
This document was prepared and reviewed by the 2019-20 National Alumni Association Council Executive Committee (Officers and Team Captains) with the recommendations of the 2019-20 Constitution and Bylaws Committee (James O'Leary, Esq. `63, chair).

Presented on May 12, 2020 for discussion by the membership of the 2019-20 National Alumni Association Council and unanimously approved. The Council will hold a meeting (via Zoom) of the general Providence College alumni population on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. to further discuss the proposed recommendations and to take a vote on amending the By-Laws. If you would like to participate in the meeting, please request the Zoom login information at alumni@providence.edu by June 12, 2020.

ARTICLE I. OFFICERS AND COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

Recommended addition:

Section 10. Executive Committee.

The Council shall establish an Executive Committee consisting of the Council's officers and four other Council Members selected annually by the officers of the Council. The Executive Committee shall conduct the business of the National Alumni Association between regular meetings of the Council, subject to ratification by the Council, and the Executive Committee shall have such other duties and authority as the Council may, from time to time, prescribe.

ARTICLE IV. MODE OF ELECTIONS

Section 1. By Ballot.

Currently stated:

Electronic ballots listing the nominees of the Nominating Committee for the office of Vice President to be elected, also providing space for voting for candidates of their own choice by any member of the National Alumni Association, shall be made available to each Active member of the National Alumni Association by the Office of Alumni Relations not fewer than twenty-one days prior to the final day that is designated for the receipt and return of the ballots. Active members shall have the option of requesting a paper ballot, which, upon request, shall be mailed to the active member. All ballots shall be counted by the Office of Alumni Relations. The member who receives the largest number of votes cast shall be declared elected to the position of Vice President.

Recommended change:

A ballot listing the nominees of the Nominating Committee for the office of Vice President to be elected, also providing space for voting for candidates of their own choice by any member of the National Alumni Association, shall be emailed to each Active member of the National Alumni Association by the Office of Alumni Relations not fewer than twenty-one days prior to the date when the election comes to a close. The nominee who receives the largest number of votes cast will be elected to the position of Vice President.
ARTICLE V. TENURE OF OFFICE

Section 3. At-Large Representatives.

Currently stated:

At-Large Representatives appointed by the Council shall hold office for two years from the date of their appointment.

Recommended change:

At-Large Representatives appointed by the Council shall hold office for one (1) year from the date of their appointment.

Section 6. Non-Voting Members.

Recommended addition (which will change the numerical order identified by current sections 6, 7, 8):

At the discretion of the Executive Board and the Office of Alumni Relations, the Council, in collaboration with the Office of Alumni Relations, may appoint not more than two (2) Non-voting Members to serve a one (1) year term.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Recommended addition:

Section 3. Suspension of By-Laws.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these By-Laws, in the event of an emergency or significant disruptive event that causes or results in the cancellation of a substantial portion of the College academic year and/or events at the College or prevents the Association from carrying out its functions in a significant manner, the Council shall have the authority, in conjunction with the Office of Institutional Advancement, to suspend, postpone or otherwise not carry out certain requirements of these By-Laws to accommodate the existing situation.