NBSLA 2021 Proposed Constitutional Amendments

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Amendment 1

Add a subsection to Article IX, Section A (which would be subsection 1 and thereby change the numbers of the succeeding subsections: "There shall be a biannual review of the Constitution and Bylaws by an ad-hoc Constitution and Bylaws Committee, chaired by the Parliamentarian with members appointed by the National Chair. The Committee shall review the Constitution and Bylaws together, suggesting any necessary revisions, corrections or other conforming changes for both documents to the Board of Directors and the General Assembly."

Amendment 2

Amend the first sentence of Article IX, Section A, Subsection 2: "Except as directed by the General Assembly, amendments to this Constitution shall become effective on the first day of the subsequent Board's term following the National Convention."

Amendment 3

Amend Article II, Section D, Subsection 1: "Individual law student membership in the Association shall be open to any natural person matriculating at an ABA-accredited or non-ABA accredited law school within the United States of America and its territories."

Amendment 4

Add subsection 3 to Article II, Section D: "If a prospective NBLSA Individual Member does not have a recognized chapter at their law school institution, and establishment of a chapter is not feasible or sustainable, then they may seek an NBLSA Individual Membership by completing the necessary membership paperwork, and paying all membership dues as set by the NBLSA Board of Directors."

The addition of this subsection would move the current subsection 3 to subsection 4.

Amendment 5

Amend Article IV, Section B, Subsection 1(vi): "Six (6) National Board Members-At-Large"

Amendment 6

Amend Article VI, Section B, Subsection 2: "There shall be six (6) elected National Board Members-At-Large who shall Serve to represent all members of NBLSA on the Board of Directors. Such members shall be prohibited from simultaneously holding a Regional position or another National position."

Amendment 7

Add subsection (xiv) to Article VI, Section C, Subsection 1: "Pre-Law Competition Director."