

Proposal #1: National Standing Rules II. National Convention: Section 2		
Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
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Proposed by: Department of Minnesota, Constitution & Bylaws Committee

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Rationale: To encourage more members, especially our younger members, to attend the National Convention as a representative of our Department. This would increase Minnesota by 6 delegates based on membership 20 days prior to the National Convention or 8.1.2022 at 26,987. Two by increasing the department delegates and four by membership allocation. Our membership is dropping and interest in our organization has also fallen. This would allow more members to attend our most important and informative event every year. (5 per department to 7 & $26,987/1,500 = 17.99$ or 18. $26,987/1,200 = 22.489$ or 22. Minnesota also had two delegates at large - NEC and National Northwestern Division Vice President. An increase from 25 to 31 delegates.)

Total National Delegates at the 2022 National Convention was 713 - with the new method, this would change to 900 delegates or an increase of 187 delegates.

Immediately following the Convention held by the Department of Minnesota in July 2023, the proposal, if passed, will be forwarded to the National Organization for vote at the National Convention held in Charlotte, North Carolina in August 2023.

Proposal, if passed at the National Convention, to be effective at the close of the 2023 National Convention.