

DEAR MEMBERS OF IOWA CHAPTER OF NENA;

A proposal from Brenda Vande Voorde, 2008 President of Iowa NENA. After review of the Iowa NENA Chapter Constitution and By Laws, I have found references to Regional Vice Presidents. It is my belief, these were adopted from the Illinois Chapter of NENA By Laws since the Regions listed are counties in Illinois and not Iowa. The Iowa Chapter of NENA has not elected Regional Vice Presidents in the past, and I see no need presently to divide the State by Regions. To better reflect the past practices and the current elected Office, it is my recommendation as President to move to strike references to Regional Vice Presidents in both the Constitution and the By Laws and replace them with a Second Vice President Office. I propose the changes be considered and acted upon during the business meeting of the 2008 Fall NENA Conference.

I move to strike the words eight Regional Vice Presidents as defined in the Bylaws, Article III. And to insert Second Vice President after Vice President in the Iowa Chapter Constitution, Article III – Officers, Section 1. Designation.

PROPOSED AMENDING LANGUAGE: The Offices of the Chapter shall consist of the following: President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. ~~and eight Regional Vice Presidents as defined in the Bylaws, Article III.~~

I move to add the word are to correct sentence composition and to add the words Second Vice President after Vice President in the Iowa Chapter By Laws Article II – Officers – General, Section 1. Terms of Office.

PROPOSED AMENDING LANGUAGE: Elected officers shall assume their duties and authorities at the conclusion of the Annual Conference at which they are placed in their respective office. Officers shall remain in office until the installation of their successor, as provided in Section 3 herein. Each officer will serve a term of one year, with the offices of President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer serving a maximum of three consecutive terms.

I move to strike the words Regional Vice Presidents from the Iowa Chapter By Laws Article II – Officers – General, Section 3.2 Vacancies in Office, and add the words Second Vice President after Vice President.

PROPOSED AMENDING LANGUAGE: Vacancies in the offices of Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer ~~and Regional Vice Presidents~~ shall be filled by Presidential appointment as confirmed by the Executive Board, and such approved appointee shall perform his/her duties in the acting capacity until the next Chapter Meeting where the person so acting shall be eligible for regular nomination to office.

I move to strike all of Section 5 Regional Vice Presidents in the Iowa Chapter By Laws Article III – Officers – Duties and Authority, which refers to Regional Vice Presidents' Duties, definition of Regions, and Region Determinations.

PROPOSED AMENDING: ~~Section 5. Regional Vice Presidents: 5.1 Regional Vice Presidents' Duties, Regional Vice Presidents are empowered to perform such duties and exercise that authority delegated or assigned by the President or the Executive Board. INENAs area of influence is divided into eight regions, each of which is headed by a Regional Vice President. 5.2 Regions Region I includes the counties of: Cook, excluding the City of Chicago. Regional II includes the counties of: DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will. Region III includes the counties of: Boone, Bureau, Carroll, DeKalb, Henry, JoDaviess, La Sale, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Putnam, Rock Island, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago. Region IV includes the counties of: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Iroquois, Knox, Livingston, Logan, Marshall, Mason, McDonough, McLean, Peoria, Schuyler, Stark, Tazewell, Vermillion, Warren, and Woodford. Region V includes the counties of: Adams, Brown, Cass, Christian, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Greene, Macon, Macoupin, Menard, Morgan, Moultrie, Paitt, Pike, Sangamon, Scott, and Shelby. Region VI includes the counties of: Bond, Calhoun, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Jefferson, Jersey, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Richland, St. Clair, Wabash, Washington, and Wayne. Region VII includes the counties of: Alexander, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Union, White, and Williamson Region VIII includes the City of: Chicago. 5.3 Region Determination Whenever a member has residency in a jurisdiction that encompasses more than one county, for the purposes of designating a region, the County assignment will be the location of the main municipal office, if government, and county of the principal place of business if commercial or associate. A principal residence will be considered if no other is deemed appropriate.~~

I move to strike the words *all Regional Vice Presidents* in the Iowa Chapter By Laws Article III – Officers – Duties and Authority, Section 6.1 Designation, and add the words *Second Vice President* after Vice President.

PROPOSED AMENDING LANGUAGE: The Executive Board membership shall include the President, Vice President, *Second Vice President*, Treasurer and Secretary ~~and all Regional Vice Presidents~~. The immediate past President, and the Chairpersons off all Committees shall serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity only.

Resolution drafted this date January 25, 2008.