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Fraternal greetings

Following a great Convention and Annual Business Meeting in Leipzig, Germany, I come to you with some information related to the By-Law proposal changes that were approved.

Soon you will see the revised By-Laws which are self-explanatory and I suspect many of you have already taken into consideration the impact of these prior to our meeting so I would like to focus on the impact of a couple that did not pass at this year’s meeting.

First, there was a proposal to mirror the language from Chapter Officers into Association Officers, specifically to state that the Offices of Secretary, Treasurer, and Road Captain can be held by a Social or Associate Member if there are no Active Members available to take on those roles. The failure of this proposal means that all positions on an Association Executive must be held by Active Members. To ease into this arrangement, we are not asking that you immediately remove any Social or Associate Members from the positions, rather, when their term ends, replace them with Active Members.

Second, there were a couple of proposals related to Social Members themselves. The first, which recognizes adopted, half, and step relations as equivalent to full-blood relatives, passed at the ABM. The second, to extend Social Membership to in-laws did not pass. The impact of this is that an Active or Associate Member may not sponsor an in-law as a Social Member. Understanding there may already exist this situation, the Board is willing to permit existing situations to remain; however, moving forward, please limit the addition of Social Members to the definition in the By-Laws without the inclusion of in-law relatives. Please note that Associate Members may be in-law relatives of other members. That said, there was a By-Law proposal to increase Associate Membership from 10% of Active Members and that proposal did not pass, so please be cautious with using up all your Associate Member availability to allow for situations like this.

We thank the members who either proposed By-Law changes or provided us with information on what By-Law changes we should consider developing proposals around. Your continued support and ideas are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions on these or the other By-Law proposals or any topic at all, please reach out to your Regional Director,

On behalf of the International Board of Directors,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'SPIKE' followed by a stylized flourish.

R. Spike Ostiguy
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“Loyal to Our Duty”