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To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we commit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, and the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish.



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**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
THE TEXAS DIVISION
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**

**Containing proposed bylaw amendments and
articles of interest from across the Division.**

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Proposed Change to the Texas Division Constitution

Proposed By: Commander Michael Oliver; Salt Works Camp #2353

CURRENT	PROPOSED	RATIONALE
<p>Section 8.9.2 Delegate Voting: At the Division Convention, in election of officers and on final passage of Constitutional amendments, each Camp shall be entitled to cast the number of votes equal to the number of delegates to which it is entitled. Camps must ensure that the required number of delegates to which they are entitled are present at the Convention in order to vote all the votes to which the camp is entitled. (e.g., a Camp with 59 Compatriots is entitled to six votes at the Convention; the Camp must have six delegates present in order to cast all six of its votes).</p>	<p>Section 8.9.2 Delegate Voting: At the Division Convention, in election of officers and on final passage of Constitutional amendments, each Camp shall be entitled to cast the number of votes equal to the number of delegates to which it is entitled whether or not it has that number of delegates in attendance. In the event that all of the delegates to which the Camp is entitled are not in attendance, the number of votes which the Camp is entitled to cast shall be prorated among the Camp's delegates present, if more than one. If only one delegate is present, that delegate shall be entitled to cast the total number of votes to which his Camp is entitled as hereinbefore stated.</p>	<p>By aligning the Texas Division's voting procedures with those of the National Organization, each eligible delegate retains the right to participate in the voting process regardless of physical attendance at the Division Convention/Reunion. This amendment ensures that Camps are able to exercise their full voting strength while promoting broader representation, increased inclusivity, and a more equitable decision-making process within the Texas Division.</p>

Change proposed to Section 11. Newsletter of the Texas Division Constitution

Proposed by: Johnny Anderson, Williamson County Grays, Camp #502

Existing Language	Proposed Language	Justification
<p>11. Division Newsletter</p> <p>A Division Newsletter shall be published quarterly... Effective beginning in 2022, the Spring Newsletter shall be a printed copy mailed to each Brigade Commander, Camp Commander, Camp Adjutant in the Texas Division, and a copy emailed via the Texas Division email system to the entire membership. The Spring Newsletter shall include any proposed Constitutional amendments or Special Rules of Order that are to be voted on at the Division Convention.</p>	<p>11. Division Newsletter</p> <p>A Division Newsletter shall be published quarterly and distributed electronically via the Texas Division email system to the entire membership.</p> <p>The Spring Newsletter shall include any proposed Constitutional amendments or Special Rules of Order to be voted on at the Division Convention.</p>	<p>This proposed change modernizes the communication practices of the Texas Division to reflect current standards. Electronic communication is now the primary and most effective means of distributing information. Nearly all members either have email access or can easily obtain a free email account through widely available services.</p> <p>Transitioning to full electronic delivery will significantly reduce both the administrative burden and financial cost associated with printing and mailing hard copies of the Spring Newsletter to approximately 200 recipients. This change will allow Division leadership to allocate time and resources more efficiently toward mission-focused activities.</p> <p>In addition, electronic distribution ensures more timely and reliable delivery, allows for the inclusion of richer content (including links and digital resources), and provides members with easier access for reference and archival purposes.</p> <p>This amendment represents a practical, responsible step forward—improving efficiency, reducing expenses, and aligning the Division’s operations with modern communication standards while maintaining full access to important information for all members.</p>

Add New Article – Authorship and Submission Standards

Proposed by: Christian Lee, Alamo City Guards Camp #1325

Existing Language	Proposed Language	Justification
<p>No existing language governing authorship or use of artificial intelligence in submissions.</p>	<p>Article X – Authorship and Submission Standards</p> <p>Section X.1 – Authorship Requirement All proposed amendments, resolutions, reports and official submissions to the Texas Division shall be the original work of the submitting Compatriot or committee.</p> <p>Section X.2 – Artificial Intelligence Restriction Submissions shall not be generated in whole or in substantial part by artificial intelligence or automated content-generation systems.</p> <p>Section X.3 – Attestation of Authorship All submissions must include a signed statement affirming that the content is the original work of the submitting party and complies with this Article.</p> <p>Section X.4 – Determination and Enforcement The Division Executive Council shall have the authority to review submissions for compliance with this Article and may reject any submission found to be in violation.</p> <p>Section X.5 – Definition For the purposes of this Article “artificial intelligence” shall mean any software or system capable of generating written content with minimal human input.</p>	<p>This proposed change establishes a standard for authorship and submission integrity within the Texas Division.</p> <p>As modern tools continue to evolve it is important to ensure that all submitted materials reflect the direct intent reasoning and voice of the membership.</p> <p>This amendment provides a framework for maintaining authenticity in official submissions while allowing the Division Executive Council to oversee and enforce compliance in a consistent and orderly manner.</p>

Proposed by: Cody Crislip, Texas Division 3rd Lt Commander; Member of Alamo City Guards Camp #1325

Existing Language	Proposed Language	Justification
<p>Articles 7 and 8 govern the conduct of Division Executive Council meetings and Division Conventions.</p> <p>The Constitution provides for member attendance and participation; however, it does not define or guarantee participation by electronic means.</p>	<p>Article 7 – Add Sections 7.10.1–7.10.8</p> <p>7.10.1 The Division Executive Council shall provide a reasonable means for participation in meetings by electronic means, including teleconference or video conference, using commonly available platforms when internet access is available.</p> <p>7.10.2 Participation by electronic means shall constitute presence in attendance, provided participants can hear proceedings and be heard by the body.</p> <p>7.10.3 Members participating by electronic means shall be counted toward quorum and shall be entitled to debate and vote on all matters properly before the body.</p> <p>7.10.4 Access shall be applied uniformly and shall not be selectively restricted among members in good standing.</p> <p>7.10.5 Notice of electronic access details shall be provided with official meeting notice.</p> <p>7.10.6 Reasonable procedures may be adopted to verify the identity of participants.</p> <p>7.10.7 Temporary technical interruptions shall not invalidate participation; reasonable efforts shall be made to restore access.</p> <p>7.10.8 Failure to provide electronic access when reasonably available shall require documentation of cause and shall not be used to deny participation rights in principle.</p> <p>Article 8 – Add Section</p> <p>The Division shall provide a reasonable means for delegates and members to participate in the Division Convention by electronic means when reasonably available. Such participation shall constitute presence in attendance for purposes of quorum, debate, and voting, provided participants can hear proceedings and be heard by the Convention. All provisions of Section 7.10 shall apply equally to Convention participation.</p>	<p>This proposed change modernizes participation practices while ensuring fairness and consistency.</p> <p>It prevents selective enforcement, protects member rights, and aligns the Division with modern nonprofit operational standards without disrupting orderly meeting conduct.</p>

Change Proposed – Typographical Corrections

Proposed by: Christian Lee, Alamo City Guards Camp #1325

Existing Language	Proposed Language	Justification
Article 2.2 currently reads “501(c)3”. Various sections reference “Robert’s Rules of Orders”.	Amend Article 2.2 to read “501(c)(3)”. Replace all instances of “Robert’s Rules of Orders” with “Robert’s Rules of Order”.	Corrects legal citation errors and ensures proper reference to governing parliamentary authority.

Change Proposed – Terminology Standardization

Proposed by: Christian Lee, Alamo City Guards Camp #1325

Existing Language	Proposed Language	Justification
Various sections use inconsistent terms including “non-profit” and “e-mail”. Capitalization of key terms is inconsistent.	Replace “non-profit” with “nonprofit” and “e-mail” with “email”. Standardize capitalization of Constitution, Division, Camp, and Compatriot throughout.	Improves consistency, professionalism, and readability without changing meaning.

Change Proposed – Removal of Redundant Language

Proposed by: Christian Lee, Alamo City Guards Camp #1325

Existing Language	Proposed Language	Justification
Articles 4.5.6, 5.5.2, and 6.4 repeat legal compliance language.	Add Article 2.5: “Unless otherwise specified, all actions shall comply with applicable laws of Texas, IRS regulations, and Robert’s Rules of Order.” Remove redundant language from Articles 4.5.6, 5.5.2, and 6.4.	Eliminates repetition while preserving full legal compliance requirements.

Change Proposed – Readability Improvements

Proposed by: Christian Lee, Alamo City Guards Camp #1325

Existing Language	Proposed Language	Justification
Articles 4.5.3, 5.5.3, and 6.4.1.4 contain inconsistent or unclear phrasing.	Amend Articles 4.5.3, 5.5.3, and 6.4.1.4 to use consistent and plain language without altering meaning.	Improves clarity and reduces misinterpretation.

Change Proposed – Interpretation Clause

Proposed by: Christian Lee, Alamo City Guards Camp #1325

Existing Language	Proposed Language	Justification
No general clause exists addressing interpretation of ambiguity.	Add Article 1.6: “In the event of ambiguity, this Constitution shall be interpreted consistent with its plain language and original intent and shall not conflict with the Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.”	Provides clear guidance for resolving disputes and reinforces compliance with National.