

2024 Proposed Changes to ONGA Constitution

In general, nothing was added to the Constitution. All changes are for clarification and to be more straightforward and organized.

1. Added Immediate Past President as an Officer of the Association (this was already informally recognized)
2. Clarified the Secretary is not elected by the membership, defines term, appointment, and non-voting status.
3. Defines the term and service of Immediate Past President and actions in the event of a vacancy.
4. Defines the Executive Committee make-up (ONGA Officers – no change from 2015)
5. Removed Officers from the definition of “Trustees”, decreasing the number of trustees to 10, but keeping the size of the Board at 15.
6. Board of Directors Authority moved to be under the Board of Directors section.
7. The definition of Quorum was clarified as properly announced as well as properly convened.

2024 Proposed Changes to ONGA Bylaws

In general, committee responsibilities have been streamlined and chairs are aligned with Officers and Trustees. Some committees have been modified or removed (with duties reassigned) to reflect current practices.

1. Clarified voting versus non-voting members of the Executive committee
2. Added expectation of Presidential attendance at conferences
3. Changed the yearly budget approval timing to the first meeting of the Calendar Year, in alignment with current practices
4. Formally reassigned responsibilities of strategic planning to the President (thus eliminating the formal Strategic Planning Committee)
5. Added First Vice mentor role to Second Vice for annual state conference organization
6. Reworded treasurer duties and assigned chairmanship of the Finance Committee
7. Allows the Board of Directors to assign authorities of any officer to other officers, in case of absence.
8. Assigns duties to the Board of Directors, including defining actions will be taken by majority vote (previously undefined)
9. Committee Changes:
 - a. Nominating – assigns FG Trustees as co-chairs
 - b. Annual Conference – formally assigns 2VP as the chair to this committee as well as assigns other committee members (previously undefined)
 - c. Finance – Assigns Treasurer as chair and requires at least one additional committee member
 - d. Resolutions – added co-chair requirement: one Army and one Air
 - e. Renames IT Committee to Communications committee. This aligns with current practices, as we no longer need to provide and IT network, servers, or security systems.
 - f. Awards – assigns co-chairs to FG Trustees
 - g. Membership – assigns co-chairs to CG Trustees

- h. Company Grade – allows for a CG specific budget with submission in December to be added to the following year’s budget
 - i. Legislation – tasks committee to organize the annual Ohio Legislative Breakfast
 - j. Corporate Relations – Defines membership
 - k. Facility – Removed due to current residency at Beightler Armory
 - l. Strategic Planning – Removed and assigned duties directly to ONGA President
 - m. Conference Stipend – New Committee. Defines membership and requires deliberate planning and budgeting of ONGA stipend amounts as well as advertising and distribution.
10. Dues – with the majority of Association expenses coming from other sources, verbiage is changed to require all monies collected for membership will be used for Association expenses as opposed to requiring the majority of expenses to be covered by dues.