Chairs shall prepare and submit a report for the State Conference of her work since May 7, 2024. Reports shall be typed using Times New Roman font, size 12, double spaced on one side of an 8.5" x 11" paper with a 1.5" left margin. Reports shall be no more than 500 words. Prepare three (3) copies of the report and email copies to: Katherine Genung, katherine@twogenungs.com and Jane Larke, jane.larke@gmail.com. Keep a copy for your files. Reports must be received no later than March 6, 2024.

This State Conference will emphasize work done related to the goals of education. **Please note: Our business agenda is lengthy. Oral reports, except for those of the State Officers, will not be given at this State Conference.**

Chapter Regents are asked to send a short statement with a photo, if available, highlighting one activity or event her chapter has completed or attended relating to education since May 7, 2023. Email to: Katherine Genung, katherine@twogenungs.com by March 6, 2024.

Voting Body

The voting members of the State Conference or at any special meeting of the State Society shall be its elected Officers, District Directors, and Honorary State Regents as specified in our bylaws; the Officers and Honorary Officers of the National Society whose membership is within the State; the Chapter Regents, or in their absence, the Vice or First Vice Regent or alternate; and the elected delegates or their alternates from the Chapters of the State that are entitled to representation at the Continental Congress or special meetings of the National Society (Article VIII, Section 5).

Awards

State Officers and Chairs planning to present awards at the 119th State Conference must submit the name of the recipient, committee person giving award, designation of award (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) to Mara Squires, Mara.collins@hotmail.com. Deadline is March 6, 2024. NO EXCEPTIONS! All awards must be picked up from the basket at the registration table to be signed by the proper State Chair or State Officer on Friday, April 5, 2024. Once signed they are to be returned to the same basket on the registration table. District Directors are responsible for the distribution of all unclaimed certificates for all Chapters in their district.

Exhibits/Sales

Exhibits, Displays, and Sales Tables will be in the Pre-function Area. If interested in volunteering to help at the tables, please contact the State Conference Chair, or coordinate with the committee chair responsible for the exhibit/sale directly.

Literature

No literature may be distributed during the State Conference without the permission of the State Regent. No publications except materials from NSDAR or those authorized by the State Regent may be sold at the Conference.

Pages

Please encourage and invite your daughters, granddaughters, and nieces to serve as a Page for the 119th State Conference! Page invitations will be sent to those whose names have been sent to the State Regent. Send names by email to jane.larke@gmail.com by March 1, 2024.

Hostess Chapters

The Chapters of the Eastern District will serve as the official hostesses of the 119th State Conference. Those Chapters are Bee Line; Highlands of the Potomac; Pack Horse Ford; Shenandoah Valley; South Branch Valley; William Henshaw; and Ye Towne of Bath. Margaret “Margie” Ways is District Director. Conference chairs are Barbara “Barby” Frankenberry; Margaret “Margie” Ways; and Heidi Ware.

West Virginia Chorus

Calling all Voices! Those wishing to sing with the West Virginia Chorus should contact the 2024 Chorus Director, Selma Humphreys, thebeareslady@yahoo.com by March 15, 2024.

Memorial Service

Please email Barbara Holt, bjimmj@yahoo.com, with any names of deceased members that have not been reported to national. Also please let her know if any of your deceased members were past National or State Officers, or if they were a Chapter Regent. Please contact her by March 6, 2024.

Chapter Press Books and Scrapbooks

Please bring your Chapter’s Press Book and/or Scrapbook to the Prefunction Area on Friday, April 5, 2024, before 4 p.m. The books will be judged on Saturday afternoon and the winners will be announced during the “Friendship Blooms in WVDAR” Banquet.

Press Book Requirements

Clippings must be original, no photocopies! Each item in the book must include the name of the newspaper or publication and date of publication. Please do not write in the margin or underline names. Include items on Chapter-sponsored events, including CAR. You may use obituaries of Chapter members if DAR is mentioned. Please include one typed page that describes the number of inches of type that the Chapter received from May 6, 2023 – March 6, 2024. The first page of the book should include the name of the Chapter, the dates covered and the names of the Chapter Regent and Press Book chair. No Clip Art. Judging will be on the number of inches of type, the amount of publicity given the Chapter and the accuracy of following the instructions. Reminder – Many newspapers are now online, and your Chapter articles may be online. Reprints of these articles will be permitted but must include the masthead or a print of the name of the newspaper.

Scrapbook Requirements

The first page of the scrapbook must include the name of the Chapter, location of the Chapter. And the names of the Chapter Regent and Scrapbook chair. With all photographs, please neatly identify members and the activity.

Scrapbooks should contain activities and events from May 6, 2024 – March 6, 2024 only. Graphics and clip art are encouraged. Judging will be on neatness, creativity and completeness of coverage of the Chapter’s activities for the year.

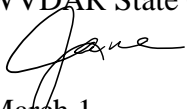
**Reminder – all Press Books and Scrapbooks will be divided into 3 divisions based on size of Chapter: 1-49 members in Small Chapter Division; and 50+ members in Large Chapter Division. Computer done photobooks will be judged in their own category.*

“Dar-Lings Delights!”

Once again, we will have this great fundraiser! All proceeds (unless noted otherwise) will go to areas where restricted funds cannot be used. Use your imagination when selecting items to donate to our “DAR-Lings Delights!” We need many unique and interesting items.

****Due to space and time restrictions, please limit your donations to no more than three (3) items per State Officer, District Director, State Chair, and Chapter! Thank you for all your support for this great fundraiser!!**

I encourage all WV Daughters to attend their State Conference. I look forward to greeting you at the 119th WVDAR State Conference!



Calendar at a Glance

March 1

- Page names to State Regent, jane.larke@gmail.com

March 6

- Officer and chair reports to Katherine Genung, katherine@twogenungs.com
- Chapter Regent statement and photo about education activity to Katherine Genung, katherine@twogenungs.com
- Memorial Names to Barbara Holt, bjmmj@yahoo.com
- Awards to Mara Squires, Mara.collins@hotmail.com

March 14

- Hotel reservation deadline to take advantage of special pricing, 304-267-5500

March 15

- Choir names to Selma Humphreys, thebeareslady@yahoo.com

March 21

- Oral report request from chairs to State Regent, jane.larke@gmail.com
- Meal Reservations due to Mary Werner by mail
- Credentials due to Becky Davis by mail

April 4

- Casual Dinner
- Executive Committee Meeting
- Private Movie Showing

April 5

- Press Book/ Scrapbook Delivery
- DAR-Lings items delivery
- And we celebrate!

Suggested Wear for Selected Events

Daytime Events – Suits, Dresses, Dressy Slacks, **Hats Optional for Cameo Club

Dinners and Banquets – Formal, Semi-Formal, Dressy

Friday Night Receiving Line – Don’t forget your gloves

Sunday Memorial Service – Same as Daytime

119th WVDAR State Conference
Holiday Inn, 301 Foxcroft Avenue, Martinsburg, WV
April 5-7, 2024
“125 Years and Counting”
Meal Reservation Form

Reservations are **due March 21, 2024**. Make check payable to **WVDAR State Treasurer** and return this form with your payment to:

Mary Werner, 170 Berkeley Drive, Charles Town, WV 25414

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Chapter _____ Email _____

Thursday, April 4, 2024

6:00 pm. **Fried Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Cole Slaw** \$25.00 _____

The Barn at Mahogany Hill (All welcome & encouraged to join the Executive Board at this casual dinner.)

Friday, April 5, 2024 “Memory Lane” Cameo Club Meeting and Luncheon

12 noon **Tomato and Basil Bisque, Chicken Caesar Salad, NY Cheesecake, Beverage** \$30.00 _____

The Purple Iris (Open to all Cameo Club Members, Associates, Prospectives and Guests)

Friday, April 5, 2024 “WVDAR 125” Dinner PLEASE INDICATE ENTRÉE.

6:00 pm. _____ **Roast Pork Tenderloin** OR _____ **Vegetable Lasagna** \$38.00 _____

Includes Starch, Glazed Baby Carrots, Green Salad, Bread & Butter, Birthday Cake, Beverage

Saturday, April 6, 2024 Please indicate which breakfast you want to attend. (Chapter Regents Club Breakfast is only open to current and past chapter regents).

7:30 a.m. _____ **Chapter Regents Breakfast** OR _____ **Breakfast with a Book** \$25.00 _____

Includes Orange Juice, Scrambled Eggs, Buttermilk Pancakes, Bacon, Potatoes, Biscuits, Jams, Beverage.

Saturday, April 6, 2024 “Celebrating Achievement” Luncheon

12 noon Includes Chicken Salad Croissant, Pasta Salad, Fruit Garnish, Dessert, Beverage. \$30.00 _____

Saturday, April 6, 2024 “Friendship Blooms in WVDAR” Banquet PLEASE INDICATE ENTRÉE.

7:00 pm. _____ **London Broil Bordelaise** OR _____ **Vegetable Wellington** \$38.00 _____

Includes Ceasar Salad, Starch, Vegetable Medley, Bread & Butter, Crème Brulée, Beverage.

Sunday, April 7, 2024

8:00 a.m. Drop in **Breakfast Buffet** \$25.00 _____

Includes Juice, Jams, Biscuits, Yogurts, Western Scrambled Eggs, French Toast Strata, Sausage, etc.

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

***Children’s menu available on request for young guests and pages.*

Please check if you have dietary restrictions. Note restrictions below – continue on back, if needed.

"Service in Seconds" Conference Projects

Let down after a long day. Come relax and socialize while doing an enjoyable "Service in Seconds" project.



Friday

Customize a bookplate for a book to donate. We'll have books, bookplates, and lots of markers available. 100 new books (suitable for ages 2-12) will be available. For a \$6 donation, get a new book and a bookplate. OR bring your own book(s) and just donate for the bookplate (\$2). All books will be donated to our Saturday afternoon speaker and any proceeds go to support our conference projects.

Saturday

Let our active duty deployed and deploying soldiers know that we care and that we keep them in our hearts and our prayers.

Come fold and package flags to send to our front line and deployed troops. You can include a personal message to the recipient from West Virginia to let them know we care. All supplies provided.

125 Years and Counting



Welcome 2024

*Let's
Celebrate*



Nancy Schirm Wright
Organizing Secretary General



Morgan Elliott
Vice President General

Our Special Guests



119th WVDAR State Conference

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Welcome



Laurie Nesbitt
State Regent
Virginia



Linda Conrad
State Regent
Kentucky

Let's Celebrate

2024



Kelly VanWormer
State Regent
Michigan



Mernie Crane
State Regent
Maryland



119th WVDAR State Conference

Dear West Virginia State Society Daughter of the American Revolution,

Attached to this information, you will find the 2024 Proposed Bylaws Amendments for the West Virginia State Society prepared by the WVDAR State Bylaws Committee, Pat Goodwin, chair; Charla Nutter-McNaboe and Cathy Hinkle, members; and Jane Larke, State Regent and Brenda Chevront, State Parliamentarian, ex-officio members.

To assist the delegates, the Committee has listed the **National** and **2023 118th State Conference Mandated** changes to the WVDAR State Bylaws, upon which delegates **will not vote**, followed by the 2024 Proposed Bylaws Amendments. After the 119th State Conference concludes, the State Bylaws Committee will send a list of approved bylaws that Chapters need to include.

If you are a delegate to the 2024 119th WVDAR State Conference, please print (in landscape layout) a copy of the Proposed Bylaws Amendments beginning with Amendment #1, as no printed copies will be available to the delegates at the State Conference or delegates may use I-Phone or iPad emails to follow the presentation. For your convenience, the State Bylaws Committee has created a PowerPoint for you to view during the Saturday Business Meeting.

Best regards,

WVDAR STATE BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Patricia “Pat” Goodwin, Chair; Charla Nutter-McNaboe, Catherine “Cathy” Hinkle, members
Jane Larke, WVDAR State Regent and Brenda Chevront, WVDAR State Parliamentarian, ex-officio members

2024 Proposed Amendments to

WVDAR Bylaws

119th West Virginia State Conference

Amendments MANDATED from NATIONAL: Red

**Amendments MANDATED from 2023 State Conference:
Green**

**Proposed Amendments, plus total
revision of
ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections**

Formatting used in printing the proposed amendments:

Underlined print = insert or add

~~Line through words~~ – strike out

NOTE: Please print a copy of these Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws and bring a copy with you to the State Conference. To save paper and ink, you may exclude all the Mandated Bylaws from your printed collection. You may also use your I-Phone or IPAD during the meeting.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Mandated edits:

ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 8., Subsection (f); ARTICLE VIII – Meeting of the State Society, SECTION 4.; ARTICLE VIII – Meeting of the State Society, new SECTION 12.; ARTICLE IX - State Board of Management, SECTION 1.; ARTICLE IX - State Board of Management, SECTION 1.; ARTICLE IX - State Board of Management, new SECTION 10.; ARTICLE X - Executive Committee, new SECTION 11.; ARTICLE XII – Committees, new SECTIONS 10. and 11.; ARTICLE XIII – Chapters, SECTION 2. new Subsection (l); ARTICLE XIII – Chapters, SECTION 5.; ARTICLE XVI – Parliamentary Authority.

ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 8., Sub-section (g); ARTICLE IX - State Board of Management, SECTION 8.; ARTICLE X - Executive Committee, SECTION 5.; ARTICLE XII – Committees, SECTION 1.; ARTICLE XII – Committees, SECTION 2. Subsection (b), and ARTICLE XII – Committees, SECTION 7. Subsections (a-d).

Red highlighted Amendments = Mandated from National

To amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 8., Subsection (f)** by replacing current information with mandated language.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| (f) notify NSDAR by May 31 each year whether the state will be filing a Form 990 for the most recent fiscal year end and submit a list of all chapters that will be filing a Form 990 for the previous fiscal year; | (f) notify NSDAR by May 31 each year whether the state will be filing a Form 990 for the most recent fiscal year end and submit a list of all chapters that will be filing a Form 990 for the previous fiscal year; <u>(f) send the state organization’s audited financial statements, audit committee letter, and a copy of the state’s Form 990, Form 990EZ, or proof of filing Form 990N to the Office of the Treasurer General annually.</u> | (f) send the state organization’s audited financial statements, audit committee letter, and a copy of the state’s Form 990, Form 990EZ, or proof of filing Form 990N to the Office of the Treasurer General annually. |

Rationale: The current paragraph (f) is not a requirement of National. The required submission by National is substituted.

To amend **ARTICLE VIII – Meeting of the State Society, SECTION 4. Regent, Vice Regent of Regent’s representative (alternate)** by adding to be consistent with language used by National.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| SECTION 4. Each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at any meeting of the State Conference by three times as many delegates and alternates as at the previous Continental Congress, one of whom shall be the Regent, Vice Regent or Regent’s representative. Regent, Vice Regent of Regent’s representative (alternate) | SECTION 4. Each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at any meeting of the State Conference by three times as many delegates and alternates as at the previous Continental Congress, one of whom shall be the <u>Chapter Regent, or in her absence, the Chapter’s Vice Regent or Regent’s representative selected Alternate.</u> | SECTION 4. Each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at any meeting of the State Conference by three times as many delegates and alternates as at the previous Continental Congress, one of whom shall be the Chapter Regent, or in her absence, the Chapter’s Vice Regent or selected Alternate. |

Rationale: Mandated by NSDAR

To amend **ARTICLE VIII – Meeting of the State Society**, by adding SECTION 12. Concerning meeting notices and means of conveying the announcement.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| None National Mandate | <u>SECTION 12. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the regent in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email.</u> | SECTION 12. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the regent in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email. |

Rationale: This is an NSDAR-mandated amendment, passed 2020.

To amend **ARTICLE IX - State Board of Management, SECTION 1.** by adding language that aligns with National Bylaws.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| SECTION 1. The Officers of the State Society, the District Directors, and the Chapter Regents shall constitute the State Board of Management. Honorary State Regents shall be ex-officio members of the State Board of Management, having the privilege of the floor but no vote. The Parliamentarian is authorized to attend all meetings of the Executive Committee, the State Board of Management and the State Conference without vote. | SECTION 1. The Officers of the State Society, the District Directors, and each Chapter Regent <u>or in her absence, the Chapter’s Vice Regent or selected alternate,</u> shall constitute the State Board of Management. Honorary State Regents shall be ex-officio members of the State Board of Management, having the privilege of the floor but no vote. The Parliamentarian is authorized to attend all meetings of the Executive Committee, the State Board of Management and the State Conference without vote. | SECTION 1. The Officers of the State Society, the District Directors, and each Chapter Regent or, in her absence, the Chapter’s Vice Regent or selected alternate, shall constitute the State Board of Management. Honorary State Regents shall be ex-officio members of the State Board of Management, having the privilege of the floor but no vote. The Parliamentarian is authorized to attend all meetings of the Executive Committee, the State Board of Management and the State Conference without vote. |

Rationale: To allow each Chapter to have one representative Regent, Vice Regent, or selected alternate who may vote. National terminology.

To amend **ARTICLE IX - State Board of Management**, by adding SECTION 10. concerning meeting notices and means of conveying the announcement.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| None NSDAR Mandate | <u>SECTION 10. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the regent in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email.</u> | SECTION 10. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the regent in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email. |

Rationale: This is an NSDAR-mandated amendment, passed 2020.

To amend **ARTICLE X - Executive Committee**, by adding **SECTION 11. Concerning meeting notices and means of conveying the announcement.**

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| None NSDAR Mandated | <u>SECTION 11. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the regent in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email.</u> | SECTION 11. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the regent in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email. |

Rationale: This is an NSDAR-mandated amendment, passed 2020.

To amend **ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES**, by adding **SECTION 10. Concerning meeting notices and means of conveying the announcement.**

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| | <u>SECTION 10. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the chair in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email.</u> | SECTION 10. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the chair in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email. |

Rationale: This is an NSDAR-mandated amendment, passed 2020.

To amend **ARTICLE XII – Committees**, to add new “**SECTION 11: Committees shall meet at the call of the chair or by written request of a majority of its membership. Committees are authorized to meet in person or through the use of Internet meeting sources or conference calls that support, at a minimum, simultaneous aural communication.**”

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| SECTION 11. NONE | <u>SECTION 11. Committees shall meet at the call of the chair or by written request of a majority of its membership. Committees are authorized to meet in person or through the use of Internet meeting sources or conference calls that support, at a minimum, simultaneous aural communication.</u> | SECTION 11. Committees shall meet at the call of the chair or by written request of a majority of its membership. Committees are authorized to meet in person or through the use of Internet meeting sources or conference calls that support, at a minimum, simultaneous aural communication. |

Rationale: Committee meetings are not addressed in the NSDAR and State Bylaws. 2023 Continental Congress delegates adopted this proposed amendment.

ARTICLE XIII – Chapters, to add subsection (1) to SECTION 2. The Regent of a Chapter shall: “be responsible for completion of the chapter credentials form after the election of the chapter representatives as prescribed in NSDAR Bylaws, Article XIII, Chapters, Section 9. The form must be completed in the manner and by the date specified by the National Society.”

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| SECTION 2. (1) NONE | SECTION 2. (1) be responsible for completion of the <u>chapter credentials form after the election of the chapter representatives as prescribed in NSDAR Bylaws, Article XIII, Chapters, Section 9. The form must be completed in the manner and by the date specified by the National Society.</u> | SECTION 2. (1) be responsible for completion of the chapter credentials form after the election of the chapter representatives as prescribed in NSDAR Bylaws, Article XIII, Chapters, Section 9. The form must be completed in the manner and by the date specified by the National Society. |

RATIONALE: Current submission for credential forms online is Nationally mandated as per the 2023 Continental Congress delegates’ adoption of this amendment.

To amend **ARTICLE XIII – Chapters, SECTION 5**. By deleting and adding new language aligning with NSDAR Bylaws **ARTICLE XIII – Chapters, SECTION 9** “must be completed and submitted in the manner and by the date specified by the National Society.”

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| <p>SECTION 5. Delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress shall be elected on or before the first day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress of each year. Using blanks furnished by the National Society, the name of the Chapter Regent and the Vice Regent and a list of the delegates and alternates, with the date of their election by the Chapter shall be sent, bearing a postmark no later than the 15th day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress, to the Chair of the Credentials Committee and to the State Regent. The delegates and alternates elected shall be the delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the National Society which may be held prior to the Continental Congress of the following year.</p> | <p>SECTION 5. Delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress shall be elected on or before the first day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress of each year. Using blanks <u>forms</u> furnished by the National Society, the name of the Chapter Regent and the <u>First</u> Vice Regent, and a list of the delegates and alternates, with the date of their election by the Chapter shall be sent, bearing a postmark no later than the 15th day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress, to the Chair of the Credentials Committee and to the State Regent. <u>must be completed and submitted in the manner and by the date specified by the National Society.</u> The delegates and alternates so elected shall be the delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the National Society which may be held prior to the Continental Congress of the following year.</p> | <p>SECTION 5. Delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress shall be elected on or before the first day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress of each year. Using blanks <u>forms</u> furnished by the National Society, the name of the Chapter Regent and the <u>First</u> Vice Regent, and a list of the delegates and alternates, must be completed and submitted in the manner and by the date specified by the National Society. The delegates and alternates so elected shall be the delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the National Society which may be held prior to the Continental Congress of the following year.</p> |

RATIONALE: This updates the bylaws language since we currently submit credential forms online. Through eMembership, states and committees have access to generate credentials reports for their use. This amendment was adopted by the delegates of the 2023 Continental Congress.

To amend **ARTICLE XVI – Parliamentary Authority** by adding mandated NSDAR Bylaws language that clarifies the use of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| The rules contained in <i>Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised</i> shall govern this State Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and the Bylaws of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. | The rules contained in <u>the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised</u> shall govern this State Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and the Bylaws of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. <u>the bylaws, standing rules, or rulings of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, these bylaws, or any special rules of order the organization may adopt.</u> | The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this State Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws, standing rules, or rulings of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, these bylaws, or any special rules of order the organization may adopt. |

Rationale: This is an NSDAR-mandated amendment, passed 2020.

Green highlighted Amendments = 2023 State Conference

To amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers, SECTION 8., Subsection (g)** by deleting subsection g and aligning the remaining subsections alphabetically.

The Treasurer shall:

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| (g) serve as an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee and the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Committee; | (g) serve as an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee and the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Committee; | (g) serve as an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee. |

Rationale: WVDAR delegate action during the 118th State Conference withdrew its support of Tamassee DAR School.

To amend **ARTICLE IX - State Board of Management, SECTION 8.** by deleting language of the SECTION because of actions taken by the delegates of the 118th State Conference.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| SECTION 8. The State Board of Management shall approve the annual budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School before they are presented to the State Board of Management for adoption. | SECTION 8. The State Board of Management shall approve the annual <u>proposed</u> budgets for the State Society, and the State Conference, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School before they are presented to the State Board of Management for adoption. | SECTION 8. The State Board of Management shall approve annual proposed budgets for the State Society as they are presented to the Board of Management for adoption. |

Rationale: To align the State Bylaws with actions taken by the delegates of the State Conference. This defines responsibility but allows flexibility for specific types of budgets.

To amend **ARTICLE X - Executive Committee, SECTION 5.** by deleting language of the SECTION because of actions taken by the delegates of the 118th State Conference.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| SECTION 5. The Executive Committee shall approve the annual budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School before they are presented to the State Board of Management for adoption. | SECTION 5. The Executive Committee shall approve the annual budgets for the State Society, and the State Conference, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School before they are presented to the State Board of Management for adoption. | SECTION 5. The Executive Committee shall approve the annual budgets for the State Society and the State Conference before they are presented to the State Board of Management for adoption. |

Rationale: To align the State Bylaws with actions taken by the delegates of the State Conference.

To amend **ARTICLE XII – Committees, SECTION 1.** By deleting reference to West Virginia Peters Cottage.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| SECTION 1. At the close of the State Conference at which she is elected, the incoming State Regent shall appoint the following committees: Finance, Credentials, Audit, Bylaws and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School. She shall appoint three members of the Long-Range Planning Committee. She shall appoint such other committees she deems necessary. The term of the Long-Range Planning Committee members is not concurrent with the State Regent’s term of office. Their term is for nine years. | SECTION 1. At the close of the State Conference at which she is elected, the incoming State Regent shall appoint the following committees: Finance, Credentials, Audit, <u>and</u> Bylaws. and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School. She shall appoint three members of the Long-Range Planning Committee. She shall appoint such other committees she deems necessary. The term of the Long-Range Planning Committee members is not concurrent with the State Regent’s term of office. Their term is for nine years. | SECTION 1. At the close of the State Conference at which she is elected, the incoming State Regent shall appoint the following committees: Finance, Credentials, Audit, and Bylaws. She shall appoint three members of the Long-Range Planning Committee. She shall appoint such other committees she deems necessary. The term of the Long-Range Planning Committee members is not concurrent with the State Regent’s term of office. Their term is for nine years. |

Rationale: To align the State Bylaws with actions taken by the delegates of the State Conference.

To amend **ARTICLE XII – Committees, SECTION 2. (b)**

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| <p>SECTION 2. The Finance Committee consisting of five (5) members to be appointed by the State Regent shall: (b) plan proposed budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School and recommend to the State Conference such income and expenditures as the Committee deems expedient; and,</p> | <p>SECTION 2. The Finance Committee consisting of five (5) members to be appointed by the State Regent shall: (b) plan proposed budgets for the State Society, and the State Conference, and the West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School and recommend to the State Conference such income and expenditures as the Committee deems expedient; and,</p> | <p>SECTION 2. The Finance Committee consisting of five (5) members to be appointed by the State Regent shall: (b) plan proposed budgets for the State Society and the State Conference and recommend to the State Conference such income and expenditures as the Committee deems expedient; and,</p> |

Rationale: To align the State Bylaws with actions taken by the delegates of the State Conference.

To amend **ARTICLE XII – Committees, SECTION 7. (a-d)** by deleting SECTION 7 and renumbering the last two SECTIONS consecutively.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| <p>SECTION 7 (a-d) The West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Committee shall: (a) consist of a minimum of three (3) members with a background in education, construction, fundraising and/or interior design, to be appointed by the State Regent, plus State Treasurer, ex-officio; (b) visit the cottage at least annually; (c) make recommendations to the Executive Committee on the care, maintenance, repair, modification and construction of the cottage and the upkeep of its grounds; and, (d) monitor all income and expenditures related to the cottage and its grounds and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on any needed changes.</p> | <p>SECTION 7 (a-d) The West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School Committee shall: (a) consist of a minimum of three (3) members with a background in education, construction, fundraising and/or interior design, to be appointed by the State Regent, plus State Treasurer, ex-officio; (b) visit the cottage at least annually; (c) make recommendations to the Executive Committee on the care, maintenance, repair, modification and construction of the cottage and the upkeep of its grounds; and, (d) monitor all income and expenditures related to the cottage and its grounds and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on any needed changes.</p> | <p>NONE</p> |

Rationale: To align the State Bylaws with action taken by the delegates at the State Conference.

END OF MANDATED BYLAWS

EXPLANATION: The remaining Proposed Bylaws Amendments follow in numerical order according to the **ARTICLE** number. The first Proposed Bylaws Amendment pertains to **ARTICLE IV – Fees and dues**, SECTIONS 1-5. These SECTIONS will be presented as **AMENDMENT #1** since some of the information contained in other SECTIONS of this **ARTICLE** will be incorporated into **CURRENT** SECTIONS 1. and 3., and the remaining SECTIONS will be realigned numerically.

AMENDMENT # 1

To amend **ARTICLE IV - Fees and Dues**, SECTION 1. by adding revised national deadlines, by striking **CURRENT** SECTION 2. that has been included in SECTION 1., **CURRENT** SECTION 3. by adding clarification of dues and fees deadlines and transfers and reinstatements and renumbering to SECTION 2., and by deleting SECTION 5 that is contained in SECTION 1. (Note: **CURRENT** SECTION 4 will be renumbered to SECTION 3.)

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| <p>SECTION 1. The annual state dues for each chapter shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per member which shall be sent by the chapter treasurer and shall be postmarked no later than November 1. A chapter whose dues have not been paid sixty (60) days prior to each year’s State Conference shall be notified by the State Treasurer that the chapter shall not be entitled to representation at the State Conference. Annual State Dues shall be:</p> <p>(a) for a member of a chapter, five dollars (\$5.00); and,</p> <p>(b) for a member admitted at-large for the purpose of organizing a new chapter, five dollars (\$5.00).</p> | <p>SECTION 1. The annual state dues for each chapter and conference fees for each chapter covering the period <u>December 1 through November 30th</u> shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per member which shall be sent by the chapter treasurer and shall be <u>remitted with a postmarked date</u> no later than November December 1. A chapter whose dues have not been paid sixty (60) days prior to each year’s State Conference shall be notified by the State Treasurer that the chapter shall not be entitled to representation at the State Conference. After the State Treasurer determines paid dues and Chapters’ membership on December 1, the State Treasurer shall confer with the State Credentials Committee Chair who shall notify the chapters that shall not be entitled to representation at the State Conference. Annual State Dues <u>and Conference Fees</u> shall be:</p> <p>(a) for a member of a chapter, annual state dues - five dollars (\$5.00); annual conference fee – one dollar (\$1.00) and,</p> <p>(b) for a member admitted at-large for the purpose of organizing a new chapter, five dollars (\$5.00).</p> | <p>SECTION 1. The annual state dues and conference fees for each chapter covering the period December 1 through November 30th shall be remitted with a postmark date no later than December 1. After the State Treasurer determines paid dues and Chapters’ membership on December 1, the State Treasurer shall confer with the State Credentials Committee Chair who shall notify the chapters that shall not be entitled to representation at the State Conference. Annual State Dues and Conference Fees shall be:</p> <p>(a) for a member of a chapter, annual state dues -five dollars (\$5.00); annual conference fee – one dollar (\$1.00) and,</p> <p>(b) for a member admitted at-large for the purpose of organizing a new chapter, five dollars (\$5.00).</p> |

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AMENDMENT# 1

To delete **ARTICLE IV – Fees and Dues**, SECTION 2 by striking SECTION 2. And renumbering the consecutive SECTIONS.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| SECTION 2. Each chapter shall pay any additional assessments based on membership of the chapter as of January 1, presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the State Conference. | SECTION 2. Each chapter shall pay any additional assessments based on membership of the chapter as of January 1, presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the State Conference. | |

AMENDMENT# 1

To amend **ARTICLE IV - Fees and Dues**, SECTION 3. by renumbering this SECTION and clarifying dues and fees deadlines and transfers and reinstatements.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| State dues and assessments for a member admitted or reinstated to membership by the National Society: (a) are payable to the State Treasurer within sixty (60) days after the date of admittance or reinstatement; and, (b) on or after July 5, shall be credited for the upcoming dues year. | State dues and assessments for a member admitted or reinstated to membership by the National Society: (a) are payable to the State Treasurer within sixty (60) days after the date of admittance or reinstatement; and, (b) on or after July 5, shall be credited for the upcoming dues year. <u>During the months of December through June, annual state dues and conference fees for new members admitted, members transferring into West Virginia, or members reinstating shall be applied to the current dues year, to be remitted within thirty (30) days of notification of approval. During the months of July through November, annual state dues and conference fees for new members admitted, members transferring into West Virginia, or members reinstating shall be applied to the next dues year and are remitted with the annual state dues remittance.</u> | During the months of December through June, annual state dues and conference fees for new members admitted, members transferring into West Virginia, or members reinstating shall be applied to the current dues year, to be remitted within thirty (30) days of notification of approval. During the months of July through November, annual state dues and conference fees for new members admitted, members transferring into West Virginia, or members reinstating shall be applied to the next dues year and are remitted with the annual state dues remittance. |

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AMENDMENT# 1

To amend **ARTICLE IV, Fees and Dues**, SECTION 5. by deleting this SECTION and adding it to SECTION 1.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| A conference fee of one dollar per member as of January 1 shall be paid to the State Treasurer no later than sixty (60) days before the State Conference. This fee shall be used to help defray expenses incurred in executing the State Conference. | A conference fee of one dollar per member as of January 1 shall be paid to the State Treasurer no later than sixty (60) days before the State Conference. This fee shall be used to help defray expenses incurred in executing the State Conference. | |

RATIONALE for ARTICLE IV – Fees and dues, SECTIONS 1-5.: State dues and state conference fees are combined in SECTION 1. National contributions are sent directly to National, not the State Treasurer and there is no need to receive dues and fees 30 days in advance of the National due date. To align the payment of dues with the State and National collection deadline, Strike SECTION 2 that is contained in SECTION 1. Renumber SECTION 3 to SECTION 2. In this SECTION 3 proposal, this replacement shortens time period for chapter to pay the dues and conference fees for new, transfers, and reinstated members. This SECTION clarifies what months new members, transfers, and reinstatements must be remitted for the current year and which months dues are applied to the next year. Renumber SECTION 4. to SECTION 3. Delete SECTION 5. because it has been combined in SECTION 1.

This presentation contains the Total Revision of **ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections**, SECTION by SECTION. First, for your convenience, the **CURRENT ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections of Officers** will be printed in its entirety in paragraph format, not three column.

ARTICLE VI – Nomination and Election of Officers

SECTION 1. The Officers of the State Society shall be elected by ballot at the annual State Conference every third year. A majority vote shall constitute an election.

SECTION 2. A Nominating Committee shall be elected by ballot at the State Conference preceding the Conference at which the State Officers are to be elected. This committee shall consist of one member from each of the five districts. The chair of the committee shall be the member receiving the most votes when elected to this committee.

(a) Each member shall contact the Chapters in her district asking that Applications and Résumés for State Officers be submitted to the Nominating Committee Chair and to each member of the Nominating Committee. The member applying for a State office must include an endorsement from her own chapter.

(b) The candidate for State Regent shall have the privilege of suggesting the name of a member for the office of State Corresponding Secretary.

(c) Chapters may endorse only one chapter member for state office unless in the case of State Regent and Corresponding Secretary.

(d) Applications and Résumés with her chapter endorsement must be submitted to the Nominating Committee members by September 27. By October 1, Nominating Committee members will inform chapters in their district of the nominees for State Office. This information will also be distributed on the WVDAR email system.

(e) Chapters may endorse one candidate for each state office. A candidate must have her own chapter's endorsement only. All endorsements must be in the hands of all members of the Nominating Committee by October 30. Electronic endorsements may be made. After receiving the résumé and Chapter endorsement on October 30, the Nominating Committee shall meet to make up the slate for election.

(f) The report of the Nominating Committee shall be sent out with the Call to Conference.

SECTION 3. The Officers of this Society shall hold office for three (3) years. All State Officers shall assume office when the Continental Congress confirms the election of the State Regent and the State Vice Regent.

SECTION 4. To be eligible for the office of State Regent or State Vice Regent, a member shall hold and have held membership in a chapter or chapters within the West Virginia State Society for at least five (5) years prior to her election and have served a term as chapter regent. To be eligible for any other State Office, a member shall hold and have held membership in a chapter or chapters within the West Virginia State Society two (2) years prior to her election. No member shall be eligible for the same State Office for two (2) consecutive terms, and no member who has served one term in any State Office shall be eligible for any other State Office except that of State Vice Regent or State Regent until the expiration of at least one year.

SECTION 5. A member holding two (2) or more offices each carrying a vote at an annual State Conference shall be limited to vote only in one of the offices held by said member.

SECTION 6. No member shall be eligible for the office of the State Regent or State Vice Regent who has not served previously as a State Officer and Chapter Regent.

SECTION 7. Should the office of the State Regent become vacant, the State Vice Regent shall accede to that office for the remainder of that term. Other vacancies occurring in office shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next meeting of the State Board of Management, when the Board shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Any member having served in a vacancy for more than one-half of a term in any office shall be deemed to have served a term.

SECTION 8. In recognition of valuable service to the State Society, the title of Honorary State Regent may be conferred for life by a majority vote of any State Conference upon a member who has held the office of State Regent.

SECTION 9. Nominations for the candidate for the office of Vice President General from West Virginia shall:

(a) be made at the annual State Conference; and,

(b) present a motion for endorsement that designates the specific Continental Congress at which she desires to be a candidate for election and shall be made not more than eighteen (18) months in advance of the Continental Congress so designated. Nominations for a candidate for the office of Vice President General from West Virginia shall be made by the Nominating Committee at the annual State Conference. There may be nominations from the floor. The vote shall be by ballot. A majority vote shall be necessary for endorsement.

The next page, and several pages following it, present the proposed amendments for replacing the **CURRENT ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Election of Officers**. **AMENDMENTS # 2 – 7** of **ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections** provide a logical transition through all state nominations and elections processes. NOTE: Some are not typed in three column format.

AMENDMENT# 2

To replace the entire **ARTICLE VI – Nomination and Election of Officers**, SECTIONS 1-6. to provide better organization and structure of this important part of the WVDAR Bylaws concerning state nominating committee duties, state nomination process, and elections of State Officers. To amend **ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections**, SECTION 1. by replacing it with the Duties of the State Nominating Committee and providing descriptions of the duties of the said Committee members.

ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections

SECTION 1. Duties of State Nominating Committee members. The State Nominating Committee members shall:

- (a) contact the Chapters in her district asking that Applications and Résumés for State Officers, limited to one candidate per chapter unless in the case of State Regent and State Corresponding Secretary, be submitted to the State Nominating Committee Chair and to each member of the State Nominating Committee. A candidate may apply for **one** office **ONLY**. The member applying for State office must include an endorsement from her chapter **only**;
- (b) inform the candidates of the requirements, duties, potential expenses, and obligations involved in being a state officer;
 - (1) Make nominees aware of the need for each state officer to attend all State Society Executive Board Meetings.
 - (2) To be eligible for the office of State Regent or State Vice Regent, a member shall have served a term previously as a State Officer and Chapter Regent and have held membership in a chapter or chapters within the West Virginia State Society for at least five (5) years prior to her election. (NSDAR Bylaws, **ARTICLE XV - States**, SECTION 6.);
 - (3) To be eligible for any other State Office, a member shall hold and have held membership in a chapter or chapters within the West Virginia State Society two (2) years prior to her election. No member shall be eligible for the same State Office for two (2) consecutive terms, and no member who has served one term in any State Office shall be eligible for any other State Office except that of State Vice Regent or State Regent until the expiration of at least one year.
 - (4) No two state officers shall be members of the same chapter except the State Regent and the State Corresponding Secretary; the candidate for State Regent shall have the privilege of suggesting the name of a member for the office of State Corresponding Secretary.

(c) inform each candidate to submit her Application and Résumés along with her chapter endorsement **only** to the State Nominating Committee members by October 15.

(d) As of October 16, if a State Office has received no candidate, the State Nominating Committee will inform the Membership which office/s has/have received no candidate/s via WVSSDAR. All required documents for the office including an endorsement from the candidate's own chapter shall be received by October 31 by the State Nominating Committee. By November 1, State Nominating Committee members will inform the membership of those members who are candidates for each State Office via the WVSSDAR email system.

(e) after receiving the résumés and applications and chapter endorsements on October 31, shall meet in person to review the applications and résumés and prepare the November 1 announcement.:

(1) Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum; and,

(2) No proxy voting may occur.

(f) have the authority to select the best candidates to fill the position regardless of any District not being represented on the slate. Therefore, there is no need for any endorsement other than the candidate's own chapter.

(g) nominate a candidate for each office to be filled and shall obtain the written consent of each nominee contained in her application and résumé);

(h) send the State Nominating Committee report with the Call to Conference.

RATIONALE: SECTION 1, Subsections (a) –(g) present an organized clarification of the duties of the State Nominating Committee members.

AMENDMENT# 3:

To replace **ARTICLE VI – Nomination and Elections of Officers**, SECTION 2. Nominations for the State Nominating Committee to organize the selection and election process by the delegates at the State Conference.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT WOULD READ

SECTION 2. Nominations for State Nominating Committee. This committee shall consist of one member from each of the five districts.

(a) Nominations for this committee shall be from the floor, provided the nominee has permitted her name to be submitted.

(b) A State Nominating Committee shall be elected by ballot at the State Conference during the second year of the administration. A secure, anonymous vote conducted through the designated voting platform shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be by ballot. The State Nominating Committee and VPG Election Tellers shall destroy the ballots following the State Regent's declaration of election results.

(c) The nominees receiving the highest vote for each of the five districts at the State Conference shall be declared elected. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall act as chair. If the highest vote is a tie, the committee shall elect its chair.

RATIONALE: To have state representatives elected during the State Conference by the State delegates using modern voting platform

AMENDMENT# 4:

To replace old SECTION 1 by creating new SECTION 3. Elections. that present an organized, clear explanation of election process of State Officers.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT WOULD READ

SECTION 3. Elections.

- (a) Per RONR 46:6, additional nominations for officer candidates, accompanied by a chapter endorsement, may be made from the floor at State Conference, provided consent of a nominee has been obtained as well as a sponsoring statement in writing from her chapter. (Refer to WVDAR Floor Nomination form, 2024) Floor nominations may be made if the nominee *provides the State Nominating Committee with a written chapter endorsement, the (a), and evidence that the nominee meets the eligibility requirements for the office as outlined in ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1. (b) (2) and (3), no later than 15 days prior to the start of business for the West Virginia State Conference.* Any candidate planning to run from the floor may not announce her candidacy prior to the Call to Conference.
- (b) The Officers of the State Society shall be elected by ballot at the annual State Conference in the triennial year. A majority vote shall constitute an election. A secure, anonymous vote conducted through the designated voting platform shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be by ballot. The Officers of this Society shall hold office for three (3) years.
- (c) All State Officers shall assume Office when the Continental Congress confirms the election of the State Regent and the State Vice Regent.
- (d) As soon as the State Regent declares the election results are valid and accepted by the State Conference, the ballots shall be destroyed by the tellers.

RATIONALE: To clarify the modern election process used.

AMENDMENT# 5:

To revise **ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections** by using old SECTION 7., realigning it as new SECTION 4., and labeling it Vacancy.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| Refer to SECTIONS 1-9 printed in Proposed Amendment #3. | TOTAL REVISION ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Election of Officers | SECTION 4. Vacancy. Should the office of the State Regent become vacant, the State Vice Regent shall accede to that office for the remainder of that term. (NSDAR Bylaws, ARTICLE XV - States , SECTION 7.) Other vacancies occurring in office shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next meeting of the State Board of Management, when the Board shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Any member having served in a vacancy for more than one-half of a term in any office shall be deemed to have served a term. |

RATIONALE: To clarify directions to follow in the event of a vacancy.

AMENDMENT# 6:

To revise old **ARTICLE VI**, by moving old SECTION 8. and replacing with new SECTION 5. and by adding “voice” vote.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| Refer to SECTIONS 1-9 (old SECTION 8.)printed in Proposed Amendment #3. | TOTAL REVISION ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Elections | SECTION 5. In recognition of valuable service to the State Society, the title of Honorary State Regent may be conferred for life by a majority <u>voice</u> vote of any State Conference upon a member who has held the office of State Regent. An Honorary State Regent shall have voting rights at all meetings at the State Conferences as long as she remains a member in good standing within a WVDAR Chapter. |

RATIONALE: To clarify means to vote for the candidate to bestow the title of Honorary State Regent and membership.

AMENDMENT# 7:

To revise old **ARTICLE VI, SECTION 9.** with new **SECTION 6** by adding the nomination and election process for the candidacy of Vice President General from West Virginia.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT/ WOULD READ |
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| Refer to SECTIONS 1-9 (SECTION 9.) printed in Proposed Amendment #3 | TOTAL REVISION ARTICLE VI – Nominations and Election of Officers | SECTION 6. Nominations for the candidate for the office of Vice President General from West Virginia shall: (a) be made at the annual State Conference not more than 18 months prior to the indicated election at desired Continental Congress and, (b) present a motion for endorsement that designates the specific Continental Congress at which she desires to be a candidate for election and shall be made not more than eighteen (18) months in advance of the Continental Congress so designated. Nominations for a candidate for the office of Vice President General from West Virginia shall be made by the State Nominating Committee at the annual State Conference. There may be nominations from the floor. The vote shall be by ballot or selected voting platform. A majority vote shall be necessary for endorsement. |

RATIONALE: To clarify the procedure for endorsement and election of West Virginia candidate for the office of Vice President General.

AMENDMENT # 8

To amend **ARTICLE VII - Duties of Officers, SECTION 2.** Subsections(c) and (i) by adding the work of the State Parliamentarian. “The State Regent shall” and by striking out “have authority to assign” and adding, “request duties of the State Officers, District Directors, and State Committee Chairs and,”

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| (c) appoint a State Parliamentarian; | (c) appoint a State Parliamentarian; <u>who shall attend Executive Board, State Board of Management, State Conference meetings and other WVDAR meetings, serving in an advisory capacity only, without a vote. The State Parliamentarian shall maintain a file of current Chapter, District, and State Bylaws.</u> | (c) appoint a State Parliamentarian who shall attend Executive Board, State Board of Management, State Conference meetings with other WVDAR meetings, serving in an advisory capacity only, without a vote. The State Parliamentarian shall maintain a file of current Chapter, District, and State Bylaws. |

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SECTION 2. Subsection (i)

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| (i) Officers and State Committee Chairs; and have authority to assign duties to the State Committee Chairs and, | (i) have authority to assign <u>request</u> duties to <u>of</u> the State Officers, <u>District Directors</u> , and State Committee Chairs and, | (h) have authority to request duties of the State Officers, District Directors, and State Committee Chairs and, |

RATIONALE: For subsection (c), to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the State Parliamentarian. For Subsection (i), the State Regent may request the duties of the State’s leaders. District Directors are a vital part of the WVDAR; their office duties support the mission of the WVDAR and are not separate from the WVDAR State Board of Management.

AMENDMENT# 9

To amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, SECTION 5., Subsections (d) through (k), by adding the specific directions and deadline for state reports, providing digital copies to State Archives, deleting obsolete language, providing digital copy of Proceedings Book, and transfer records to predecessor, and realigning Subsections as needed.

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| (d) receive reports annually from State Officers, District Directors, Chapter Regents, and Committee Chairs for the current Administration’s Proceedings Book; | (d) receive reports annually <u>by email, thirty (30) days prior to State Conference</u> , from State Officers, District Directors, Chapter Regents, and State Committee Chairs for the current Administration’s Proceedings Book; | (d) receive reports annually by email, thirty (30) days prior to State Conference, from State Officers, District Directors, Chapter Regents, and State Committee Chairs for the current Administration’s Proceedings Book; |
| (e) submit State Society and Executive Committee archival materials (correspondence, reports, awards, etc.) annually to the State Society Archives, as well as three (3) copies of the Proceedings Book she compiled during her term in office; | (e) submit State Society and Executive Committee archival materials (correspondence, reports, awards, etc.) annually to the State Society Archives, as well as three (3) <u>digital</u> copies of the Proceedings Book, she compiled during her the term in office; | (e) submit State Society and Executive Committee archival materials (correspondence, reports, awards, etc.) annually to the State Society Archives, as well as digital copies of the Proceedings Book, compiled during the term in office; |
| (f) notify State Officers and Committee Chairs of any action taken affecting their duties; (h) during the third year’s Executive Committee meeting, present three (3) bids for the publishing of the Proceedings Book from printing companies; | (f) notify State Officers and Committee Chairs of any action taken affecting their duties; (h) during the third year’s Executive Committee meeting, present three (3) bids for the publishing of the Proceedings Book from printing companies; | |

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| (i) as soon as practical after adjournment of the last State Conference of her term, edit and prepare for publication of the Proceedings Book; | (h) as soon as practical after adjournment of the last State Conference of her term, edit and prepare for publication of the Proceedings Book in <u>digital</u> format; | (h) as soon as practical after adjournment of the last State Conference of the term, edit and prepare for publication of the Proceedings Book in digital format; |
| (k) file with her successor all approved minutes of meetings held during her term of office, together with all other records in her possession, within (60) days following her leaving office after the close of Continental Congress; and, | (j) file with her the <u>next</u> successor all approved minutes of meetings held during her term of office, together with all other possessed office records in her possession, <u>(including WVDAR Property Agreements) generated during the term of office,</u> within sixty (60) days following her leaving office after <u>and</u> the close of Continental Congress; and, | (j) file with the next successor all possessed office records (including WVDAR Property Agreements) generated during the term of office, within sixty (60) days following leaving office and the close of Continental Congress; and, |

RATIONALE: To clarify the reporting period for all concerned and align with other articles and sections that state the same, to transition to digital records for the archives, (f) Management of personnel is the responsibility of the State Regent. (h) Bids are no longer necessary for a digital publication, as printing costs continue to rise and WVDAR is committed to a digital future, the funds saved can be used by WVDAR in far better ways. It is time to go digital with the Proceedings Book. A digitization project of WVDAR archives is currently underway and this Administration’s Proceedings Book will be submitted to that project in that format. Distribution of the digital format to members will be determined going forward by what technology exists at the time, all official records in the possession of the State Recording Secretary are included in the Proceedings Book. Therefore, the removed section is unnecessary. It is vitally important that the Property Agreements signed by State Officers when they receive their State Society-owned pins of office be put into writing here so that the holder of these valuable pieces of State Society history can be tracked.

AMENDMENT # 10

To amend **ARTICLE VII - Duties of Officers**, SECTION 6., Subsection (d) by adding the use of technology in the publication of the State Directory.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| SECTION 6. The State Corresponding Secretary shall: (d) publish and distribute a State Directory and provide annual corrections; | SECTION 6. The State Corresponding Secretary shall: (d) publish and distribute a <u>digital</u> State Directory and provide annual corrections; | SECTION 6. The State Corresponding Secretary shall: (d) publish and distribute a <u>digital</u> State Directory and provide annual corrections; |

RATIONALE: Publication of a digital State Directory would defray costs while providing the same information to the members

AMENDMENT# 11

To amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, SECTION 7., Subsections (b) by adding additional records of newly confirmed chapters, (c) by adding clarification of duties of the State Organizing Secretary as that officer works with District Directors and Chapter Regents, and (f) by deleting information contained in Subsection (c).

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| (b) keep a record of the following facts regarding each chapter of the State Society: name and date of organization; names of organizing members and officers; date of issuance of charter; and a complete record of all officers; | (b) keep a record of the following facts regarding each <u>newly confirmed</u> chapter of the State Society: name and date of organization; names of organizing members and officers; date of issuance of charter; and a complete record of all officers <u>in addition to her annual report for the Proceedings Book</u> | (b) record the following facts regarding each newly confirmed chapter of the State Society; name and date of organization; names of organizing members and officers; date of issuance of charter; and complete record of all officers in addition to her annual report for the Proceedings Book |
| (c) assist chapters whose membership falls below the number specified by the NSDAR Bylaws (Article XIII - Chapters, Section 19.); | <u>(c)) work with District Directors and Chapter Regents to</u> assist chapters whose membership falls below the number specified by the NSDAR Bylaws (Article XIII - Chapters, Section 19.); | <u>(c))</u> work with District Directors and Chapter Regents to assist chapters whose membership falls below the number specified by the NSDAR Bylaws (Article XIII - Chapters, Section 19.); |
| (f) work with District Directors and Chapter Regents; | (f) work with District Directors and Chapter Regents; | |

RATIONALE: Older information is on record in our archives and at national. It has not been the practice for the outgoing officer to deliver this information to the incoming officer. New information will be kept and recorded in our Proceedings Book for a complete historical record, to clarify the officers with whom the State Organizing Secretary will communicate, (f) This information is now moved to Subsection (c).

AMENDMENT # 12:

To amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, SECTION 9., Subsections (a) by deleting information kept presently in e-membership and Subsection (b) by replacing deleted Subsection (b) with (a). and realigning Subsections in SECTION 9.

The State Registrar shall:

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| (a) keep a record of all chapters including chapter names and dates of organization; | (a) keep a record of all chapters including chapter names and dates of organization; | |

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| (b) keep records of all state officers, past and present, and national officers from West Virginia; | (b) keep records of all state and national officers, past and present, and national officers from West Virginia; | (a) record all state and national officers, past and present, from West Virginia; |
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RATIONALE: Chapter information is collected by the State Organizing Secretary, not the State Registrar. This information has not been passed on to current officers. The information is held in our archives and at national. It is available on e-Membership and Realign Subsection (b) to Subsection (a) and reformats verbiage.

AMENDMENT# 13:

To amend **ARTICLE VII - Duties of Officers**, SECTION 10., Subsections (a) by adding information needed in the annual report and (c) by adding activities that have occurred after the state report deadline.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| (a) keep a record of historical and commemorative work done in the state; | (a) keep <u>include in her the annual report a record of the</u> historical and commemorative work done in the state; | (a) include in the annual report the historical and commemorative work done in the state; |

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| (c) prepare the state reports of grave locations, dates and service records of Revolutionary soldiers, sailors, and patriots; | (c) prepare the <u>as an addendum to the annual report a listing state reports of grave markings conducted in West Virginia, including</u> locations, dates, and service records of <u>for</u> Revolutionary soldiers, sailors, and <u>Patriots</u> ; | (c) prepare as an addendum to the annual report a listing of grave markings conducted in West Virginia, including locations, dates, and service records for Revolutionary soldiers, sailors, and Patriots; |
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RATIONALE: To specify where the required information is to be preserved and to specify where and how this data is to be preserved and to limit the requirement to information that is available to this officer.

AMENDMENT# 14:

To amend **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**, SECTION 11., Subsection (b) by adding valuable information to state report process.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| (b) keep a record of any genealogy books donated by DAR chapters or individuals to public libraries and to the National Society; and, | (b) keep a record of any genealogy and <u>genealogy related</u> books donated by DAR chapters or individuals to public libraries and to the National Society; <u>and, report that as an addendum to her annual report</u> ; and, | (b) keep a record of any genealogy and genealogy related books donated by DAR chapters or individuals to public libraries and to the National Society, and report that as an addendum to her annual report; and, |

RATIONALE: To provide a greater space allowance in her annual report, if needed, for record keeping of donated books.

AMENDMENT # 15:

To amend **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society**, SECTION 1., Subsections (e), (e)(1), Subsection (e) (2) by adding clarification of the use of technological communication, a provision for modern voting technology, by adding clarification of tellers' responsibilities when technology is used in elections. (These Subsections appear on two pages.)

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| SECTION 1. A State Conference shall: (e) if necessary, be held using technological methods, such as teleconference, webinar, or virtual conferencing with delegates being able to participate from remote locations; | SECTION 1. A State Conference shall: (e) if necessary, be held using technological methods, such as teleconference, webinar, or virtual conferencing <u>through the use of Internet meeting sources or conference calls that support, at a minimum, simultaneous aural communication</u> with delegates being able to participate from remote locations; | SECTION 1. A State Conference shall: (e) if necessary, be held using technological methods through the use of Internet meeting sources or conference calls that support, at a minimum, simultaneous aural communication with delegates being able to participate from remote locations; |
| (e) (1) In an election year, provide information to each delegate for the means to cast her vote by email ballot: name, National Number, Yea or Nay vote response to the question, to whom to send the vote and deadline for voting; | (e) (1) In an election year, provide information to each delegate for the means to cast her vote by email ballot: name, National Number, Yea or Nay vote response to the question, to whom to send the vote and deadline for voting; | (e) (1) In an election year, provide information to each delegate for the means to cast her vote by ballot: name, National Number, Yea or Nay vote response to the question, to whom to send the vote and deadline for voting; |

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| (e) (2) The State Regent shall appoint teller/s from each District to receive votes via email. These tellers shall relay the tally to the State Regent who shall report the results via email. | (e) (2) The State Regent shall appoint teller/s from each District to receive votes via email . These tellers shall relay the tally to the State Regent who shall report the results via email <u>to the membership</u> . | (e) (2) The State Regent shall appoint teller/s from each District to receive votes. These tellers shall relay the tally to the State Regent who shall report the results to the membership. NOTE: For further information, please refer to proposed amendment ARTICLE XII – Committees , SECTION 7. Replacement: “State Tellers Committee.” |

RATIONALE: To provide specific information concerning electronic meetings and voting procedures, Robert’s Rules considers an electronic ballot a ballot. By striking out the word email, it allows for future technology to be considered, if needed, and this accommodates changes in technology.

AMENDMENT# 16:

To amend **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society**, SECTION 2. by deleting “and shall be sent to State Officers, Honorary State Regents, all State Chairs, District Directors, and Chapter Regents.”

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| <p>The Call to Conference, issued by the State Regent, shall contain the following: the date and place of the meeting; the hours that registration will be open; the time the polls will be open for election of officers; the report of the Nominating Committee (every third year); any proposed amendments to the Bylaws; reservations information and deadlines, together with the name and the address of the Reservations Chair. The Call to Conference shall be sent electronically at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date set for the State Conference and shall be sent to State Officers, Honorary State Regents, all State Chairs, District Directors and Chapter Regents.</p> | <p>The Call to Conference, issued by the State Regent, shall contain the following: the date and place of the meeting; the hours that registration will be open; the time the polls will be open for election of officers; the report of the Nominating Committee (every third year); any proposed amendments to the Bylaws; reservations information and deadlines, together with the name and the address of the Reservations Chair. The Call to Conference shall be sent electronically at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date set for the State Conference and shall be sent to State Officers, Honorary State Regents, all State Chairs, District Directors and Chapter Regents <u>the membership via the state email list.</u></p> | <p>The Call to Conference, issued by the State Regent, shall contain the following: the date and place of the meeting; the hours that registration will be open; the time the polls will be open for election of officers; the report of the State Nominating Committee (every third year); any Proposed amendments to the Bylaws; Reservations information and deadlines, together with the name and the address of the Reservations Chair. The Call to Conference shall be sent at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date set for the State Conference and shall be sent to the membership via the state email list.</p> |

RATIONALE: All members who have an email on file should have access to information about the State Conference.

AMENDMENT# 17:

To amend **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society**, SECTION 4. by adding the chapter's deadline to pay dues prior to selecting voting representatives for state conference and/or Continental Congress.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| <p>Each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at any meeting of the State Conference by three times as many delegates and alternates as at the previous Continental Congress, one of whom shall be the Regent, Vice Regent or Regent's representative.</p> | <p>Each Chapter shall be entitled to be represented at any meeting of the State Conference by three times as many delegates and alternates as at the previous Continental Congress, one of whom shall be the Regent, Vice Regent or Regent's representative.</p> <p><u>The number of voting representatives from the chapter is determined by the number of members whose dues have been paid to the State Treasurer by check or money order showing a postmark date no later than December 1. One of the delegates shall be the Regent, Vice Regent or Regent's representative. The number of delegates based on the level of membership are as follows:</u></p> <p><u>12 to 19 Members – 3 delegates, 6 alternates</u> <u>20 to 49 Members – 6 delegates, 12 alternates</u> <u>50 to 99 Members – 9 delegates, 18 alternates</u> <u>100 to 149 Members – 12 delegates, 24 alternates</u> <u>150 to 199 Members – 15 delegates, 30 alternates</u> <u>200 to 249 Members – 18 delegates, 36 alternates</u> <u>250 to 299 Members – 21 delegates, 42 alternates</u></p> | <p>The number of voting representatives from the chapter is determined by the number of members whose dues have been paid to the State Treasurer by check or money order showing a postmark date no later than December 1. One of the delegates shall be the Regent, Vice Regent or Regent's representative. The number of delegates based on the level of membership are as follows:</p> <p>12 to 19 Members – 3 delegates, 6 alternates 20 to 49 Members – 6 delegates, 12 alternates 50 to 99 Members – 9 delegates, 18 alternates 100 to 149 Members – 12 delegates, 24 alternates 150 to 199 Members – 15 delegates, 30 alternates 200 to 249 Members – 18 delegates, 36 alternates 250 to 299 Members – 21 delegates, 42 alternates</p> |

RATIONALE: The current bylaws if followed as worded would use membership numbers that are 15 to 18 months old because our State Conference happens before the same calendar year Continental Congress. The revision provides the numbers for the Chapters and Credentials Committee based on State dues remitted with a postmark on or before December 1.

AMENDMENT# 18:

To amend **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society**, SECTION 6. by updating language and adding “date stamped.”

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| One credential blank must be postmarked to the Chair of the Credentials Committee and the other to the State Regent not later than ten days before the annual State Conference. | One <u>completed</u> credential blank form must be postmarked/ <u>date-stamped</u> to the Chair of the Credentials Committee and the other <u>copied</u> to the State Regent not later than ten <u>(10)</u> days before the annual State Conference. | One <u>completed</u> credential form must be postmarked/ <u>date-stamped</u> to the Chair of the Credentials Committee and copied <u>to</u> the State Regent not later than ten (10) days before the annual State Conference. |

RATIONALE: This change allows for the credential form to be sent electronically.

AMENDMENT# 19:

To amend **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society**, SECTION 9. by adding clarifying language, “...shall be approved by a committee of three (3) members of the State Society, attending said meetings,”

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| The Minutes of the State Conference or any called state meetings shall be approved in the following manner: State Conference Business, Opening, Saturday, and Closing, shall be approved by a committee of three (3) members of the State Society attending the State Conference, appointed by the State Regent. | The Minutes of the State Conference or any <u>business called state meetings of the state</u> shall be approved in the following manner: State Conference Business, Opening, Saturday, and Closing, shall be approved by a committee of three (3) members of the State Society attending <u>said meeting</u> the State Conference , appointed by the State Regent. | The Minutes of any business meeting of the state shall be approved by a committee of three (3) members of the State Society attending said meeting appointed by the State Regent. |

RATIONALE: Any business of the state society must have minutes taken. Approval of the minutes by committee streamlines the approval process.

AMENDMENT# 20:

To amend **ARTICLE VIII - Meeting of the State Society**, SECTION 11. by deleting “one half hour after recess of the afternoon meeting of the day preceding the election” and adding “one-half hour after recess of the Morning Business Meeting on the day of the election.”

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| Registration shall close one-half hour after recess of the afternoon meeting of the day preceding the election of officers. An alternate registered before the close of registration, upon compliance with the announced requirements of the Credentials Committee, may be transferred from alternate at any time during the business meeting of the State Conference, except when polls are open. | Registration shall close one-half hour after recess of the afternoon <u>Morning Business Meeting</u> of <u>on</u> the day preceding <u>of</u> the elections. of officers . An alternate registered before the close of registration, upon compliance with the announced requirements of the Credentials Committee, may be transferred from alternate at any time during the business meeting of the State Conference, except when polls are open. | Registration shall close one-half hour after recess of the Morning Business Meeting on the day of the election. An alternate registered before the close of registration, upon compliance with the announced requirements of the Credentials Committee, may be transferred from alternate at any time during the business meeting of the State Conference, except when polls are open. |

RATIONALE: Clarifies the time registration closes.

AMENDMENT# 21:

To amend **ARTICLE XI - Finances**, SECTION 1, Subsection (a) by replacing spelled words with numerals, Subsection (b) by adding clarifying language concerning State Conference budgets, and Subsection (c) by adding information concerning “unrestricted budget and deadline dates for dues, fees, and contributions.”

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| (a) The fiscal year of the State Society shall be July first through June thirtieth. | (a) The fiscal year of the State Society shall be July first <u>1</u> through June thirtieth <u>30</u> . | (a) The fiscal year of the State Society shall be July 1 through June 30. |
| (b)The annual budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School shall be prepared on the basis of State dues, fees and contributions, payable the preceding November first. | (b)The annual budgets <u>presented for approval shall be for the State Society unrestricted budget and the Sstate Cconference budge,</u> and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee. | (b)The annual budgets presented for approval shall be the unrestricted budget and the state conference budget. |
| (c)The annual budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School shall be prepared on the basis of State dues, fees and contributions, payable the preceding November first. | (c) The annual budgets for the State Society, State Conference, and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School The unrestricted budget shall be prepared on the basis of State dues, fees and contributions, payable the preceding November first <u>December 1</u> . | (c)The unrestricted budget shall be prepared on the basis of State dues, fees, and contributions, payable the preceding December 1. |

RATIONALE: Format change to make more user friendly. The State Society has in practice only approved a budget for the unrestricted funds and has not included the restricted funds since many of these funds have to be spent in accordance with donor restrictions or are covered by the WVDAR Financial Policies and Procedures. This change clarifies that only the unrestricted portion is being approved. This aligns our dates with national’s collection of dues.

AMENDMENT # 22:

To amend **ARTICLE XII** – Committees, SECTION 1. by deleting West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School and adding “State” to identify these committees appointed by the State Regent; by specifying State Tellers for State Nominating Committee and Vice President General elections and State Tellers for State Officers elections, and by deleting redundant wording concerning the term of Long Range Planning Committee members that is found in SECTION 4.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| <p>SECTION 1. At the close of the State Conference at which she is elected, the incoming State Regent shall appoint the following committees: Finance, Credentials, Audit, Bylaws and West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School. She shall appoint three members of the Long-Range Planning Committee. She shall appoint such other committees she deems necessary. The term of the Long-Range Planning Committee members is not concurrent with the State Regent’s term of office. Their term is for nine years.</p> | <p>SECTION 1. At the close of the State Conference at which she is elected, the incoming State Regent shall appoint the following <u>State</u> committees: Finance, Credentials, Audit, Bylaws, and <u>Tellers of State Nominating Committee and Vice President General Elections, and Tellers of State Officers Elections.</u> West Virginia Peters Cottage at Tamassee DAR School. She <u>The State Regent</u> shall appoint three members of the Long-Range Planning Committee. She <u>The State Regent</u> shall appoint such other committees she deems <u>deemed</u> necessary. The term of the Long-Range Planning Committee members is not concurrent with the State Regent’s term of office. Their term is for nine years.</p> | <p>SECTION 1. At the close of the State Conference at which she is elected, the incoming State Regent shall appoint the following State committees: Finance, Credentials, Audit, Bylaws, and Tellers of State Nominating Committee and Vice President General Elections, and Tellers of State Officers Elections. The State Regent shall appoint three members of the Long-Range Planning Committee. The State Regent shall appoint such other committees deemed necessary.</p> |

RATIONALE: To delete obsolete and redundant wording and identify State Committees appointed by the State Regent, including State Tellers of State Elections Committees.

AMENDMENT # 23:

To amend **ARTICLE XII – Committees**, SECTION 6. by adding Subsection (d) that provides authorization to the State Bylaws Committee to correct grammatical and technical errors that do not change the intent of the State Society’s endeavors.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| NONE | <u>(d) be authorized to correct article and section designations, spelling, punctuation, and cross-references to these State Bylaws and National Bylaws. It may also make other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary that do not change the intent of the State Society.</u> | (d) be authorized to correct article and section designations, spelling, punctuation, and cross-references to these State Bylaws and National Bylaws. It may also make other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary that do not change the intent of the State Society. |

RATIONALE: To provide authorization to the Bylaws Committee to correct grammatical and technical errors that do not change the intent of the State Society’s endeavors.

AMENDMENT # 24:

To amend **ARTICLE XII – Committees**, SECTION 7. By adding State Tellers of State Nominating Committee and Vice President General Elections and Tellers of State Officers Elections Committees and a description of members’ duties.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| <u>NONE</u> | <u>SECTION 7. The State Tellers of State Nominating Committee and Vice President General Elections, and Tellers of State Officers Elections Committees shall:</u> <u>(a) be appointed by the State Regent prior to the State Conference;</u> <u>(b) consists of one member from each of the WVDAR’s five (5) Districts with the head teller appointed by the State Regent;</u> <u>(c) monitor the voting process when voting is done by the designated voting platform;</u> <u>(d) ascertain the validity of ballots, confirm the count of the ballots, and report the results of the vote, following directives in the latest edition of <i>Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised</i>.</u> | SECTION 7. The State Tellers of State Nominating Committee and Vice President General Elections, and Tellers of State Officers Elections Committees shall: (a) be appointed by the State Regent prior to the State Conference; (b) Consists of one member from each of the WVDAR’s five (5) Districts with the head teller appointed by the State Regent; (c) monitor the voting process when voting is done by the designated voting platform; (d) ascertain the validity of ballots, confirm the count of the ballots, and report the results of the vote, following directives in the latest edition of <i>Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised</i> . |

RATIONALE: To clarify the State Tellers of State Nominating Committee and Vice President General Elections and Tellers of State Officers Elections Committees use of technology and steps to complete the voting platform.

AMENDMENT #25:

To amend **ARTICLE XIII – Chapters**, SECTION 2., Subsections (d) by deleting sub-section (d) and replacing with “(d) send a digitized copy of the Chapter Yearbook to the State Organizing Secretary who will deposit the collection in the State Archives at the end of the Administration.”; Subsection (h) by adding deadline clarification for chapters, Subsection (k) by adding title of officer who may serve as a delegate to the State Conference.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| SECTION 2. The Regent of a Chapter shall: (d) send a copy of the Chapter Yearbook to the State Regent, State Corresponding Secretary, and State Organizing Secretary; | SECTION 2. The Regent of a Chapter shall: (d) send a <u>digitized</u> copy of the Chapter Yearbook <u>to the State Regent, State Corresponding Secretary, and State Organizing Secretary who will deposit the Collection in the State Archives at the end of the Administration;</u> | SECTION 2. The Regent of a Chapter shall: (d) send a digitized copy of the Chapter Yearbook to the State Organizing Secretary who will deposit the collection in the State Archives at the end of the Administration; |
| (h) be responsible for ensuring that chapter annual state and national dues have been submitted by the respective November 1 and December 1 deadlines; | (h) be responsible for ensuring that chapter annual state and national dues have been submitted by the respective November 1 and December 1 deadlines; | (h) be responsible for ensuring that chapter annual state and national dues have been submitted by the December 1 deadline; |
| (k) as an Organizing Regent who receives confirmation of the new Chapter by the National Board of Management after the first of February, she, or her Vice Regent, shall be allowed to represent the Chapter at the State Conference, providing the chapter has the required number of members and has paid state dues prior to the convening of the State Conference. | (k) as an Organizing Regent who receives confirmation of the new Chapter by the National Board of Management after the first of February, <u>only the Chapter Regent, she, or her</u> Chapter Vice Regent, shall be allowed to represent the Chapter <u>as a delegate</u> at the State Conference, providing the chapter has the required number of members and has paid state dues prior to the convening of the State Conference. | (k) as an Organizing Regent who receives confirmation of the new Chapter by the National Board of Management after the first of February, <u>only the Chapter Regent, or Chapter Vice Regent</u> , shall be allowed to represent the Chapter as a delegate at the State Conference, providing the chapter has the required number of members and has paid state dues prior to the convening of the State Conference. |

RATIONALE: In this age of technology, yearbooks only need to be sent to the State Organizing Secretary. It is necessary to clarify which Officer will deposit the collection in the State Archives; the due date for State dues now corresponds with the same due date for National dues. To clarify only one delegate is allowed from a new chapter formed after the month of February of the preceding year of a State Conference to represent their chapter. No personal pronouns should be in the bylaws, only direct titles.2: To abide by the National Bylaws as stated in **WVDAR Bylaws:** ARTICLE XVII – Amendments, SECTION 3 **Refer to National Bylaws:** ARTICLE XIII – CHAPTERS SECTION 8. Representation. Section (a) Sub-Section (1) NSDAR BYLAWS (1) A chapter organized and confirmed by the National Board of Management after the first day of February shall be allowed representation by the Regent only, or in her absence by the First Vice Regent

AMENDMENT# 26:

To amend **ARTICLE XIII - Chapters**, SECTION 5. by adding deadline information for election of delegates and alternates and striking obsolete language.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| <p>Delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress shall be elected on or before the first day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress of each year. Using blanks furnished by the National Society, the name of the Chapter Regent and the Vice Regent and a list of the delegates and alternates, with the date of their election by the Chapter shall be sent, bearing a postmark no later than the 15th day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress, to the Chair of the Credentials Committee and to the State Regent. The delegates and alternates so elected shall be the delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the National Society which may be held prior to the Continental Congress of the following year.</p> | <p>Delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress shall be elected on or before the first day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress of each year. Using blanks furnished by the National Society, The name of the Chapter Regent and the Vice Regent and a list of the delegates and alternates, with the date of their election by the Chapter shall be sent, <u>by the deadline established by national</u> bearing a postmark no later than the 15th day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress, to the Chair of the Credentials Committee <u>using the method instructed by national and copied to the State Regent.</u> The delegates and alternates so elected shall be the delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the National Society which may be held prior to the Continental Congress of the following year.</p> | <p>Delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress shall be elected on or before the first day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress of each year. The name of the Chapter Regent and the Vice Regent and a list of the delegates and alternates, with the date of their election by the Chapter shall be sent by the deadline established by national to the Chair of the Credentials Committee using the method instructed by national and copied to the State Regent. The delegates and alternates so elected shall be the delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the National Society which may be held prior to the Continental Congress of the following year.</p> |

RATIONALE: This allows for filing credentials by e-membership and provides for flexibility if National changes protocol.

AMENDMENT# 27:

To amend **ARTICLE XIII - Chapters, SECTION 6.** by adding information and forms to be sent to the State Treasurer from the Chapters Treasurer.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| With the remittance of dues and contributions to the State Treasurer, the chapter shall include the West Virginia State Society Chapter Treasurer's Report for the appropriate fiscal year. | With the remittance of dues and contributions to the State Treasurer, the chapter <u>treasurer</u> shall include the West Virginia State Society Chapter Treasurer's Report <u>its audited financial statements, audit committee letter and a copy of the chapter's Form 990, Form 990EZ or proof of filing Form 990N for the appropriate most recently completed</u> fiscal year. | With the remittance of dues and contributions to the State Treasurer, the chapter treasurer shall include its audited financial statements, audit committee letter and a copy of the chapter's Form 990, Form 990EZ or proof of filing Form 990N for the most recently completed fiscal year. |

RATIONALE: This Amendment clarifies information concerning specific documents/reports Chapter Treasurers need to remit to the State Treasurer; this is required by national.

AMENDMENT #28:

To amend **ARTICLE XIV – Districts, SECTION 3.** by clarifying all positions and dues deadlines, **SECTION 8.** Duties of District Director, Subsections (e) and (f) by updating language to include “electronic means” and adding new Sub-section (j) that involves reviewing the District Bylaws each new Administration and sending District Bylaws to the State Parliamentarian.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| SECTION 3. Each Chapter shall pay annually to the District Secretary-Treasurer, on or before the first day of December, a sum determined by the District. | SECTION 3. Each Chapter shall pay annually to the District Secretary-Treasurer, <u>or Treasurer</u> on or before the first day of December, a sum determined by the District. | SECTION 3. Each Chapter shall pay annually to the District Secretary-Treasurer or Treasurer, on or before the first day of December, a sum determined by the District. |
| SECTION 8. (e)visit each chapter within the district, if invited, and provide advice, encouragement, and assistance; share achievements of chapters, the programs and speakers' topics and ideas, and assist chapters with new members' orientation and recruitment; (f)communicate with chapters in the district on deadlines, changes, and promotion of chapter and district events; | (e) visit each chapter within the district <u>in person or by electronic means</u> , if invited, and provide advice, encouragement, and assistance; share achievements of chapters, the programs and speakers' topics and ideas, and assist chapters with new members' orientation and recruitment; (f) communicate <u>by electronic means</u> with chapters in the district on deadlines, changes, and promotion of chapter and district events; | (e) visit each chapter within the district in person or by electronic means, if invited, and provide advice, encouragement, and assistance; share achievements of chapters, the programs and speakers' topics and ideas, and assist chapters with new members' orientation and recruitment; (f) communicate by electronic means with chapters in the district on deadlines, changes, and promotion of chapter and district events; |

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| (j) None | <u>(j) review the need for revising District’s Bylaws each change of Administration, and send a digitized copy of the current District Bylaws to the State Parliamentarian, immediately following any amendment to a District’s Bylaws.</u> | (j) review the need for revising District’s Bylaws each change of Administration, and send a digitized copy of the current District Bylaws to the State Parliamentarian, immediately following any amendment to a District’s Bylaws. |
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RATIONALE: SECTION 3. To align the payment of dues with the State dues collection deadline and SECTION 8. Subsections (d), (e), and new (j) to provide an avenue for the District Director to visit the chapters at least once during their term and bylaws need to be reviewed once every administration.

AMENDMENT# 29:

To amend **ARTICLE XIV – DISTRICTS**, SECTION 9. by adding new SECTION 9. that clarifies the manner information should be sent to the State Treasurer from District Treasurer.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| | <u>Annual Reporting to State Treasurer. The district treasurer shall submit a report to the state treasurer for the period July 1 through June 30 of all income received (identified by type) and of all expenses incurred (identified by type). All expenses must be documented with invoices or receipts.</u> | SECTION 9. Annual Reporting to State Treasurer. The district treasurer shall submit a report to the state treasurer for the period July 1 through June 30 of all income received (identified by type) and of all expenses incurred (identified by type). All expenses must be documented with invoices or receipts. |

RATIONALE: District Directors should visit the chapters in their district at least once during their term of office, and Bylaws need to be reviewed once every Administration, National’s guidance in the *Guide for Chapter and State Treasurers*, October 2023, states that subordinate organizations to the state organizations that do not have separate tax exempt status must report its financial activity so that this information can be consolidated on to the financial records of the state organization.

AMENDMENT# 30:

To amend **ARTICLE XVII – Amendments**, SECTION 3. by adding clarifying language explaining that chapters may automatically insert newly-adopted amendments by the National Society without a chapter need to vote on the amendment.

| CURRENT | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | WOULD READ |
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| SECTION 3. Any amendment adopted by the National Society affecting the work of the State Society shall become a law of the Society without notice of the amendment. | SECTION 3. Any amendment adopted by the National Society affecting the work of the State Society shall become a law of the Society without notice <u>or vote</u> of the amendment. | SECTION 3. Any amendment adopted by the National Society affecting the work of the State Society shall become a law of the Society without notice or vote of the amendment. |

RATIONALE: This clarifies that once an amendment has been adopted by National and the amendment applies to a chapter's bylaws, the wording may be inserted without a chapter vote.