**Proposal A**

**Date Heard:**

**Vote:**

**Amendment to Bylaws Article 6.8**

**Problem:** Clarify the procedure for filling a vacancy in the office of Chair.

**Solution:** Explicitly restrict the LNC from filling the office of Chair if a vacancy were to occur. Per *RONR 56:32* the Vice-Chair becomes the Chair in the event of a vacancy if the Bylaws do not provide otherwise, but despite this provisions, members have claimed that our Bylaws need to explicitly state this rather than having to go to RONR to discovery this provision.

**Benefits:** This proposal would eliminate any argument over the procedure for filling a vacancy in the office of Chair. This method of clarification (as opposed to “including Chair”) would also provide a distinction between the Vice-Chair and the At-Large Members which would not exist if a Chair vacancy was filled by an LNC vote.

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| **Current Wording** | **Proposed Amendment** | **If Adopted, Will Read** |
| **ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS**  […]  8. The National Committee shall appoint new officers if vacancies occur, such officers to complete the term of the office vacated. | **ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS**  […]  8. The National Committee shall appoint new officers**, excluding Chair,** if vacancies occur, such officers to complete the term of the office vacated. | **ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS**  […]  8. The National Committee shall appoint new officers, excluding Chair, if vacancies occur, such officers to complete the term of the office vacated. |

**SPONSOR:** Paul Bracco

**MARK-UP LEGEND**

* In replacements, deletions precede additions.
* Deletions are in ***~~red bold italic strikethrough~~***.
* Additions are in **blue bold underline**.
* Per LPUS Bylaws, Article XVII, Section 1, the bylaws require a 2/3 vote to pass.
* Per RONR t8 #13, the convention special rules of order require a 2/3 vote with notice or a majority of the entire convention membership