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PROPOSED

BYLAWS

AMENDMENTS

62nd National Convention

October 21-25, 2026

OFFICIAL NOTICE

TO: NCNW Members, NCNW Board of Directors, 62nd National Convention Delegates

FROM: Alicia L. Lewis, Esq., Chair, Bylaws Committee

RE: 2026 Official Notice of Proposed Bylaws Amendments

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS
to be considered at the 62nd National Convention

According to Article XVII of the NCNW Bylaws, the Bylaws may be amended at the Biennial Convention by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting.

This booklet contains notice of the proposed amendments to be considered by the delegates to the 62nd National Convention to be held October 21-25, 2026.

In addition to formally stating the amendments, the proposed amendments are presented in a three-column format: Current Wording, Proposed Wording, and If Adopted Will Read. Below is the proposer's identity, the rationale furnished by the proposer, and the Bylaws Committee's recommendation. **We encourage you to print this booklet in color.**

PLEASE BRING THIS BOOKLET WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION.

2024-2026 NCNW Bylaws Committee

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PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT #1: PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE TERM "CHAPTERS"

To Amend Article III - ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, Section 2. National Affiliate Organization. Subsection A. by striking the word "chapters" and inserting the word "branches" after the word "active"

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
A. Has active chapters in at least five (5) states.	A. Has active ~~chapters~~ **branches** in at least five (5) states.	A. Has active branches in at least five (5) states.

CONFORMING AMENDMENT

To Amend ARTICLE IV- MEMBERSHIP, Section 1. National Affiliate Organization. Subsection A. by inserting the words "(or branches)" after the word "chapters"

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
A. Has active chapters in at least five (5) states.	A. Has active ~~chapters~~ **branches** in at least five (5) states.	A. Has active branches in at least five (5) states.

Submitted by: Kelly Lytton, NCNW Charles County Section

Rationale: Some organizations refer to their local entities as Branches, Temples, Colonies, etc. This amendment will ensure greater clarity regarding the meaning of the term "chapter."

AMENDMENT #2: STATE COALITIONS

To Amend ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, Section 5. State Coalitions by inserting the words "at least three (3)" before the word "Sections."

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Each state may organize statewide to promote and support the national programs and policy agenda of the NCNW. A State Coalition is comprised of Sections in that state that meet the requirements for coalition membership.	Each state may organize statewide to promote and support the national programs and policy agenda of the NCNW. A State Coalition is comprised of **at least three (3)** Sections in that state that meet the requirements for coalition membership.	Each state may organize statewide to promote and support the national programs and policy agenda of the NCNW. A State Coalition is comprised of at least three (3) Sections in that state that meet the requirements for coalition membership.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Explains the current National NCNW policy.

AMENDMENT #3: EDITORIAL - NATIONAL MEMBER

To Amend ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP, Section 2. National Member by striking out the words "A National member who chooses to become a Community or Collegiate Section member must pay the local dues and any approved assessment of the Section joined."

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
A National member shall be a woman who has paid the annual membership fee to NCNW for the current fiscal year. A National member who chooses to become a Community or Collegiate Section member must pay the local dues and any approved assessment of the Section joined."	A National member shall be a woman who has paid the annual membership fee to NCNW for the current fiscal year. ~~A National member who chooses to become a Community or Collegiate Section member must pay the local dues and any approved assessment of the Section joined."~~	A National member shall be a woman who has paid the annual membership fee to NCNW for the current fiscal year.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Editorial. Deletes unnecessary language from the definition.

AMENDMENT #4: DEFINES SECTION MEMBER

To Amend ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP, by inserting **NEW** Section 3. Section Member. A Section member shall be a woman who has paid the annual NCNW national membership fee or annual Life and Legacy Life per capita fee (if applicable) **and** Section dues.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
None	**Section 3. Section Member. A Section member shall be a woman who has paid the annual NCNW national membership fee or annual Life and Legacy Life per capita fee (if applicable) and Section dues.**	Section 3. Section Member. A Section member shall be a woman who has paid the annual NCNW national membership fee or annual Life and Legacy Life per capita fee (if applicable) and Section dues.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Define Section Membership

AMENDMENT #5: EDITORIAL – LIFE MEMBERS

To Amend ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP, Section 3. Life Member **and** Section 4. Legacy Life Member by striking out the words "**A Life member** who chooses to become a Community or Collegiate Section member must pay the local dues and any approved assessment of the Section joined." And "A **Legacy Life member** who chooses to become a Community or Collegiate Section member must pay the local dues and any approved assessment of the Section joined."

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP, Section 3. Life Member **and** Section 4. Legacy Life Member **Section 3. Life Member.** A Life Member shall be a woman who has met the financial requirements of such status. A Life member who chooses to become a Community or Collegiate Section member must pay the local dues and any approved assessment of the Section joined. **Section 4. Legacy Life Member.** A Legacy Life Member shall be a woman who has met the financial requirements of such status. A Legacy Life member who chooses to become a Community or Collegiate Section member must pay the local dues and any approved assessment of the Section joined.	**ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP,** Section 3. Life Member **and** Section 4. Legacy Life Member **Section 3. Life Member**. A Life Member shall be a woman who has met the financial requirements of such status. ~~A Life member who chooses to become a Community or Collegiate Section member must pay the local dues and any approved assessment of the Section joined.~~ **Section 4. Legacy Life Member.** A Legacy Life Member shall be a woman who has met the financial requirements of such status. ~~A Legacy Life member who chooses to become a Community or Collegiate Section member must pay the local dues and any approved assessment of the Section joined."~~	**ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP,** Section 3. Life Member **and** Section 4. Legacy Life Member **Section 3. Life Member.** A Life Member shall be a woman who has met the financial requirements of such status. **Section 4. Legacy Life Member.** A Legacy Life Member shall be a woman who has met the financial requirements of such status.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Editorial. Extra words that do not add to the definition of Life and Legacy Life Members.

AMENDMENT 6: OFFICERS AND MEMBERS RUNNING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AND POSITION

To Amend ARTICLE IV- MEMBERSHIP, by inserting Section 9. Members Running for Political Office or Seeking Political Office or Position **(NEW)**: Any member who announces their candidacy for a political office or position must follow the NCNW Code of Conduct and Guidelines for Running for a Political Office or Position.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
None	**Section 9. Members Running for Political Office or Position. Any member who announces their candidacy for a political office or position must follow the NCNW Code of Conduct and Guidelines for Running for a Political Office or Position.**	Section 9. Members Running for Political Office or Position. Any member who announces their candidacy for a political office or position must follow the NCNW Code of Conduct and Guidelines for Running for a Political Office or Position.

Submitted by: National Social Justice Committee

Rationale: As the organization's visibility, influence, and community impact continue to grow, it is crucial that NCNW ensures its resources are separate from a candidate’s campaign to avoid violations of its non-profit status and associated risks.

AMENDMENT 7: DUES PAYING PERIOD

To Amend ARTICLE V – FINANCIAL, Section 2 by striking out the words "May 31" and inserting the words "March 31.":

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
Section 2. Annual dues and membership fees (including per capita fees for Life and Legacy Life Members) shall be payable between January 1 and May 31 for the ensuing fiscal year. Members whose dues and fees are not paid by May 31 will receive a notice that they are delinquent and assessed a ten-dollar ($10.00) late fee. If the dues and fees are unpaid by September 30, the members will lose their membership.	Section 2. Annual dues and membership fees (including per capita fees for Life and Legacy Life Members) shall be payable between January 1 and ~~May 31~~ **March 31** for the ensuing fiscal year. Members whose dues and fees are not paid by ~~May 31,~~ **March 31**, will receive a notice that they are delinquent and assessed a ten-dollar ($10.00) late fee. If the dues and fees are unpaid by September 30, the members will lose their membership.	Section 2. Annual dues and membership fees (including per capita fees for Life and Legacy Life Members) shall be payable between January 1 and March 31 for the ensuing fiscal year. Members whose dues and fees are not paid by March 31 will receive a notice that they are delinquent and assessed a ten-dollar ($10.00) dollar late fee. If the dues and fees are unpaid by September 30, the members will lose their membership.

Submitted by: Geralund Smith, NCNW National Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair

Rationale: To help close the cashflow gap and address the cyclical membership revenue challenge for the National Headquarters.

AMENDMENT 8: REDUCTION IN THE LIFE MEMBER FEE

To Amend ARTICLE V- FINANCIAL, Section 4. National Membership Fee. Subsection D. Life Members by (1) striking out the words "One Thousand dollars ($1,000.00)" and inserting the words "seven hundred and fifty dollars ($750.00)" and (2) striking out the words "Two Hundred and Fifty dollars ($250.00)" and inserting the words "One hundred and eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents ($187.50)".

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
D. Life Members. The fee for Life Membership shall be One Thousand dollars ($1,000.00), paid electronically in four quarterly installments of Two Hundred and Fifty dollars ($250.00) each over a twelve (12) month period and becomes effective when paid in full.	D. Life Members. The fee for Life Membership shall be ~~One Thousand dollars ($1,000.00)~~ **Seven hundred and Fifty dollars ($750.00)**, paid electronically in four quarterly installments of ~~Two Hundred and Fifty dollars ($250.00)~~ **One Hundred and Eighty-Seven dollars and Fifty cents ($187.50)** each over a twelve (12) month period and shall become effective upon payment in full.	D. Life Members. The fee for Life Membership shall be Seven Hundred and Fifty dollars ($750.00), paid electronically in four quarterly installments of One Hundred and Eighty-Seven dollars and Fifty cents ($187.50) each over a twelve (12) month period, and shall become effective upon payment in full.

Submitted by: Marcia Hall-Hyman, NCNW Greater Austin Section

Rationale: The proposed adjustments to the Life Member fee structure are designed to increase accessibility, encourage long-term commitment, and strengthen the organization's membership base. The current fee level, established in a different economic climate, may present a barrier to members who wish to make a permanent investment in the organization but are unable to meet the cost thresholds.

AMENDMENT 9: REDUCTION IN THE LEGACY LIFE MEMBER FEE

To Amend ARTICLE V - FINANCIAL, Section 4. National Membership Fee. Subsection E. Legacy Life Members by (1) striking out the words "One Thousand Five Hundred dollars ($1,500.00)" and inserting the words "One Thousand Two Hundred dollars ($1,200.00) and (2) striking out the words "Three Hundred and Seventy-Five dollars ($375.00)" and inserting the words "Three hundred dollars ($300.00)."

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
E. Legacy Life Members. The fee for Legacy Life membership shall be One Thousand Five Hundred dollars ($1,500.00), paid electronically in four installments of Three Hundred and Seventy-Five dollars ($375.00) each over a twelve (12) month period and becomes effective when paid in full.	E. Legacy Life Members. The fee for Legacy Life Membership shall be ~~One Thousand Five Hundred dollars ($1,500.00)~~ **One Thousand Two hundred dollars ($1,200.00)**, paid electronically in four quarterly installments of ~~Three Hundred and Seventy-Five dollars ($375.00)~~ **Three Hundred dollars ($300.00)** each over a twelve (12) month period, and shall become effective upon payment in full.	E. Legacy Life Members. The fee for Legacy Life Membership shall be One Thousand Two hundred dollars ($1,200.00), paid electronically in four quarterly installments of Three Hundred dollars ($300.00) each over a twelve (12) month period, and shall become effective when upon payment in full.

Submitted by: Marcia Hall-Hyman, NCNW Greater Austin Section

Rationale: The proposed adjustments to the Legacy Life Member fee structure is designed to increase accessibility, encourage long-term commitment, and strengthen the organization's membership base. The current fee level, established in a different economic climate, may present a barrier to members who wish to make a permanent investment in the organization but are unable to meet the existing cost thresholds.

AMENDMENT 10: BHRP TIMEFRAME FOR SUBMITTING FUNDS

To Amend ARTICLE V – FINANCIAL. Section 6. Bethune-Height Recognition Program (BHRP) by (1) inserting the words "members," after the word "outstanding" (2) striking out the word "leadership" and inserting the words "leaders and Bethune Achievers, solicits Life and Legacy Life memberships," after the word "community" (3) adding the words "The net total of the fundraiser, minus seed money, shall be remitted to NCNW Headquarters no later than thirty (30) days following the event." after the word "Committee."

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
Section 6. Bethune-Height Recognition Program (BHRP). BHRP is an annual fundraising event that recognizes outstanding community leadership and supports the work of NCNW. Each State Coalition or approved combination of state coalitions is expected to hold the BHRP annually unless otherwise directed by the Executive Committee.	**Section 6. Bethune-Height Recognition Program (BHRP)**. BHRP is an annual fundraising event that recognizes outstanding **members,** community ~~leadership~~ **leaders and Bethune Achievers, solicits Life and Legacy Life memberships,** and supports the work of NCNW. Each State Coalition or approved combination of state coalitions is expected to hold the BHRP annually unless otherwise directed by the Executive Committee. **The net total of the fundraiser, minus seed money, shall be remitted to NCNW Headquarters no later than thirty (30) days following the event.**	Section 6. Bethune-Height Recognition Program (BHRP). BHRP is an annual fundraising event that recognizes outstanding members and community leaders, solicits Life and Legacy Life memberships, and supports the work of NCNW. Each State Coalition, or an approved combination of State Coalitions, is expected to hold the BHRP annually unless otherwise directed by the Executive Committee. The net total of the fundraiser, minus seed money, shall be remitted to NCNW Headquarters no later than thirty (30) days following the event.

Submitted by: Geralund Smith, NCNW National Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair

Rationale: The proposed amendment widens the purpose of the BHRP to include recognizing NCNW members and recruiting Life and Legacy Life Members, and adds a timeframe for submitting funds.

AMENDMENT 11: DELETE PROVISO

*ARTICLE V- FINANCIAL. SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, and 7 SHALL BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025.

AMENDMENT 12: ELECTED OFFICERS

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, Section 1. National Officers Subsection A. Amend by substituting the following: The elected officers shall be the Chair of the Board, the First Vice Chair, the Second Vice Chair, the Third Vice Chair (aged 25-39), the Fourth Vice Chair (aged 18-24), the Recording Secretary, the Assistant Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Assistant Treasurer.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
The elected officers shall be the Chair of the Board, four Vice Chairs (one shall be a young adult between the ages of 25 and 39), the Recording Secretary, the Assistant Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Assistant Treasurer.	**The elected officers shall be the Chair of the Board, the First Vice Chair, the Second Vice Chair, the Third Vice Chair (aged 25-39), the Fourth Vice Chair (aged 18-24), the Recording Secretary, the Assistant Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Assistant Treasurer.**	The elected officers shall be the Chair of the Board, the First Vice Chair, the Second Vice Chair, the Third Vice Chair (aged 25-39), the Fourth Vice Chair (aged 18-24), the Recording Secretary, the Assistant Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Assistant Treasurer.

Submitted By: Artis Hampshire-Cowan, NCNW Human Resources Committee Co-Chair

Rationale: Good governance authorizes who shall in the absence of the Chair of the Board or for any reason she vacates the chair who is authorized to serve in her stead. Allows the organization to ensure leadership continuity, delegate specialized responsibilities, and advance sustainability and intergenerational leadership.

AMENDMENT 13: ELECTED POSITIONS

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, by inserting **(NEW)** Section 2. Elected Positions. The organization's elected positions consist of seven (7) Members-at-Large (one must be a young adult between the ages of 25 and 39, and one must be a collegiate between the ages of 18 and 24), seven (7) members of the Nominating Committee, and seven (7) members of the Elections Committee.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
None	**Section 2. Elected Positions. The organization's elected positions consist of seven (7) Members-at-Large (one must be a young adult between the ages of 25 and 39, and one must be a collegiate between the ages of 18 and 24), seven (7) members of the Nominating Committee, and seven (7) members of the Elections Committee.**	Section 2. Elected Positions. The organization's elected positions consist of seven (7) Members-at-Large (one must be a young adult between the ages of 25 and 39, and one must be a collegiate between the ages of 18 and 24), seven (7) members of the Nominating Committee, and seven (7) members of the Elections Committee.

Submitted By: Beverly Smith, NCNW International Affairs Committee Co-Chair

Rationale: 1) Editorial-Moved from Article VI Section 9 and 2) added language to increase the organization's representation among more college students and young adults to support succession planning.

AMENDMENT 14: ELIGIBILITY FOR AN ELECTED OFFICE OR POSITION

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, Section 2. Eligibility Requirements for an Elected Office or Position. Subsection G. by inserting the words "Except for travel interruptions caused by acts of God or terrorism," before the word "a"

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
G. A candidate for an elected office and position must be present at the National Convention where she seeks election.	G. **Except for travel interruptions caused by acts of God or terrorism,** a candidate for an elected office and position must be present at the National Convention where she seeks election.	G. Except for travel interruptions caused by acts of God or terrorism, a candidate for an elected office and position must be present at the National Convention where she seeks election.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Candidates for office should not be prevented from running for office due to acts of God (*e.g.,* earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, severe floods) or terrorism occurring immediately before or during their travel to the National Convention.

AMENDMENT 15: NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARIAN

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, Section 3. Eligibility Requirements for the Office of National Parliamentarian by 1. inserting the word "obtained" before the word "through" and 2. inserting the words "Certified Parliamentarian-Teacher, or Certified Professional Parliamentarian-Teacher" before the words "or the".

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Certification can be through the American Institute of Parliamentarians (AIP): Certified Parliamentarian (CP) or Certified Professional Parliamentarian or the National Association of Parliamentarians: Registered Parliamentarian (RP) or Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP). If needed, the Board chair may hire a professional parliamentarian. The Executive Committee must approve the fee.	Certification can be **obtained** through the American Institute of Parliamentarians (AIP): Certified Parliamentarian (CP) ~~or~~ Certified Professional Parliamentarian, **Certified Parliamentarian-Teacher, or Certified Professional Parliamentarian-Teacher,** or the National Association of Parliamentarians: Registered Parliamentarian (RP) or Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP). If needed, the Board chair may hire a professional parliamentarian. The Executive Committee must approve the fee.	Certification can be obtained through the American Institute of Parliamentarians (AIP): Certified Parliamentarian (CP), Certified Professional Parliamentarian, Certified Parliamentarian-Teacher, or Certified Professional Parliamentarian-Teacher, or the National Association of Parliamentarians: Registered Parliamentarian (RP) or Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP). If needed, the Board chair may hire a professional parliamentarian. The Executive Committee must approve the fee.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: 1. Grammatical correction. 2. Updated to reflect the changes to the American Institute of Parliamentarians (AIP) parliamentarian credentials.

AMENDMENT 16: TERM OF OFFICE

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, Section 4. Term of Office. by inserting the following: **(NEW)** A. Elected Officers. The elected First, Second, and Third Vice Chairs, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer shall serve a term of two (2) years and until their successors are elected, and must not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. The elected Fourth Vice Chair shall serve a term of two years and until their successor is elected, and must not serve for more than one term in the same office.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
A. Elected Officers, Members-at-Large, and members of the Nominating and Elections Committees shall serve for two (2) years and until their successors are elected.	~~A. Elected Officers, Members-at-Large, and members of the Nominating and Elections Committees shall serve for two (2) years and until their successors are elected.~~ **A. Elected Officers. The elected First, Second, and Third Vice Chairs, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer shall serve a term of two (2) years and until their successors are elected, and must not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. The elected Fourth Vice Chair shall serve a term of two years and until their successor is elected, and must not serve for more than one term in the same office.**	A. Elected Officers. The elected First, Second, and Third Vice Chairs, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer shall serve a term of two (2) years and until their successors are elected, and must not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. The elected Fourth Vice Chair shall serve a term of two years and until their successor is elected, and must not serve for more than one term in the same office.

Submitted by: Beverly Smith, NCNW International Affairs Committee Co-Chair

Rationale: Clarify the terms of office for the elected officers.

AMENDMENT 17: TERM OF OFFICE

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, Section 4. Term of Office, by inserting **(NEW)** Subsection B. 1. Elected Positions. Members-at-Large. Members-at-Large shall serve a term of two (2) years and until their successors are elected, and must not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position. 2. Nominating and Elections Committee. (See Article VII. NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEES. Section 1. A. and Section 2. A.)

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
None.	Subsection B. **1. Elected Positions. Members-at-Large. Members-at-Large shall serve a term of two (2) years and until their successors are elected, and must not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position. 2. Nominating and Elections Committee. (See Article VII. NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEES. Sections 1. A. and 2. A.)**	Subsection B. 1. Elected Positions. Members-at-Large. Members-at-Large shall serve a term of two (2) years and until their successors are elected, and must not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position. 2. Nominating and Elections Committee. (See Article VII. NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEES. Sections 1. A. and 2. A.)

Submitted by: Beverly Smith, NCNW International Affairs Committee Co-Chair and the Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Clarify the terms of office for the elected positions.

AMENDMENT 18: TERM OF OFFICE

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, Section 4. Term of Office. Subsection B. by striking out the words "Except for the Chair of the Board and the Treasurer, no elected officer or elected position may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms."

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
B. Except for the Chair of the Board and the Treasurer, no elected officer or elected position may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.	~~**B. Except for the Chair of the Board and the Treasurer, no elected officer or elected position may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.**~~	None.

Submitted by: Beverly Smith, NCNW International Affairs Committee Co-Chair and the Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Proposed Amendments 16 and 17 render this provision duplicative.

AMENDMENT 19: EDITORIAL – TERM OF OFFICE

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, Section 4. Term of Office. Subsection C. by 1. striking out the word "The" and 2. Striking out the words "may serve no more than four (4) consecutive terms" after the word "Treasurer" and inserting the words "The Chair of the Board and the Treasurer shall serve a term of two years and must not serve more than four (4) consecutive terms in the same office."

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
C. The Chair of the Board and Treasurer may serve no more than four (4) consecutive terms.	C. ~~The~~ Chair of the Board and Treasurer**.** ~~may serve no more than four (4) consecutive terms.~~ **The Chair of the Board and the Treasurer shall serve a term of two years and must not serve more than four (4) consecutive terms in the same office.**	C. Chair of the Board and Treasurer**.** The Chair of the Board and the Treasurer shall serve a term of two years and must not serve more than four (4) consecutive terms in the same office.

Submitted by: Beverly Smith, NCNW International Affairs Committee Co-Chair and the Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Editorial.

AMENDMENT 20: VACANCY

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, Section 6. Vacancy, Subsection B. by inserting (**NEW)** A. The First Vice Chair shall fill a vacancy in the office of Chair of the Board for the unexpired term.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
None	Section 6. Vacancy **A. The First Vice Chair shall fill a vacancy in the office of Chair of the Board for the unexpired term.**	Section 6. Vacancy A. The First Vice Chair shall fill a vacancy in the office of Chair of the Board for the unexpired term.

Submitted by: Artis Hampshire-Cowan, NCNW Human Resources Committee Co-Chair

Rationale: Good governance authorizes who shall in the absence of the Chair of the Board or for any reason she vacates the chair who is authorized to serve in her stead.

AMENDMENT 21: DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, Section 7. Duties of Elected Officers, Subsection B. by inserting **(NEW)** 2. "The First Vice Chair shall preside over meetings when the Chair of the Board is absent, or at the Chair of the Board's request, and shall serve as the liaison to a National Standing Committee, as determined by the Chair of the Board." and **(NEW)** 3. "The Second, Third, and Fourth Vice Chairs shall serve as liaisons to a National Standing Committee, as determined by the Chair of the Board."

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
B. The Vice-Chairs shall: 1. Serve as members of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. 2. Perform duties as directed by the organization, the Chair of the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee may designate.	B. The Vice-Chairs shall: 1. Serve as members of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. **2. The First Vice Chair shall preside over meetings when the Chair of the Board is absent, or at the Chair of the Board's request, and shall serve as the liaison to a National Standing Committee, as determined by the Chair of the Board.** **3. The Second, Third, and Fourth Vice Chairs shall serve as liaisons to a National Standing Committee, as determined by the Chair of the Board.** 4. Perform such duties as directed by the organization, the Chair of the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee may designate.	B. The Vice-Chairs shall: 1. Serve as members of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. 2. The First Vice Chair shall preside over meetings when the Chair of the Board is absent, or at the Chair of the Board's request, and shall serve as the liaison to a National Standing Committee, as determined by the Chair of the Board. 3. The Second, Third, and Fourth Vice Chairs shall serve as liaisons to a National Standing Committee, as determined by the Chair of the Board. 4. Perform such duties as directed by the organization, the Chair of the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee may designate.

Submitted by: Artis Hampshire-Cowan, NCNW Human Resources Committee Co-Chair

Rationale: Allows the organization to ensure leadership continuity, delegate specialized responsibilities, and advance sustainability and intergenerational leadership.

AMENDMENT 22: DUTIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, Section 8. Duties of Appointed Officers, Subsection B. by inserting NEW #2. Serve as a member of the Bylaws Committee.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
None	**2. Serve as a member of the Bylaws Committee.**	2. Serve as a member of the Bylaws Committee.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Clarifies the current National NCNW policy.

AMENDMENT 23: DUTIES OF ELECTED POSITIONS

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, Section 9. Elected Positions, by 1. striking the words "Elected Positions" and inserting the words "Duties of Elected Positions" and 2. Striking the words "The organization's elected positions consist of seven (7) Members-at-Large, seven (7) members of the Nominating Committee, and seven (7) members of the Elections Committee."

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
The organization's elected positions consist of seven (7) Members-at-Large, seven (7) members of the Nominating Committee, and seven (7) members of the Elections Committee."	~~The organization's elected positions consist of seven (7) Members-at-Large, seven (7) members of the Nominating Committee, and seven (7) members of the Elections Committee."~~	

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: 1. Heading updated to better reflect the content in Section 9. 2. The listing of the organization's elected positions, Article VI. Section 2.

AMENDMENT 24: COMMUNITY AND COLLEGIATE SECTIONS

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, Section 10. Community and Collegiate Sections and Youth Groups by striking the words "and Youth Groups" and inserting the word "Officers"

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Section 10. Community and Collegiate Sections and Youth Groups	Section 10. Community and Collegiate Section a~~nd Youth Groups.~~ **Officers**.	Section 10. Community and Collegiate Section Officers.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Heading updated to separate the Community and Collegiate Sections, and Youth Groups officers' elections and terms of service.

AMENDMENT 25: COMMUNITY SECTION OFFICERS' TERM OF OFFICE

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, Section 10. A. Community and Collegiate Sections and Youth Groups Subsection A. by 1. inserting the words "elected and appointed officers and elected positions" after the word "Section", 2. striking the words "be elected for" and inserting the word "serve," 3. striking the words "term of two (2) years and inserting the words "a two-year term," and 4. inserting the words "or appointed" before the words "and shall"

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Section 10. A. Community section officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected and shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.	Section 10. A. Community Section **elected and appointed officers** and **elected positions** shall ~~be elected for~~ **serve** ~~term of two (2) years~~ **a two-year term** or until their successors are elected **or appointed** and shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.	Section 10. A. Community Section elected and appointed officers and elected positions shall serve a two-year term or until their successors are elected or appointed and shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Clarifies that the term of service applies to elected and appointed officers and elected positions.

AMENDMENT 26: COMMUNITY SECTION OFFICERS ASSUMPTION OF OFFCE

To Amend ARTICLE VI - National Officers, Elected Positions, and Section Officers. Section 10. Community and Collegiate Sections and Youth Groups. Subsection B. by striking out the words “no later than September 30” and inserting the words “on July 1”

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
B. Community sections shall conduct elections in May. Elected officers shall assume office no later than September 30 of the same year.	B. Community sections shall conduct elections in May. Elected officers shall assume office ~~no later than September 30~~ **on July 1** of the same year.	B. Community sections shall conduct elections in May. Elected officers shall assume office on July 1 of the same year.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Permitting outgoing officers to continue in office between the election in May and September 30 can delay leadership transitions and limit incoming officers' ability to prepare for the next fiscal year effectively, including organizational planning and access to bank accounts.

AMENDMENT 27: COLLEGIATE SECTION OFFICERS' TERM OF OFFICE

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, Section 10. Community and Collegiate Sections and Youth Groups Subsection C. by 1. striking the words "and Youth Group" and inserting the words "elected and appointed, and elected positions" before the word "shall" 2. striking the words "be elected for a term of one (1) year, " inserting the words "serve a one-year term," and 3. inserting the words "or until their successors are elected or appointed" before the words "and shall," and add the words " or position"

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Section 10. C. Collegiate Section and Youth Group officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.	Section 10. C. Collegiate Section ~~and Youth Group~~ **elected and appointed** officers **and elected positions** shall ~~be elected for a term of one (1) year,~~ **serve a one-year term, or until their successors are elected or appointed** and shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office **or position**.	Section 10. C. Collegiate Section elected and appointed officers and elected positions shall serve a one-year term or until their successors are elected or appointed and shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office or position.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Separate the Community, Collegiate, and Youth Groups officers' elections and terms of service, and clarify that the term of service applies to elected and appointed officers and elected positions.

AMENDMENT 28: COLLEGIATE SECTIONS

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, Section 10. Community and Collegiate Sections and Youth Groups Subsection D. by striking the words "and Youth Groups."

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Section 10. D. Collegiate Section and Youth Groups shall conduct elections in April. Elected officers will assume office on June 1 of the same year.	Section 10. D. Collegiate Sections ~~and Youth Groups~~ shall conduct elections in April. Elected officers will assume office on June 1 of the same year.	Section 10. D. Collegiate Sections shall conduct elections in April. Elected officers will assume office on June 1 of the same year.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Separate the Community, Collegiate, and Youth Groups officers' elections and assumption of office.

AMENDMENT 29: OFFICE HOLDING LIMITATIONS

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, Section 10. Community and Collegiate Sections and Youth Groups Subsection E. by striking the words "No member shall hold more than one (1) elected office" and substituting them with the words "No member shall hold more than one elected or appointed office or position except in cases where one's position or office has additional duties."

*** NEW** Section 12. No member shall hold more than one elected or appointed office or position except in cases where one's position or office has additional duties.

*If adopted, Article VI Section 5. Office Holding Limitations will be moved and renumbered Article VI, Section 12.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Section 10. E. No member shall hold more than one (1) elected office.	~~Section 10. E. No member shall hold more than one (1) elected office.~~ **NEW Section 12. No member shall hold more than one elected or appointed office or position except in cases where one's position or office has additional duties.**	Section 12. No member shall hold more than one elected or appointed office or position except in cases where one's position or office has additional duties.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Editorial**.** Consistent with Article VI, Article Section 5.

AMENDMENT 30: YOUTH GROUP OFFICERS

To Amend ARTICLE VI – NATIONAL OFFICERS, ELECTED POSITIONS, AND SECTION OFFICERS, NEW Section 11. Youth Groups Subsections A, B, C, and D.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
None.	**Section 11. Youth Group Officers.** **A. Elected Officers. The elected officers shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.** **B. Appointed Officer. The appointed officer shall be the Wellness Ambassador.** **C. Term of Office. Elected officers shall serve a one-year term or until their successors are elected and shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position.** **D. Elections. Youth Groups shall conduct elections in April. Elected officers will assume office on June 1 of the same year**.	Section 11. Youth Group Officers. A. Elected Officers. The elected officers shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. B. Appointed Officer. The appointed officer shall be the Wellness Ambassador. C. Term of Office. Elected officers shall serve a one-year term or until their successors are elected and shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position. D. Elections. Youth Groups shall conduct elections in April. Elected officers will assume office on June 1 of the same year.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Separate the Community and Collegiate Sections and Youth Groups officers' elections and terms of service.

AMENDMENT 31: NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To Amend ARTICLE VII – NATIONAL NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEES Section 1. National Nominating Committee, Subsection A. by 1. striking the words "Community Section and State Coalition," and 2. striking the words "A Collegiate Section and Youth Group Nominating Committee shall serve a one (1) year term or until successors are elected."

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
A. Term of Office. Members of the National, Community section, and State Coalition Nominating Committees shall serve a two (2) year term and until successors are elected. A Collegiate section and Youth Group Nominating Committee shall serve a one (1) year term or until successors are elected. Members shall not serve more than two consecutive terms.	A. Term of Office. Members of the National~~, Community section, and State Coalition~~ Nominating Committee~~s~~ shall serve a two (2) year term and until successors are elected. ~~A Collegiate section and Youth Group Nominating Committee shall serve a one (1) year term or until successors are elected.~~ Members shall not serve more than two consecutive terms.	A. Term of Office. Members of the National Nominating Committee shall serve a two (2) year term and until successors are elected. Members shall not serve more than two consecutive terms.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Community and Collegiate Sections and State Coalitions Nominating Committees are addressed in their respective bylaws.

AMENDMENT 32: NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To Amend ARTICLE VII – NATIONAL NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEES Section 1. National Nominating Committee, Subsection B. Eligibility Requirements. by 1. striking the word "be" and inserting the words "have been" before the words "a member" and 2. striking the words "must be in good financial standing" after the word NCNW and inserting the word "for" before the word "twelve (12), and 3. Striking the words "A member of the Committee seeking a second term is not required to resign from the Committee."

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
B. Eligibility Requirements. To be eligible to serve on the National Nominating Committee, a candidate must be a member of NCNW, must be in good financial standing twelve (12) months before nomination, and shall not be a candidate for an elected office or position. A member of the Committee seeking a second term is not required to resign from the Committee.	B. Eligibility Requirements. To be eligible to serve on the National Nominating Committee, a candidate must ~~be~~ **have been** a member of NCNW,~~ must be in good financial standing~~ **for** twelve (12) months before nomination and shall not be a candidate for an elected office or position. ~~A member of the Committee seeking a second term is not required to resign from the Committee.~~	B. Eligibility Requirements. To be eligible to serve on the National Nominating Committee, a candidate must have been a member of NCNW for at least twelve (12) months before nomination and shall not be a candidate for an elected office or position.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Editorial. The statement conflicts with existing policies.

AMENDMENT 33: NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

To Amend ARTICLE VII – NATIONAL NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEES, Section 2. National Elections Committee, by inserting the words "and report it to the Chair of the Board" after the words "members elected."

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Section 2. The Committee shall choose its Chair from among the members elected within thirty (30) days following the adjournment of the National Convention.	Section 2. The Committee shall choose its Chair from among the members elected and **report it to the Chair of the Board** within thirty (30) days following the adjournment of the National Convention.	Section 2. The Committee shall choose its Chair from among the members elected and report it to the Chair of the Board within thirty (30) days following the adjournment of the National Convention.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Explains the current National NCNW policy clearly.

AMENDMENT 34: MEETINGS

To Amend ARTICLE VIII – Meetings. by inserting **(NEW)** 3. Emergency Meetings. An Emergency meeting of the Executive Committee may be convened to address urgent issues that could cause significant harm if not addressed immediately (e.g., operations, financial, or legal standing). The Chair of the Board may call an Emergency meeting, and no previous notice is required.

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
None.	**Section 3. Emergency Meetings. An Emergency meeting of the Executive Committee may be convened to address urgent issues that could cause significant harm if not addressed immediately (e.g., operations, financial, or legal standing).** **The Chair of the Board may call an Emergency meeting, and no previous notice is required.**	3. Emergency Meetings. An Emergency meeting of the Executive Committee may be convened to address urgent issues that could cause significant harm if not addressed immediately (e.g., operations, financial, or legal standing). The Chair of the Board may call an Emergency meeting, and no previous notice is required.

Submitted by: Dr. A. Lois Keith, NCNW Board Chair

Rationale: Authorizes the Chair of the Board to call an Emergency meeting with no previous notice when a situation demands immediate decision-making that cannot wait for the next regular meeting or a special meeting.

AMENDMENT 35: NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

To Amend ARTICLE XI – Committees. Section 1. National Standing Committees. J. By inserting the words "Building" after the word "National Headquarters"

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
J. National Headquarters	J. National Headquarters **Building**	J. National Headquarters Building

Submitted by: Dr. Thelma Daley, NCNW National Affiliates Committee Chair

Rationale: Clarifies that the Committee deals with matters associated with the building and not National Headquaerters operations.

CONFORMING AMENDMENT

To Amend ARTICLE XI – COMMITTEES, Section 4. Duties of the Standing Committees. Subsection J. National Headquarters by inserting the word "Building" after the word "Headquarters" and before "Committee"

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
J. **National Headquarters.** The National Headquarters Committee shall oversee the general upkeep of the NCNW Headquarters and make recommendations regarding repairs, capital improvements, furnishings, maintenance staff, and special services.	J. **National Headquarters Building.** The National Headquarters **Building** Committee shall oversee the general upkeep of the NCNW Headquarters and make recommendations regarding repairs, capital improvements, furnishings, maintenance staff, and special services.	J. **National Headquarters Building.** The National Headquarters Building Committee shall oversee the general upkeep of the NCNW Headquarters and make recommendations regarding repairs, capital improvements, furnishings, maintenance staff, and special services.

Submitted by: Dr. Thelma Daley, NCNW National Affiliates Committee Chair

Rationale: Clarifies that the Committee deals with matters associated with the building and not National Headquaerters operations.

AMENDMENT 36: NATIONAL BYLAWS COMMITTEE

To Amend ARTICLE XI – COMMITTEES, Section 4, Duties of the Standing Committees, Subsection C. Bylaws by inserting the words "including the Parliamentarian" after the words "five (5) members."

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
The Bylaws Committee shall consist of a minimum of five (5) members.	The Bylaws Committee shall consist of a minimum of five (5) members**, including the Parliamentarian**.	The Bylaws Committee shall consist of a minimum of five (5) members, including the Parliamentarian.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

Rationale: Clarifies the current National NCNW policy.

COMPLIERS' RESOLUTION

Resolved that the Bylaws Committee be authorized to correct article and section designations, spelling, punctuation, and cross-referencing and making other technical and conforming changes as necessary to reflect the organization's intent through the amendments to the bylaws.