

Department of CA Bylaws amendment proposal.

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The Associate of the Year award – ribbon and medallion – language was adopted into the National Bylaws at the 2021 National Convention.

Current Language

SECTION 802 - DEPARTMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR SOCIETY COMMITTEE.

The Department Marine of the Year Society shall be composed of all past recipients of the Department Marine of the Year award, but shall have no less than three members.

A. The Society Committee will meet during the Department Convention to conduct a meeting for the purpose of reviewing nomination and selection of the Department Marine of the Year.

B. The Department Marine of the Year Award will be presented by the Department Junior Marine of the Year during the Department Convention Banquet. If the recipient of the award is not present to accept, it will be the responsibility of the Department Junior Marine of the Year to arrange the presentation of the award at the subsequent Department Conference. If the presentation of the award cannot be conducted at the Department Conference, the Junior Marine of the Year will mail the certificate and medallion to the recipient's Detachment for presentation.

Proposed Language

SECTION 802 - DEPARTMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR SOCIETY COMMITTEE.

The Department Marine of the Year and Associate of the Year Society shall be composed of all past recipients of the Department Marine of the Year and Department Associate Member of the Year award but shall have no less than three members. The Department Commandant will appoint additional members if there are less than three.

A. The Junior recipient of the Marine of the Year shall chair this committee and will work with the Board of Trustees to advertise the call for nominations for these two awards. S/He will discuss with members of the committee prior to the Department Convention to discuss logistics of the year's award process.

B. Marine of the Year Award. All previous recipients of the Department Marine of the Year Award will meet (possibly electronically) before and during the Department Convention to finalize the reviewing nominations and selection process of the Department Marine of the Year.

C. Associate Member of the Year Award. All previous recipients of the Department Associate Member of the Year Award, along with all past recipients of the Department's Marine of the Year will meet before and during the Department Convention to finalize the reviewing nominations and selection process of the Department Associate Member of the Year.

D. The Department Marine of the Year Award and the Department Associate Member of the year will be presented by the Department Junior Marine of the Year during the Department Convention Banquet. All past recipients of both awards will be invited to assist in the presentation. If the recipients of either of these awards are not present to accept, it will be the responsibility of the Department Junior Marine of the Year to arrange the presentation of the award at the subsequent Department Conference. If the presentation of the award cannot be conducted at the Department Conference, the Junior Marine of the Year will mail the award (medallion) to the recipient's Detachment for presentation.

Rationale: It keeps the Associate of the Year selection in line with the Marine of the Year selection as past recipients make the decision and make the presentation. Also, it gives this committee the option of doing some of the work before the convention when they can devote more time to the process. It also specifies who will chair so planning can be made well ahead of convention.