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PETITIONS AND VOTE OF NON-CONFIDENCE

9.1 A vote of non-confidence is a vote through which the SBOD can remove any member of Executive Council and/or SBOD from office by formal motion of two SBOD members, hereafter called the maker and seconder of the motion, for reasons including:

- (a) Consistent failure to attend mandated meetings;
- (b) Representation of SAOC in a manner not in keeping with or against the will of SBOD;
- (c) Failing to keep required GPA according to Bylaw 1;
- (d) Failure to perform required duties as per Bylaw 6.

9.1.1 A written motion of non-confidence, signed by the maker and the seconder of the motion must be prepared.

9.1.2 The written motion must contain the reasons for the vote of non-confidence including specific examples.

9.1.3 A copy of the motion must be presented to the President at least four (4) working days prior to the meeting to allow time for the subject of the motion to be informed by the President that they are the subject of a vote of non-confidence.

9.1.4 If the President is the subject of the non-confidence vote, then the Internal Vice President shall act as the chair for the purposes of this motion.

9.1.5 The subject of the vote of non-confidence must have the opportunity to resign and/or defend him/herself.

9.1.6 If any member of the SBOD feels adequate notice has not been given they may move to table. The motion to table must pass by a simple majority, but a vote of non-confidence may only be tabled once.

9.1.7 A vote of non-confidence must be approved by a two thirds majority of the voting members of the SBOD at closed session of SBOD.

- (a) Votes to abstain will not be included when calculating the vote.
- (b) Votes of non-confidence shall be made by secret, written ballot with the vote recorded in the minutes.
- (c) Votes will be counted by the OM and CEO (for accountability) unless it is his/her position under question at which time the President will count.

9.1.8 If the vote of non-confidence is approved, the subject of the vote must resign.

9.1.9 Petitions of non-confidence must conform to the standards for a valid petition according to Policies and Procedures of the SAOC.

9.1.10 The petition must be presented to SBOD at an open meeting and the petition organizers must be given an opportunity to speak.

9.1.11 The petition shall then be validated by the CEO. This must be done within 10 business days of receipt of the petition. The CEO shall report the validity of the petition to SBOD for action.

9.1.12 If the petition is valid and contains sufficient valid signatures, the SBOD must accept the petition and the subject of the petition must resign.

9.2 Other Petitions to the Association

9.2.1 Members of the SAOC may petition the Association to take action on or otherwise address a given issue.

9.2.2 Petitions will be considered valid only if made following SAOC policy on petitioning the Association.