



Department of North Carolina

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To: Judge Advocate, Department of North Carolina
Bylaws Committee Chair, Department of North Carolina
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Subj: **Proposed Amendment to the Department of North Carolina Bylaws Article Two
Section 200 C**

In accordance with the National Bylaws Article XI, Sections 1100, and National Administrative Procedures Section 10020, and DBL Article Eight, Section 800 the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2026 Department Convention.

CURRENT SECTION

C. QUORUMS:

1. A majority vote will be sufficient for matters brought before the EBOT.
2. The quorum for the BOT will be at least two of the five EBOT members and thirty percent (30%) of the Department's active Detachment Commandants (or designated elected officer (typically limited to SVC, JVC or JA) as representative, if the Detachment Commandant is incapacitated or excused by the EBOT) in attendance at the meeting. This is similar to that of the Department Convention but limited to one vote per Detachment in attendance. **(CH 6-25)**

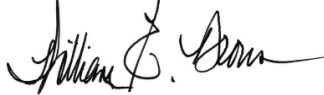
PROPOSED SECTION (New Language in RED)

C. QUORUMS:

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3. **Whenever a meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled with not less than 14 days notice and a quorum is not present, any matters typically decided by the required Board majority will be then passed to the Executive Board of Trustees for resolution. If the Executive Board of Trustees approves or provides a decision in the matter, the results will be presented to the full membership and will require two-thirds (2/3) majority to be overturned.**

CHANGE RATIONALE: In 2022 the DoNC Bylaws were changed and accidentally removed the inclusion of Detachment Commandants in the overall definition of the Department's Board of Trustees. It was discovered by the incoming Department Judge Advocate and subsequently rewritten and corrected at the following convention to give the full Board of Trustees the ability to have a voice in departmental matters, primarily financial in nature. Since returning membership to the full board of trustees there have been numerous attempts to have full Board of Trustee meetings via Zoom and Teams calls. We have yet to have a quorum present in these meetings. Rather that have issues go unaddressed and unresolved, this new addition will give the Executive Board of Trustees the ability to bring these matters before it to a closure.

Respectfully Submitted,



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