Constitutional Changes proposed by Michael Wolf, New London County Fair Board President

Key: Current wording in italics, Proposed deletions underlined

**● Eliminate the nominating committee and properly put a nomination system in place**

○ Article X, Section 9

_The nominating committee will be appointed and meet in October. The Committee consisting of two officers, two advisors and three chairpersons or superintendents shall present to the November meeting a complete list of nominees for Officers, Advisors, Chairpersons and Superintendents for the ensuing year._

○ Article X, Section 11

_Nominations for the above shall be presented by the Nominating Committee according to section 9. Nominations from the floor will be invited._

Proposed: Article X, Section 9.

Any nominations for the Executive board can be made from the regularly scheduled October meeting through the regular November meeting. All Executive Board positions, Advisors, Chairpeople, and superintendents will be voted on according to section 11 for the ensuing year.

Article X, Section 11.

Nominations for the above shall be presented in accordance to section 9. Nominations from the floor will be invited.

Rationale: It is in the best interest of our organization to change Article X, Section 9 and Article X, Section 11 of our by-laws:

**WHEREAS**, our county has not used a nominating committee in over 20 years, therefore violating our constitution.

**WHEREAS**, we have also been doing the recommended system of installing a new executive committee in place of a nominating committee ever since.

Recommendation of the New London County 4-H Fair Association: Approved
Add a section outlining what to do if an executive board member is unable to complete or carry out the duties of his or her term of office
  ○ Article X, By-Laws, Section 14

Proposed: Article X, Section 14 A. When an Executive Board member or superintendent is unable to complete or carry out the duties of his or her term of office:

The resigning member shall be encouraged to give at least one month’s notice in writing to the Executive Board. The Executive board will vote on the acceptance of the resignation.

Each member shall be notified that the office is vacant.

The nominations for a member to fill the now vacant position shall be open for one month and be voted upon at the next Fair Association meeting.

Article X, Section 14 B. If an executive board member fails to abide by their corresponding duties as outlined in the bylaws then:

1. The executive board member in question of failure of following through with their responsibilities will be provided a chance to give a verbal or written explanation for their errors
2. If the executive board member continues not to follow their responsibilities a warning from the executive board will be issued to the person in error
3. If the executive board member is still violating the responsibilities they are supposed to follow they shall be removed from the executive board

Rationale: It is in the best interest of our organization to add Article X, Section 14 A and B

WHEREAS, there is a structured process to follow if an executive board member or superintendent were to step down

WHEREAS, there is a structured process to follow if an executive board member is prohibiting the executive board to function at its best

Recommendation of the New London County 4-H Fair Association: Approved
Creating an order of rank for the Executive Committee to follow in the absence of the President
  ○ Article X, Section 4A

Any of the Vice-Presidents may preside at a meeting of the Association or Executive Committee in the absence of the President

Proposed: In the absence of the president, his or her roles are to be assumed by the Vice-President for Business. If the President and Vice-President for Business are absent, the Vice-President for Agriculture shall assume the President’s roles. If the President, Vice-President for Business, and the Vice-President for Agriculture are absent the roles of the President shall be assumed by the Vice-President for Exhibit Building.

Rationale: It is in the best interest of our organization to change Article X, Section 4A of our by-laws:

WHEREAS, the proposed changes will provide more structure to the monthly meeting in the absence of the President.

Recommendation of the New London County 4-H Fair Association: Approved