

**PETITION TO AMEND
THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF PRO-DUFFERS USA
SEPTEMBER 26, 2020**

Overview

A special telephonic conference of the National Council of Pro-Duffers USA, Inc., was held on March 26, 2020 for the purpose of discussing the COVID-19 Pandemic as a “force majeure” event and the necessity to postpone or cancel the National Convention scheduled September 25 – 27, 2020 at Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa out of concern for the health and safety of the Members. After thoughtful and deliberate discourse and consideration for the best interest of the Organization, the Gentlemen of Pro-Duffers USA, reached a unanimous agreement to cancel the said National Convention and conduct the National Meeting electronically in a virtual format using Zoom or similar platform.

Pursuant to National Parliamentarian Warren Lee’s counsel and recommendations, a directive was issued to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of Pro-Duffers USA, Inc. to accommodate telephonic or electronic meetings.

Issue

The specified directive was to identify the parliamentary procedure to amend the Constitution and structure a format to present the matter for discussion, debate, and vote by the body at the annual meeting of the National Organization on September 26, 2020.

Finally, the purpose is not to re-write the applicable article and provisions or provide commentary for the proposed change and amendment, but solely to pass on the identifiable recommendation for debate and vote by the National Organization.

Action

Article XIX Amendments to the Constitution,

requires proposed amendments “... be initiated by a petition of and signed by [1] at least twenty percent (20%) of the members in good standing of the National Organization, or [2] by majority of the National Council, or [3] by a majority of the delegates at an annual meeting. Proposed amendments ... must be circulated to each local chapter at least 30 days prior to a vote being taken on the proposal. A vote of sixty percent (60%) of the delegates at an annual meeting is required to approve a proposed amendment.”

The **Petition to Amend the Constitution and By-Laws** and accompanying draft has been approved and signed by a majority of the National Council and circulated to the national membership via each local chapter at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting and is qualified for vote and approval by at least sixty percent (60%) of the delegates present.

Constitution and By-Laws

As Amended September 27, 2019

ARTICLE XX PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the National Council and the National Organization's meetings, except as otherwise required by the Constitution.

As Proposed September 26, 2020

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The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with any statutes applicable to this organization, the Constitution and Bylaws, or any special rules or order the National Organization may adopt. All meetings of the National Organization, National Council, committees, and delegates (and equivalent bodies of local chapters) may be held telephonically or electronically, provided that the technology used allows for simultaneous aural communication amongst the meeting participants.

SIGNED IN COUNTERPART

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PRO-DUFFERS USA, INC.

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