

ARTICLE VII – NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

SECTION 1. Department Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall be elected at the Department Convention held not less than two (2) weeks before the National Convention. The number of delegates shall be on a basis of paid-up membership in the Department of Michigan and in compliance with instructions of the National Constitution. The delegation chairman, the National Convention Delegates and Alternates will meet directly following the close of the Department Convention.

SECTION 2. The Department President, Department Secretary-Treasurer, Department President- elect, and Department Secretary-Treasurer elect, by virtue of their office, shall be delegates to the National Convention.

(a) The retiring Department President shall be the Delegation Chairman and the retiring Department /Secretary-Treasurer shall be the Delegation Secretary. In the event the retiring President is unable to attend, the President-elect shall be the Delegation Chairman.

(b) One Delegate and Alternate shall be elected from each District.

(c) In the event insufficient membership prevents the seating of all the District Presidents, the District Presidents having the lowest percentage of membership shall be declared Alternate Delegates with expenses paid. They shall attend all Convention sessions and make a report of the Convention. The retiring President shall appoint two (2) District Presidents attending the National Convention as pages.

(d) Any Delegate allowed by National in excess of those named in Article VIII, Section 2, shall receive registration and expenses, to be paid from the National Convention Fund.

(e) Any National Committee Chairmen and Members, and/or Divisional Chairmen named as Delegates to National Convention shall be delegates with expenses paid the same as District Presidents. National Committee Chairmen and Members or Divisional Chairmen shall not receive any duplication of monies. A candidate for National office shall be a delegate to National Convention with expenses paid beginning with the 2019 National Convention.

(f) The Department First and Second Vice Presidents-elect shall be delegates to the National Convention with registration and expenses.

SECTION 3. Should any Delegate-elect be unable to attend the National Convention, all information received from the Department Headquarters pertaining to the National Convention together with advance expense money, shall be immediately returned to the Department Headquarters.

SECTION 4. All Delegates to the National Convention must attend all sessions when not in attendance at meetings of National Convention Committees, unless illness prevents. Should this occur, the Delegate must file, in writing, with the Delegation Secretary the reason for not being in attendance otherwise they must forfeit her expenses.

SECTION 5. Each National Delegate representing a District shall furnish each Unit in the District a written report of said Convention within thirty (30) days after the Convention.

SECTION 6. Should both the National Delegate and alternate representing a District be unable to attend National Convention, the first alternate elected as allowed by National in excess of those named in Article VIII, Section 2(b) and (e), shall represent that District, submitting a report to the District and receive expense money allowed. If more than one District is without representation, the first alternate elected as previously stated, shall represent the first District without representation, as listed on the Department list of Districts (First, Second, Third, etc.). The second alternate elected shall represent the second listed District without representation (exception – see Section 7).

SECTION 7. If an alternate elected as allowed by National in excess of those named in Article VIII, Section 2(b) and (e), is from the District whose Delegate and Alternate are unable to attend National Convention, she will represent that District, submitting a report and receiving allowed expense money.