**NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INCORPORATED**

**7942-R Cluny Court**

**Springfield, Virginia 22153**

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## **NATIONAL REGULATION 6.1**

Subject: National Officers, Elections and Tenure

Reference: (a) National By-Laws, Article 6.1

 (b) National Regulation 8.3.1

 (c) National Regulation 6.2

1. PURPOSE: To prescribe the election and tenure of National Officers.

2. NATIONAL OFFICERS: In accordance with reference (a), the National Officers of National Sojourners, Incorporated, shall be: National President; National President-Elect; National First Vice-President; National Second Vice-President; National Third Vice-President; National Secretary-Treasurer; National Chaplain; National Judge Advocate; National Surgeon; National Historian; National Trustees; members of the Committee of 33; members of the Honor Awards Committee; Past National Presidents; Past National Commanders; and Emeritus Members.

3. QUALIFICATIONS OF NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE LINE OFFICERS: To be qualified to stand for election to one of the National Progressive Line offices, that is, the offices of National President, National President-Elect, National First Vice-President, National Second Vice-President, and National Third Vice-President, candidates shall meet the following ***minimum*** requirements:

a. Attained ten (10) years of continuous active membership in National Sojourners, Incorporated.

b. Served honorably as a National Sojourners Chapter President and as a Heroes of ’76 Camp Commander.

c. Provided exemplary service for a minimum of three (3) years as an appointed or elected member of a National Committee and/or as an Area or Regional Representative. Service as a member of the Committee of 33 is also desirable.

d. Attended three (3) National Conventions and two (2) Mid-Winter Meetings.

e. Demonstrated qualities of leadership, tact, and teamwork in his military, civic, business and/or Masonic service.

f. Hold Active membership status in National Sojourners, Incorporated

g. ***Be prepared to undertake the financial burden, as well as the travel required to satisfy the additional responsibilities of office, associated with election***.

h. Receive a determination of “QUALIFIED” based on an interview by the National Nominating Committee.

4. NOMINATION: Nomination for a National Office shall be made by a Chapter or by a National Officer on the official nomination form available from the National Secretary-Treasurer and mailed, emailed, or otherwise delivered to the National Secretary-Treasurer, who shall deliver it to the Secretary of the National Nominating Committee. The National Nominating Committee shall act on all such nominations in accordance with reference (b).

a. Active National Officers (excludes Past National Presidents, Past National Commanders and Emeritus Members), other than the National President, shall be elected by ballot at the National Convention and shall serve for a period of one year, except as otherwise provided herein.

b. The National President-Elect, at the expiration of his term of office, shall automatically be installed as National President.

c. The term of office of a National Trustee shall be for a period of three years, with three Trustees being elected at each National Convention. A National Trustee who has been elected to complete an unexpired term on the National Trustees shall be permitted to serve three (3) full three-year terms on the National Trustees in addition to completing the initial unexpired term.

d. The term of office of the National Secretary-Treasurer, National Historian, National Judge Advocate, National Chaplain and National Surgeon shall each be for a period of three years.

e. The term of office of each member of the Committee of 33 shall be for a period of three years, with eleven such members being elected at each National Convention. A member of the Committee of 33 who has been elected to complete an unexpired term of the Committee of 33 shall be permitted to serve three (3) full three-year terms on the Committee in addition to completing the initial unexpired term.

f. The term of office of each member of the Honor Awards Committee shall be for a period of five years, with one member being elected annually.

g. Past National Presidents and Past National Commanders hold life tenure as a National Officer.

h. Emeritus Members: A member who has served at least nine years (not necessarily consecutive) in any elected National Office may be elected by a two-thirds vote at any National Convention to Emeritus membership status and shall hold life tenure as a National Officer. Living Emeritus members shall be listed on the National Headquarter rolls and in the Staff Directory as Emeritus Members regardless of any other qualifying status, e.g., Past National President or Past National Commander.

5. TENURE OF OFFICE: An active National Officer who has served nine full years in any one office, except the National Secretary-Treasurer, National Historian, National Judge Advocate, National Chaplain and National Surgeon, shall be ineligible for further service in that office.

6. DUAL STATUS:

a. No Sojourner may occupy more than one active National Office at the same time, except while serving as a member of the Honor Awards Committee or as National Surgeon or National Chaplain.

b. A National Trustee may not serve simultaneously as a National Sojourners Convention Corporation Officer (member).

c. An active National Officer who has been nominated for another National office must submit his resignation from the office held, effective upon his election to the office nominated.

7. VACANCIES:

a. National Officer vacancies that occur between National Conventions due to death, resignation or removal, including those in paragraph c. below, shall be filled by election at the following National Convention.

b. Vacancies occurring during a National Convention shall be filled at that National Convention.

c. Elected National Officer vacancies that occur between National Conventions, with the exception of the National President-Elect, National Vice Presidents and National Secretary-Treasurer, may be filled by the National President. Such appointees will serve until replacements are elected and installed at the following National Convention.

8. DUTIES: The duties of a National Officer are as described in reference (c).

ATTEST:

WILLIAM R. SANNER JAMES N. HIGDON

National Secretary-Treasurer National President