

Bylaws for District IV Sons of Norway June 2008

Article I Name and Territory

1. The name of this District shall be: District Lodge No. IV, Sons of Norway.
2. The territory of this District Lodge shall be: the states of North Dakota and Montana, and the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Article II Officers and Unvouchered Expenses

1. The Officers of the District shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Cultural/Publicity Director and six (6) General Directors. There shall be one (1) General Director from each Zone. These Officers and Directors shall constitute the Board of Directors. (Approved by International Board 2006)
2. Terms of Office
 - a. The term of office for each officer of the District shall run for two (2) years except for General Directors (Zone Directors) who shall serve for staggered terms of four (4) years.
 - b. The President, Vice President, Cultural/Publicity Director cannot serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms in any one (1) office.
 - c. The Secretary and Treasurer cannot serve for more than four (4) consecutive terms of two (2) years each. (Approved 2000)
 - d. General Directors (Zone Directors) cannot succeed themselves in office.
 - e. All officers will serve until their successors have been elected and installed, or until elected or appointed to office in the International Lodge, at which time the office shall be declared vacant. (Approved 2000)
3. The Secretary and Treasurer shall receive such nominal compensation as determined by the District Lodge. The Board of Directors shall be entitled to expenses pursuant to a formula adopted by the Board of Directors, and other such compensation as deemed necessary.
4. The Secretary, Treasurer and Scholarship Chairman shall be bonded in such amounts as decided by the Board of Directors of the District Lodge.

Article III - Meetings and Representation

1. The District Lodge shall have a regular convention once every two (2) years. The place shall be decided by the District Lodge or the District Board of Directors, and the closing date of such meeting shall not be less than forty-five (45) days prior to the opening of the International Lodge Convention of the same year.
2. Special meetings shall be called as provided in Chapter IV, Constitution of District Lodges, Sons of Norway. The Board of Directors shall meet approximately every six months to conduct the business of the District Lodge. Meetings of the officers, directors or committees may be held by teleconferencing, provided that all members participating can hear and speak to each other simultaneously. (6/08).

3. Representation at District Lodge Conventions shall be in accordance with Chapter III, Constitution of District Lodges, Sons of Norway. Every Lodge within the District shall be entitled to one Delegate for the Lodge, and one Delegate for every fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, based on the last semi-annual report prior to the election, travel expenses of delegates shall be in accordance with Chapter III, Paragraph 86 of the Constitution of the District Lodges, Sons of Norway, except that there shall be no equalization of travel expenses. Delegates will be elected by the Lodge membership. The Lodge will specify in its bylaws whether or not the Lodge President is an automatic delegate.
4. The order of business at a District Lodge Meeting shall be as provided for in the Constitution of the International Lodge.
5. The District shall select convention sites four (4) years in advance. Any Local Lodges(s) wishing to host a District Convention, after an affirmative vote of the membership at a regular meeting, should submit its bid in writing to the District Secretary prior to the District Convention. (Approved 1980)

Article IV – International Lodge Delegates

1. The Delegates and Alternates to the International Lodge, to which the District is entitled according to its membership, shall be elected in Zones, which shall constitute geographical Zones as follows:
 - a. Zone 1: All of North Dakota lying east of State Highway No. 3 and north of State Highway No. 200, including the City of Mayville and excepting the City of Rugby, the City of Cooperstown, and the City of Hillsboro. (1974)
 - b. Zone 2: All of North Dakota lying east of State Highway No. 3 and south of State Highway No. 200, including the City of Cooperstown, the City of Hillsboro, and excepting the City of Mayville. (1974)
 - c. Zone 3: All of North Dakota lying west of State Highway No. 3, including the City of Rugby. (1974)
 - d. Zone 4: Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. (1974)
 - e. Zone 5: All of Montana east of a line running south between Hill and Liberty Counties on the north to the Wyoming border between Park and Gallatin Counties. (1984)
 - f. Zone 6: All of Montana west of a line running south between Hill and Liberty Counties on the north to the Wyoming border between Park and Gallatin Counties. (1984)
(Name change from Sub-District to Zone approved by International Board 1992.)
2. New Lodges may be instituted with a minimum of forty (40) members and after institution shall be assigned to such Zone as the District Board shall decide. (Approved 1996)
3. The District Board of Directors shall, prior to the District Lodge meeting, determine the number of Delegates to which each Zone is entitled, which shall be according to the membership of such Zone.
4. Each Zone shall nominate from its District Lodge Delegates, International Lodge Delegates and Alternates to which it is entitled. (Approved 1980)

5. The two Delegates for the District shall be the District President and the District Secretary. (Approved 1980) Should either of these people be unable to attend the International Lodge Meeting, the Alternates shall be in descending order, the Vice President, the Treasurer and the Cultural/Publicity Director. (Approved 2006)
6. Alternates shall replace Delegates who are unable to attend the International Lodge meeting, in the order in which the Alternates are elected in each Zone. In the event that Alternates are not available within the Zone, then the District President and Secretary shall select from other elected Alternates. (Approved 1980)
7. In order for Central Lodge delegate(s) to meet the requirements of being selected as an international delegate, the District Board prior to the District Lodge meeting will randomly assign him to a Zone in District IV. The Central Lodge delegate(s) then will be eligible to compete for one of that Zone's allotted international delegate positions. (Approved 2002)

Article V – International Lodge Directors

1. The District Lodge shall nominate the International Directors and Alternates it is entitled to at the District Lodge meeting, from among its newly elected Delegates to the International meeting and its present International Lodge Officers. (Approved by Supreme Board 1979)
2. In the case of death or withdrawal of a nominee for International Lodge director or his Alternate, in the interim between the District Lodge meeting and the International Lodge meeting, the International Lodge Officers and Delegates from the District shall caucus and fill from among their group such vacancy, or vacancies. (Approved by Supreme Board 1979)

Article VI – Miscellaneous

1. There shall be a "No Smoking" rule at all District IV Lodge sponsored indoor functions. (1994)
2. Cultural Activities Support – The District shall levy, pursuant to Paragraph 93(c) of the Constitution, a per capita tax of fifty cents (50¢) per year to be used for support of cultural activities as directed by the District Board.
3. District Dues – The District shall levy, pursuant to Paragraph 47(a) of the Constitution, District Dues in the amount of Five Dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50 USD) per year. (Approved 2006) Members between the ages of 16 and 23 shall be assessed dues at the reduced amount of Two Dollars and seventy-five cents (\$2.75 USD) per year. (Approved 2006)

Article VII – Bylaw Changes

1. These Bylaws may be repealed or amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any District Lodge meeting.
2. These Bylaws and any changes thereto shall not become effective until approved by the International Board of Directors.

Revised – June 2008 District Lodge Meeting