

To: NATRC Members

From: Gary Clayton

At its July Board meeting in Denver last weekend, the National Board of Directors voted on three proposed By-Law changes that had been presented to the membership in a written ballot earlier in the year. By-Law changes require a simple majority vote by the membership, but also a 2/3 majority of the National Directors' votes to change.

Two of the By-Laws were passed by 2/3 of the National Directors consistent with the majority ruling of the membership; therefore, elections for National Directors will be held at the regional level and Directors appointed to fill vacancies will fill the vacancies for the remainder of the existing term of the vacancy.

The By-Law to impose Term Limits of two consecutive terms for National Directors was narrowly passed by the membership, with half for and half against term limits. The NBOD voting process was careful and considered. A document summarizing the pros and cons of the issue was sent to the Board in advance of the meeting with ensuing e-mail discussion leading to the meeting. A vote was taken by show of hands and duly recorded. The National Director vote was 6-6 which accurately reflected the vote of the membership, so the proposed change does not take effect.

Fifty years ago the founding members of NATRC put in place procedures to insure that the foundation documents of our organization cannot be altered without considerable thought and agreement. In the case of these three proposed changes, the process worked with great deliberation and effort expended by the membership and leadership to examine all aspects of the issues. Thank you for participating in this process and the ones to come in the future.

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