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## All Branch Mail Out #21

**Date:** March, 17 2020

**TO:** NS/NU Branches  
NS/NU Executive Council  
NS/NU Zone Commanders

**From:** Comrade Steve Wessel  
Chairman Ad-Hoc Committee  
NS/NU Command, RCL

**Subject:** Standardized Branch By-Laws

**Message:** Comrades: Please see attached regarding  
Standardized Branch By-Laws: Letter,  
Standardized Branch By-Laws and Annex A



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Comrades:

One of the most important functions of NS/NU Command is to support and assist in the development of the operational excellence of our branches. We strive to foster a culture of teamwork, accountability, and above all transparency.

To that end, our Command President has tasked an ad-hoc committee to provide the branches of NS/NU Command with a comprehensive standardized set of branch by-laws. These by-laws will eliminate the branches' responsibility in dealing with the laborious task of revising and updating their current by-laws on a yearly basis. The attached standardized branch by-law document, including Annex A, aims to bring more unity to all by-laws and to ensure that branch by-laws are clear, consistent and not in contradiction with The General By-Laws or NS/NU Command By-Laws.

**The Command President has requested that a full report, and accompanying resolution, be presented to the delegates at our 2021 Command convention in Truro.**

The ad-hoc committee will endeavor to use the 14 months from now until convention as effectively as possible and as such, will be keeping the branches involved in the developmental process. We are therefore submitting this 1<sup>st</sup> draft copy of the proposed by-laws to all branches, Zone Commanders and Officers within our Command in order to solicit their comments and expectations for these standardized branch by-laws.

The following is an approximate timeline for achieving our goals:

- This ABMO introduces the standardized by-laws package to all branches and requests that the branches review the documents and respond to Command with their comments, suggestions or questions **by the end of June 2020**, prior to the summer slowdown.



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- These comments will then be reviewed by the ad-hoc committee and answers will be provided, where applicable, to the branches regarding their concerns or recommendations. With these comments reviewed, a 2<sup>nd</sup>
- report, based on these branch submissions, will then be delivered to Executive Council in September 2020, and subsequently to all branches.
- A 3<sup>rd</sup>, and final report, with an accompanying resolution will be submitted to Executive Council in February 2021 for acceptance by Executive Council.
- If the proposed by-laws and resolution are accepted by Executive Council, both will be presented to the delegates at the 2021 Command convention for ratification through the resolution process.

Comrades, the institution of these by-laws to our Command structure is intended to assist our branches and our Command in the effective operations of our organization. They are designed to be used in conjunction with the development of a branch policy manual, policies which will deal with the internal day to day operations specific to your branch.

To reiterate, please review the attached documents and respond to Command with your comments, suggestions or questions **by the end of June 2020**.

**By email, to the Executive Director: [v.mitchell-veinotte@ns.legion.ca](mailto:v.mitchell-veinotte@ns.legion.ca)**

The ad-hoc committee looks forward to your participation in this endeavor.

In Comradeship,

Steve Wessel  
Ad-Hoc Committee Chairman