

## NRHS Bylaws Changes – 2013

At its meeting on January 6 – 7, 2013, the NRHS Board of Directors voted on and passed ten changes to the Bylaws. Per Article XV of the Bylaws, dated June 2011, we are forwarding those changes to the NRHS members in good standing for approval. Those ten recommended changes are as follows:

1. Add the following text to Article IV, Section 7.

*“In order to vote at the Annual Meeting of members and to vote in any election of officers and directors, all regular and family members must have attained the age of twelve (12) years by the day of the Annual Meeting of members or by August 1, whichever comes first.”*

2. Add the following text to Article VII, Section 9.

*“In the event that a seat of the Board has no candidates seeking election, the Board shall appoint a qualified member in good standing to fill that position until the next scheduled election for that seat. The appointment shall take place at the next Board meeting scheduled after the election is completed.”*

3. Create a new Article IX, Section 3.

*“The Treasurer and Secretary, upon their assuming office, shall not automatically be members of the Board of Directors unless otherwise elected thereto. The Treasurer and Secretary shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Board.”*

4. Change the last sentence in Article IX, Section 6, to read as follows.

*“The order of succession among the officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and General Counsel.”*

5. Replace the second paragraph of Article VII, Section 21, with the following.

*“The President shall present to the Board of Directors at least three (3) nominees for membership of the Electoral Committee for the ensuing two years. One Director whose term does not expire with the upcoming election shall be a member of the committee and shall chair the committee. The remaining members shall be Society members in good standing and shall not be candidates for any elected office while serving on the Electoral Committee.”*

6. Replace Article IX, Section 9, with the following.

*“The Secretary or his designee shall keep records of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Directors, the Advisory Council, and all meetings of the members. The Secretary shall issue all notices of meetings and retain all corporate records.”*

7. Add the following new section to Article VIII, Section 8.

*“The Advisory Council shall select a Chair Pro Tempore to chair Council meetings in the absence and/or at the request of the Vice-President and perform other duties as the Vice President may request from time to time to assist in planning, leadership and communications of the Advisory Council.”*

8. Add the following new section to Article VIII, Section 9.

*“The Advisory Council with the consent of the Secretary may select an Advisory Council Secretary Pro Tempore to record meetings of Council and perform other secretarial duties assigned by the Secretary.”*

9. Article VIII, Section 10 – add the following new section.

*“The Advisory Council may create such Council Offices and Committees as it deems necessary from its membership and the NRHS membership to help it develop recommendations to the Board, and/or communications with the Chapters and NRHS membership.”*

10. Article VIII, Section 11 – add the following new section.

*“The election of Advisory Council officers shall take place at the Fall meeting of even numbered years by those Advisory Council members in attendance. A term of office shall be two years, pending continued selection to the Council by the Representative’s home Chapter. Election to fill vacancies will be for the remainder of the current term and shall take place at the next Council meeting. Any current Advisory Council member shall be eligible for election to a Council Office.”*