

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS

**SECTION 100 – AUTHORITY.** The supreme legislative and policy making power of the Department of California, Marine Corps League, shall be vested in a Department Convention composed of the properly elected, registered delegates in good standing.

**SECTION 101 – DEPARTMENT CONVENTION COMMITTEES.** The Department Convention Administrative Committees shall be: Credentials, Bylaws, Resolution, Rules, and Standing Committees.

**SECTION 105 – CREDENTIALS – DELEGATES, ALTERNATES, and MEMBERS.**

A. Delegates, alternates and members attending business sessions of the Department Convention must be in good standing, registered with the Credentials Committee, and possess approved credentials.

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B. The basis of a Detachment delegates or their alternates to the Department Convention shall be determined by the Detachment's membership on record at Department Headquarters thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Convention. The delegate voting strength of each Detachment shall be as follows: for each block of five (5) Regular Members, one delegate or alternate. For remaining partial number less than five (5) Regular Members, one (1) delegate or alternate. However, no delegate strength of a Detachment shall be computed by including those members not in good standing, or Associate and Honorary Members. **CHG 4**

C. Should a Detachment be in default of payment of funds from any source due the Department or the National Headquarters as of thirty (30) days immediately prior to the Department Convention, such fact shall be reported by the Department Paymaster to the affected Detachment, and to the Department Convention Credentials Committee. The credentials of that Detachment's delegates or alternates shall not be approved unless settlement is made at the Convention site with the Department Paymaster, in cash, unless previously resolved.

D. The Department Paymaster will report to the Department Credentials Committee any Detachment that as of thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of a Department Convention has failed to report on a standard Membership Dues Transmittal Form to National Headquarters that it has fifteen (15) or more members; such Detachment's delegates and alternates shall not be approved by the Convention Credentials Committee. **CHG 4**

E. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 105 C and D above, no member in good standing may be deprived of his individual vote at a Department Convention. **CHG 4**

F. The Delegate/Alternate credentials of a Detachment may only be claimed by a registered member of that Detachment.

G. Each Detachment shall be provided written notification of the date and location of a pending Department Convention at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening date of the convention; such notification to include the Delegate Registration Form. **CHG 4**

H. The Delegate Registration Form and associated fees must be submitted by the Detachment to be received by the Department Paymaster at least fifteen (15) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention. Those delegates names not received within the required time frame will not be credentialed as a delegate authorized to cast votes for his Detachment. (Section 4, Administrative Procedures for fee amount.) **CHG 4**

#### SECTION 110 – VOTING.

A. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order, a majority vote by the delegates and members shall carry any measure and decide any issue. **CHG 4**

B. Each delegate complying with Section 105 is entitled to cast one (1) vote for five (5) members, provided that the total vote of the Detachment delegates does not exceed the Detachment membership strength. A delegate, or alternate in the absence of a delegate present at the time of voting may, on behalf of registered and approved absent delegates, cast the vote of the Detachment's full voting strength.

C. A roll call vote may be required and recorded upon the request of any ten registered and approved delegates, except as provided for in Section 110 E.

D. A Detachment Commandant, being a registered and approved delegate, or his registered and approved designee, in the Detachment Commandant's absence, may cast the full voting strength of the Detachment, subject to the will of and in the manner specified by the registered and approved delegates present from the Detachment.

E. If a registered delegate should doubt the vote of his Detachment, a roll call vote of that Detachment shall be called. Each registered delegate or designated alternate of that Detachment, when called, will rise and announce his vote.

SECTION 115 – ELECTIVE OFFICERS. The Department Officers to be elected by a Department Convention shall be: Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice-Commandant, and Judge Advocate. **CHG 4**

SECTION 116 - ELIGIBILITY. Each nominee shall be a Regular Member in good standing in the Department of California at the time of nomination. Verification of such standing shall be made by the Department Paymaster. **CHG 8**

A. All elected Department Officers shall submit to the Department Judge Advocate, within sixty days of election, proof of Honorable Service in the United States Marine Corps. Failure to submit proof of Honorable Service within sixty days shall invalidate the election, and the office declared vacant.

SECTION 120 – NOMINATIONS. Nominations for elective Department Office shall be made from the floor no later than the day preceding the day on which the elections are to be held. Each nominee, when called upon, if not restricted by a physical impairment, and state to the Chair that if elected he will accept the office and serve loyally, faithfully and to the best of his ability. **CHG 8**

