

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLES OF TEXAS

SUBMITTED BY THE 2017—2019 FINANCE COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE PARTT BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH 24, 2018, IN SAN MARCOS, TX.

THESE REVISIONS WILL BE VOTED ON BY THE DELEGATES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE 59TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS, MARCH 29-31, 2019.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE VI. Section 4:

PRESENT READING: No officer shall serve two consecutive terms in the same office.

PROPOSED READING: “No officer shall serve two consecutive terms in the same office *other than the treasurer.*”

RATIONALE: There is a need for continuity with the finances of the organization and it would be beneficial if the treasurer were allowed to be elected to serve two consecutive terms. Currently the Alliance Treasurer is allowed to be elected to serve two consecutive terms and this has proven beneficial to the organization.

ARTICLE VI. Section 5: (Last two sentences)

PRESENT READING: The newly elected officers shall assume their duties immediately following the convention. There will be a 30 day transition period following the election of the new officers.

PROPOSED READING: “The newly elected officers shall assume their duties immediately following the convention *by July 1st following the convention.* ~~There will be a 30 day transition period following the election of the new officers.~~”

RATIONALE: There is a need for some officers, like the Treasurer and the Recording Secretary to continue their duties after their successors have been elected and installed on the final day of the convention. This proposed amendment will allow the outgoing board members to complete their duties and to present their notebook to their successors have been installed rather than foist heavy responsibilities on the incoming board members.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE III, Section 1:

PRESENT READING: The annual dues paid by member Tables to the State shall be six dollars (\$6.00) per capita per year, with no table paying less than one hundred thirty-two dollars (\$132.00). These dues shall be payable by December 1st of each year to the State Treasurer.

PROPOSED READING: “The annual dues paid by member Tables to the State shall be ~~six dollars (\$6.00)~~ *seven dollars (\$7.00)* per capita per year, with no table paying less than ~~thirty-two~~”

dollars (~~\$132.00~~) **one hundred fifty-four dollars (\$154.00)**. These dues shall be payable by December 1st of each year to the State Treasurer.”

RATIONAL: There is a great need to raise the Table dues as there has not been an increase in the dues for many years. With the membership level decreasing there is a need to raise additional funds.

ARTICLE III, Section 4:

PRESENT READING: Scholarships provided from the interest of the Pan American Round Tables of Texas Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship and Endowment Funds shall be supplemented by the contribution of two dollars (\$2.00) per capita per year by Member Tables with no Table paying less than (\$44.00). This sum shall be turned in to the State Treasurer by December 1 of each year.

PROPOSED READING: “Scholarships provided from the interest of the Pan American Round Tables of Texas Florence Terry Griswold Scholarship and Endowment Funds shall be supplemented by the contribution of ~~two dollars (\$2.00)~~ per capita per year by Member Tables with no Table paying less than (~~\$44.00~~) **three dollars (\$3.00)** per capita per year by Member Tables with no Table paying less than **sixty-six dollars (\$66.00)**. This sum shall be **payable by December 1st of each year to the State Treasurer.**”

RATIONAL: There is a great need to raise the Table contribution paid by individual members as there has not been an increase in the contribution for many years. With the membership level decreasing there is a need to raise additional funds.

STANDING RULES

ADD: 18. “The State Treasurer shall act as preparer for annual 990-N postcards for the Pan American Round Tables of Texas and all Member Tables.”

RATIONAL: Many Table Treasurers were submitting the 990-N forms to the IRS in an untimely manner. The change will relieve the individual Tables of the responsibility of filing with the IRS and for the State Treasurer to fill all member Tables 990-N forms and submit them to the IRS in a timely fashion.

Additionally, there was a revision that was tabled at the Houston convention which pertained to the method the State Parliamentarian receives proposed revisions and the reason they are submitted to the Alliance Parliamentarian for approval of the individual Tables revisions.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I--Duties of Officers—Section 7

PRESENT READING:

The Parliamentarian shall see that the proceedings of all State meetings shall be conducted according to the Constitution and Bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised Version. The Parliamentarian shall serve as Chairman of the Revisions Committee and shall furnish each Officer, the Chairmen of each Standing Committee and each Director of member Tables with a corrected copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the State Organization. Any revision to the

Constitution and Bylaws of any Texas Table shall be presented to the Texas Parliamentarian for affirmation. Then the Texas Parliamentarian shall submit the revisions to the Alliance Parliamentarian.

PROPOSED READING:

The Parliamentarian shall see that the proceedings of all State meetings shall be conducted according to the Constitution and Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order, Revised Version. The Parliamentarian shall serve as Chairman of the Revisions Committee and shall furnish each Officer, the Chairmen of each Standing Committee and each Director of member Tables with a corrected copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the State Organization. Any revision to the Constitution and Bylaws of any Texas Table shall be presented to the Texas Parliamentarian for approval. Should questions arise as to the legality of any revision submitted by the member table; the State Parliamentarian will consult with the appropriate State Area Associate Director and the State Director for guidance before approving the change. If the change is not approved it will be returned to the member Table for further review and revision. If the change is approved, then the Texas Parliamentarian shall submit the revision (s) to the Alliance Parliamentarian for its files.

RATIONAL:

The Texas Tables are autonomous and the submission of the proposed revisions to the Alliance Parliamentarian is as a courtesy so she may be aware of the changes but her approval is not needed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

The 2017-2019 REVISIONS COMMITTEE

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