

Vote on AB00-01 Motion to replace Article 4, Section 2 of the STARFLEET Constitution

Vote started June 26, 2000

Vote ended July 27, 2000

Text of resolution:

As ordered by the Admiralty Board of STARFLEET, the following text is to be placed on the Official Ballot and presented to the Membership for ratification.

If approved by a simple majority of the membership of STARFLEET, Article 4, Section 2 is to be replaced with the following wording:

Commanding and Executive Officer

The Commanding Officer must meet all of the qualifications for office as set forth in the current STARFLEET Membership Handbook and be at least 18 years of age. A CO serves at the pleasure of his/her crew and can be removed by such if so desired. After the individual chapter decides upon the CO, the appointment will either be affirmed or denied by the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET based on a review of the potential CO meeting the above criteria as well as being a member in good standing. Without compelling reasons to the contrary, denial is based solely on the inability to meet the above criteria. In such cases, the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET is expected to inform the potential CO of these shortcomings and give him/her not less than 60 days to correct them. The potential CO can continue to serve as Interim CO during this period.

All COs shall be responsible for sending a monthly chapter status report to their Regional Coordinator as well as the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET or the Director, Shuttle Operations Command, as they may be required to do so in the manner set forth in the current Membership Handbook or Shuttle Operations Command Manual. In addition to all duties imposed by law, all COs are responsible for the general welfare and administration of their chapters or chapters-in-training, as well as the administration and disbursement of their ship's or shuttle's funds and the maintenance of the chapter's financial records.

COs in general are expected to set an example for their fellow crew members while also promoting the ideals of STARFLEET and Star Trek in general. They are also expected to aid in fostering growth and harmony within their chapters while trying to keep discord at a minimum.

Each STARFLEET chapter and shuttle is required to have an Executive Officer who, in addition to meeting the specific requirements laid out in the STARFLEET Membership Handbook, must also meet the above qualifications so that they may assume the position of Commanding Officer if necessary.

Explanation of Amendment IV by Chris Wallace

Though the position of Commanding Officer is well-defined in the Constitution, it says little to nothing about the position of the Executive Officer. Since the Executive Officer would succeed the Commanding Officer should the CO be unable to continue, it seems prudent that the XO be mentioned, as well.

It should be noted that the entire main body of the Section is unchanged from the original. Only the final paragraph has been added and the Section title changed. While this Amendment could probably have been written by just changing the title and adding the final paragraph, by repealing and replacing the Section, when it comes time to draft the next Constitution, the wording is already there.

The motion was made by Region 5 (Chris Wallace, Region 5 Representative), and seconded by Region 7 (Jessie Smith).

Report of the voting:

R01: Aye	R06: Aye	R12: Aye
R02: Aye	R07: Aye	R13: Aye
R03: Aye	R09: Aye	R15: Aye
R04: Aye	R10: Aye	R17: Aye
R05: Aye	R11: Aye	

By a vote of 14:00:00 this motion passes