

Delta-Sierra Group Bylaws Amendment

Excerpts of Current bylaws:

Bylaws

Delta-Sierra Group

Mother Lode Chapter, Sierra Club

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Bylaw 3. Executive Committee

3.1 **Number.** Subject to the powers of the members as provided by these Bylaws, the management of the affairs and activities of the Group shall be in the hands of an ExCom of 9 members elected by the Group membership for terms of three years.

In any election, up to 3 members may be elected for full terms, as long as the size of the ExCom does not increase as a result and no fewer than 3 terms will expire in any future year. When filling vacancies in unexpired terms by election, longer terms shall be awarded to candidates with more votes. The candidates who win the higher numbers of votes shall receive any available full terms and the others shall receive the unexpired remainders of the vacated terms.

Members elected shall take office at the first meeting following the counting of the ballots. If not otherwise members of the ExCom, the Secretary and Treasurer shall serve as non-voting members.

Proposed Amendment:

Bylaw 3. Executive Committee

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In any election, up to 3 two (2) members may be elected for full terms, as long as the size of the ExCom does not increase as a result and no fewer than 3 two (2) terms will expire in any future year. When filling vacancies in unexpired terms by election, longer terms shall be awarded to candidates with more votes. The candidates who win the higher numbers of votes shall receive any available full terms and the others shall receive the unexpired remainders of the vacated terms.

Members elected shall take office at the first meeting following the counting of the ballots. If not otherwise members of the ExCom, the Secretary and Treasurer shall serve as non-voting members.

Reason for Amendment:

3.1 Due to the difficulty in having a sufficient number of members willing to run for Executive Committee positions, Delta-Sierra Group ExCom is proposing to reduce the number of Executive Committee positions from nine to six. The terms would remain at three years in order to maintain institutional memory and also to prevent special interest take-over of the ExCom. With the reduction in Executive Committee positions to six, the quorum required to conduct business would be reduced to four. This reduction in quorum number will allow business to be conducted more efficiently and reduce the number of ExCom meetings where a quorum is not present.

Additional wording and Bylaw changes are periodically made in the Sierra Club Group Bylaws Template as required by the Sierra Club Board of Directors. These changes do not require a vote of the Group membership.

Submitted by:

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