

North Carolina Council of Chapters
Proposed Bylaws Revisions
NCCOC Quarterly Meeting, January 9, 2016

Article VIII: Officers

Section 1.

(Current): “The elected officers shall be a President, a first Vice President, a second Vice President, and a third Vice President. A secretary and a treasurer will be appointed by the President. All officers shall be a member in good standing of a member chapter and MOAA. Other officers of the Council may be the immediate past President, all of whom shall be a member in good standing of a member chapter and MOAA.

(Proposal):

- a. To support the important contributions of Surviving Spouses and the significant legislative matters affecting this group across North Carolina, recommend the following addition to the Council Officer composition: **“A secretary, treasurer and Surviving Spouse Council Liaison will be appointed by the President”**.
- b. To eliminate redundancy in wording of this section, recommend deleting one of the sentences regarding **“member in good standing of a member chapter and MOAA”**.
- c. To capitalize on the talents and contributions of spouses, recommend that the positions appointed by the President read: **Secretary, Treasurer and a Surviving Spouse Liaison will be appointed by the President and may include naming a spouse of a member.**

(Revised): **“The elected officers shall be a President, a first Vice President, a second Vice President, and a third Vice President. A Secretary, Treasurer and Surviving Spouse Liaison will be appointed by the President and may include naming a spouse of a member. Other officers of the Council may be the immediate Past President. Each officer shall be a member or spouse of a member in good standing of a member chapter and MOAA.**

Section 10.

(Current): “The officers of the Council shall not hold additional positions as member chapter delegates”.

(Proposal): In reality, it has generally been the practice that Council Officers have often also been chapter President. It is recommend that we provide flexibility to Section X by amending the status of council officers.

(Revised): **“To the extent possible, officers of the Council shall not hold additional positions as member chapter delegates.”**

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Previously, two Council Level awards were introduced, discussed and voted upon but the Council Bylaws were never amended. The proposal to amend the Council Bylaws to include these awards is recommended so that Quarterly Business Meeting minutes of January 9, 2016 will reflect the change.

Article XIV: Council Level Awards

(Current): None

(Proposal):

Section 1. Heavy Lifter Award.

*“Establish a **Heavy Lifter Award**, recognizing long term (at least 10 years), significant contributions of a Council officer. The award is to be presented once each two years (at the end of the retiring president’s term of office). The award may be presented to a currently serving member or posthumously. The nominee for the award will be determined by vote of the NCCOC Executive Committee at the 4th Quarter Council Business session of the year in which the serving president will retire and will be presented during the currently serving president turnover to the new president.”*

Section 2. JROTC Instructor of the Year Council Level Award for Officer and NCO

Background: The North Carolina Council of Chapters initiated a JROTC Instructor of the Year Program honoring LTC-R Robert J Jones in 2014-1015. The program description and application forms for the voluntary participation by chapters are contained on the NCCOC website at: <http://www.moaa-nc.org/detail.php?thiscat=jrotcioty&item=1413469194>, and whereas not all chapters chose to participate, an after action evaluation indicated that the majority of chapters agree to support the program again in 2015-2016. Award winners from participating Chapters were submitted to a Council level selection committee. The Council found outside sponsorship for the award and no Council funds were used for the program. Follow-on sponsorship for state/council wide Officer and NCO awards will continue to be sought to fund this award program.

(Proposal):

*“Establish a program honoring LTC Robert J. Jones, USA, Ret. wherein a **JROTC Instructor of the Year Council Level award for Officer and NCO** will be awarded. Each program year, one officer and one NCO nominee from the NCCOC Chapters will be considered for recognition by the Council. The program will not be funded with Council resources and is subject to change in successive years.”*