

## AB99-01

**Purpose:** Regional Creation/Re-alignment

We, the members of the STARFLEET Regional Creation Committee, as established by vote of the Admiralty Board at the 1997 STARFLEET International Conference, present this resolution to the members of the Admiralty Board of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association for consideration.

- I. No new Region can be created by decree of the Commander, STARFLEET, the Executive Committee nor the Admiralty Board unless the new Region has been established by strict adherence to the guidelines as established in this proposal.
- II.
  - A. All current Regions shall be officially recognized as they are as of the time and date that this resolution is ratified by the Admiralty Board. As of 1 April 1999 the Regions of STARFLEET consisted of the following:
    - Region 01: Kentucky, Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia
    - Region 02: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean Islands
    - Region 03: Louisiana and Texas
    - Region 04: Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada
    - Region 05: Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington
    - Region 06: Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin
    - Region 07: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania
    - Region 08: Africa & the Middle East, including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Yemen, Israel, and United Arab Emirates
    - Region 09: Continental Europe, including the old Soviet States
    - Region 10: Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Yukon, and the western portion of the Northwest Territories
    - Region 11: Australia, East Indies, Indonesia, and New Zealand
    - Region 12: Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma
    - Region 13: Manitoba, Michigan, Ontario, and Nunavut
    - Region 14: Quebec, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island
    - Region 15: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont
    - Region 16: Guam, Japan, Micronesia, North Korea, South Korea, and Philippines
    - Region 17: Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming
    - Region 18: Mexico, Central America, and South America
    - Region 19: Asia, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma (Myanmar), China, Cambodia, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, and Taiwan
    - Region 20: Ireland and Great Britain

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- B. If a Shuttle is commissioned in an area outside the boundaries of a currently active Region the CO will act as chief representative to STARFLEET for the Region that the chapter resides within. As chief representative to STARFLEET, the CO will be asked to nominate a person to serve as the designate Admiralty Board liaison for the prospective Region. The Regional Liaison will be given the right to participate within the Admiralty Board with full AB privileges excluding voting rights. A veteran Regional Coordinator from a currently active Region will be selected by the Admiralty Board to act as a mentor and guide for the prospective Region until such time as the Region is fully activated.

### III.

- A. Once the shuttle is commissioned as a full chapter, the prospective Region will be allowed to select or designate an "acting Regional Coordinator," who will participate in matters of the Admiralty Board with full AB privileges – except that the acting Regional Coordinator shall have voting rights only if the acting Regional Coordinator otherwise meets the criteria set forth in Section IIIC. At this time the designated area will be assigned a Region number by the Admiralty Board (if applicable).
- B. Once a second full-chapter has been firmly established within a single-chapter Region the CO of the first full-chapter in the new Region will continue to act as "Acting Regional Coordinator" until an election for the office of Regional Coordinator commences at the earliest convenience of the members and chapters within said Region. This shall take place no later than sixty days following the establishment of a second full-chapter within the Region.
- C. It is highly desirable that Regional Coordinators, as members of the board of directors of STARFLEET, the corporation, should have personal experience in business generally and specifically in the business of the fleet. Therefore, until an elected Regional Coordinator has a minimum of one year's membership in STARFLEET and has completed OTS and OCC, he or she will be a non-voting member of the Admiralty Board, but shall otherwise have all other rights and privileges of membership on the board.
- D. Once a full-chapter has been firmly established within a nation not currently part of an existing Region but bordering a currently existing single-chapter Region the new full-chapter will have the right to choose either of two options:
  - 1. The new full-chapter may elect to join the Region that it currently borders. In this case Clause IIIB shall apply.
  - 2. The new full-chapter may elect not to join the Region that it currently borders. In this case Clause IIB shall apply.

- IV. A vote for the office of Regional Coordinator will commence once a second full-chapter has been firmly established in a new Region. This vote shall involve all members within said Region (who are paid members of STARFLEET at the time the vote shall commence), be they attached to the two chapters in said Region, associate members, or members assigned to chapters outside said Region. Only members within said Region will be allowed to participate in the election. Typically, the COs of the two chapters shall be the candidates for Regional Coordinator, however, the nomination of candidates shall be a choice made from each chapter within said Region. A chapter may choose to abstain from nominating a candidate.

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- V. If a once thriving Region with many chapters is reduced to only one full chapter, said Region shall remain an "active" Region. The current Regional Coordinator for said Region will continue their responsibilities as a Regional Coordinator with full Admiralty Board privileges.
- VI. If a Region no longer has any full-chapters within its boundaries, said Region shall be "shut down." The acting Regional Coordinator or Regional Coordinator of said Region shall be removed from office without replacement, however the number assigned to the recently deactivated Region will still remain valid. A full investigation by the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET will then commence to determine the cause for the shut down of the said Region. The Chief of Operations will then present his/her findings to the AB within sixty days of the shut down of said Region.
- VII. If an area of a currently existing Region or Regions wishes to separate from the Region(s) in which they reside, certain conditions must first be met:
  - A. Said area must contain at least two full-chapters.
  - B. Said area must have boundaries based upon pre-established state, provincial or national<sup>1</sup> borders. No state, province or nation<sup>1</sup> shall be shared, in whole or in part, by more than one Region. Additionally, areas wishing to form their own Region must also share a common border and not alienate an existing portion of a Region from the rest of the Region.
  - C. The chief representative of the group of chapters wishing to form a new Region must first notify in writing, by registered postal mail, all chapters within the affected area, in addition to the Regional Coordinator/s of the Region/s in which the affected area is located, of their intentions before submitting a petition to the Admiralty Board for their consideration.
  - D. The chief representative of the group of chapters wishing to form a new Region must file a petition, including the signatures of no less than SIXTY-SIX percent of the combined full-chapter Commanding Officers and Executive Officers in the affected area, with the Admiralty Board. This petition must conclusively indicate that the creation of a new Region is a justifiable benefit to all members and chapters in the affected area.
  - E. Within sixty days after receipt of a petition for a new Region, the AB shall vote to approve or disapprove of the petition.
- VIII. Upon AB approval of the above mentioned petition, all members in good standing of STARFLEET, either assigned to chapters within said area, or unassigned and residing within said area, shall be entitled to participate in a vote to either approve or disapprove of the establishment of a new Region in said area.
  - A. The balloting concerning the establishment of a new Region shall be conducted by the Inspector General, STARFLEET or a designated member of his/her staff.
  - B. The chief representative of the petitioners requesting the vote must provide the Inspector General, STARFLEET with the funds necessary to carry out the vote. This amount is to be determined based on the number of members being polled and resources needed to conduct the balloting with.

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<sup>1</sup> Outside of the United States and Canada

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- C. It is recommended that balloting shall commence no later than thirty days after AB approval of the petition and take no longer than sixty days from the time the ballots are mailed to the members of said area until the time when the ballots are due back for counting.
- D. Once the balloting deadline has passed, only ballots postmarked and received within 10 working days of the deadline will be counted. The Inspector General, STARFLEET has thirty days to report the outcome of the balloting to the Admiralty Board and to the Executive Committee. If the outcome of the balloting is not reported within thirty days, a second vote, supervised by a STARFLEET member of the Admiralty Board's choosing, may be ordered by the Admiralty Board.
- E. The outcome of the balloting is final. If said area approves the motion for establishment as a new Region, said area shall be granted full Regional status. If the balloting disapproves, said area shall remain a part of the Region/s they attempted to separate from for no less than 2 years until a new vote may be called. If for whatever reasons a special case arises that may require or benefit from having a re-vote at an earlier date, then these cases may be referred to the Admiralty Board, who may review and approve or disapprove such a vote at their discretion. If the Admiralty Board finds that such a vote is warranted, it will be conducted under the guidelines set forth above. The practice of having only the states, provinces or nations<sup>1</sup> that approve of the motion forming the new Region will not be allowed. The outcome of the balloting will either approve of the motion for the entire area as a whole or disapprove of the motion for the entire area as a whole.
- IX. Upon establishment as a Region, a vote for Regional Coordinator shall commence immediately (no later than sixty days after the establishment of the new Region). All members of said new Region shall participate in this vote. See Item IV for voting procedures.
- X. Once a new Region has been established and a new Regional Coordinator elected, all requirements, obligations and responsibilities of the office of Regional Coordinator, as described in the STARFLEET Constitution, STARFLEET Member Handbook and STARFLEET By-laws, shall apply at all times.
- XI. This resolution shall become active upon majority vote of the members of the Admiralty Board.
- XII. Addendum

Current status of the Regions of STARFLEET assuming this resolution has already been approved by the AB (as of 1 January 1999):

Region 01: 2+ chapters, RC  
Region 02: 2+ chapters, RC  
Region 03: 2+ chapters, RC  
Region 04: 2+ chapters, RC  
Region 05: 2+ chapters, RC  
Region 06: 2+ chapters, RC  
Region 07: 2+ chapters, RC  
Region 10: 2+ chapters, RC

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Region 11: 1 chapters, RC  
Region 12: 2+ chapters, RC  
Region 13: 2+ chapters, RC  
Region 15: 2+ chapters, RC  
Region 17: 2+ chapters, RC

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