

**To: NIFA Member Schools**  
**From: NIFA Council and Bylaws Committee**  
**Re: Bylaw Proposals, 2015**

## **Bylaw Proposal #1**

### **2.2 NIFA Council Members**

~~F. The council chair must have been a member of the council for at least one (1) year prior to his/her election as chair.~~

### **New F. NIFA Council Officers:**

1. **Chair:** The NIFA Council Chair shall be elected annually by the NIFA Council at the Council meeting held in conjunction with the national SAFECOM for the following competition year. The Council Chair must have been a member of the Council for at least one (1) year prior to his/her election as Chair.
2. **Vice Chair:** The Vice Chair shall be elected annually by the NIFA Council at the Council meeting held in conjunction with the national SAFECOM for the following competition year. The Vice Council Chair must have been a member of the Council for at least one (1) year prior to his/her election as Vice Chair.
3. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall be elected annually by the NIFA Council at the Council meeting held in conjunction with the national SAFECOM for the following competition year. The Council Secretary does not need to be a council member. The Council Secretary should have previous NIFA experience.
1. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be elected annually by the NIFA Council at the Council meeting held in conjunction with the national SAFECOM for the following competition year. The Council Treasurer does not need to be a council member. The Council Treasurer should have previous NIFA experience.

**RATIONALE: The Council needs to assign specific duties to more members on an elected basis. Specific duties will be listed in the Standing Rules and are currently the responsibility of the Planning Committee. The committee feels it is within the best interest of the organization to have an elected second in command. This will help reduce some of the workload off the Chairperson as well as provide a backup in case the Chairperson is unable to fulfill their duties.**

## **Bylaw Proposal #2**

### **Revised Bylaw Proposal #2**

**Bylaw 11.5 is amended to read:**

**Invitations to NIFA Regional members to participate in the National SAFECOM will be awarded as follows:**

1. **The winner and first runner-up from each Regional SAFECOM shall each earn an automatic invitation to the National SAFECOM.**
2. **Remaining invitations will be awarded as follows:**

- a. The host school for the National SAFECON if the school has not earned an automatic invitation from #1 above.
- b. The remaining invitations will be awarded to the schools earning the highest number of points (nationally), based on raw test scores (not points based on place rankings), in the SCAN, Computer Accuracy, and Aircraft Recognition exams.

**Bylaw 11.11 is amended to read:**

**In the event that a team who has earned an invitation to the National SAFECON is unable to attend, the next highest scoring team based on the formula of bylaw: 11.5.2.b shall be offered an alternate invitation. These alternate invitations shall be offered until the maximum number of teams for the National SAFECON has been reached or until all teams have been offered an alternate invitation.**

**RATIONALE: The National SAFECON is about the best schools competing at the highest level against one another. The current model does not support this. There have been situations over the years where schools that qualify are not able to accept their invitation. To fill the spot the invitation has gone down the order of finishing at the regional competition. This has led to teams that can afford to attend but may lack the experience and knowledge to compete at the highest level and cause safety related issues. The new model keeps intact the regional competition and ensures that at least two schools from every region are represented. Invitations are then sent to the schools that earn the invitation based on a national competition level.**

### **Bylaw Proposal #3**

**Submitted Carolyn Carpp, NIFA Council Secretary.**

**Housekeeping tasks (no change in content) for the purpose of:**

1. Deleting repetitive items
2. Re ordering items that do not go together.
3. Correcting fonts: bold, caps and underlines

**Delete: 2.2 F and replace with 2.2 F NIFA Council Officers.**

**2.2 NIFA Council Members**

~~F. The council chair must have been a member of the council for at least one (1) year prior to his/her election as chair.~~

**Delete: 2.4 D repeated in 2.4A**

~~D. The regional council representative shall be elected at the regional business meeting held in the competition year during which the current member's term expires.~~

**Delete 7: new # 2.6**

**Bold: 2.8 NIFA Council Student Representative: new # 2.7**

**Bold 2.11 Responsibilities of the NIFA Council Student Representative: new # 2.10**

**Bold: 2.12 Election of NIFA Council Member-At-Large: new# 2.11**  
**Continue to renumber to end of section 2.**

**Capitalize: 16. Rules & Parliamentary Authority > 16. RULES & PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

**Remove all underlines not consistent throughout document**

**Delete 2.6 and include in 2.2 F with NIFA Council Officers.**

2.6 NIFA Council Chair

A. A NIFA Council Chair shall be elected annually by the NIFA Council at the council meeting held in conjunction with the national SAFECON for the following competition year.

B. The council chair must have been a member of the council for at least one (1) year prior to his/her election as chair.

**RATIONALE: There are typographical inconsistencies in the NIFA Bylaws as they now are published. Repetitions, bold type, underlines, spacing and capitalization need to be reformatted.**