#### Article VI

#### Section 6. Election of Officers:

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- 2. Any delegation that fails to be presented at the Nominations Committee meeting at the state convention will have its vote(s) nullified for the elections at the same state convention.
- B. Ties: In case of a tie, the election for that office shall be turned over to the state officers. The officers shall vote by secret ballot. Each officer shall be allowed one vote, except in the case of a candidate and an officer being from the same chapter. In this case, the officer shall not vote.

## Section 7. Vacancies:

A: Failure to Elect or Select: Should the state convention conclude without the election or selection of an officer, usually due to the absence of candidates, the co-chairs shall solicit applications from the general membership. The Executive Board shall then review received applications and view minute-long statements by the candidates. The Executive Board will then appoint an officer to the position.

## **Proposed Text**

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- 3. If state convention is cancelled due to an emergency or unforeseen circumstances, officer elections and voting may be held online. Chapters in good standing are eligible to vote.

Rationale: 2020