

Vote on AB02-05: Renaming of Shuttle Operations Command to Shakedown Operations Command

Vote started date June 11, 2002

Vote ended June 24, 2002

Text of resolution:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Admiralty Board,

In consultation with Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, outgoing Director of Shuttle Operations Command, and the Shuttle Operations Staff, we would like to change the name of this department from "Shuttlecraft Operations Command" to "Shakedown Operations Command".

Instead of vessels launching as "shuttles" with a registry of NCC-(mothership)/(shuttle number), they would now launch as "shakedown chapters" with their registry as NX-(number). Though these vessels will be chapters, they would still be under the same nine to twelve month program as is currently employed for shuttles and they would have the same restrictions placed on them (unable to nominate for CS elections, etc.).

The reason for this change is to more closely reflect the currently typical relationship between a chapter-in-training and it's support/mother ship, which has evolved over the years the Shuttlecraft Program has been in operation. It will also serve to erase the "stigma" some place on the idea of shuttles, as well as recognize them as peers and not "little brothers and sisters", by treating them as starships on their "shakedown cruise".

Article 10, Section 3 of the STARFLEET Constitution, 2001 Edition, allows the Admiralty Board, by a two-thirds vote, to make "Cosmetic Changes" to the Constitution without requiring a vote of the membership. For your review, I am including the section below:

"Section 3: Cosmetic Changes

Should it be necessary to amend this Constitution to correct misspellings, mistakes in numbering, or similar grammatical errors, the Admiralty Board by two-thirds vote may authorize such cosmetic amendments, except that no such amendment may have the intent or effect of altering the basic meaning, purpose, or function of any Constitutional provision. Any and all substantive changes in this Constitution must be undertaken as set forth in Article 10, Sections 1 and 2."

To that end, I would like to request that the Admiralty Board consider invoking Article 10, Section 3 to make the following change: All instances of "Shuttle Operations Command (ShOC)" shall be renamed "Shakedown Operations Command (ShOC)". I believe that as only the name is changing, and not the duties as defined *in the Constitution*, such a change falls under Article 10, Section 3.

For your review, this is the current Article 4, Section 5:
"Director of Shuttle Operations Command

The Director of Shuttle Operations Command reports monthly to the Commander, STARFLEET and is responsible for overseeing and administering the STARFLEET Shuttle Operations Program as defined in the current Membership Handbook and Shuttle Operations Command Manual, which includes providing an updated list of all newly-launched shuttles to the Chief of Computer Operations. The Director of Shuttle Operations Command shall be at least 23 years old."

And this would be the amended Article 4, Section 5:

"Director of Shakedown Operations Command

The Director of Shakedown Operations Command reports monthly to the Commander, STARFLEET and is responsible for overseeing and administering the STARFLEET Shakedown Operations Program as defined in the current Membership Handbook and Shakedown Operations Command Manual, which includes providing an updated list of all newly-launched chapters in shakedown to the Chief of Computer Operations. The Director of Shakedown Operations Command shall be at least 23 years old."

Obviously, the Membership Handbook shall need to be changed, but I am currently working on a 2003 Edition to reflect the changes that will take place should the CS Amendment (and, if sent to the ballot by the AB, the CFO Amendment) be ratified by the membership. ShOC is also working on updating our manuals to reflect the changes.

This resolution will require at least ten votes to pass as a "Cosmetic Amendment". Due to time constraints with the closeness of the election, should this resolution fail to gain at least ten votes, but does gain eight or nine, I request that it then be sent on to the Membership for final ratification with the Presidential Amendment and (if approved by the AB) the Chief Financial Officer Amendment.

I would appreciate it if an RC would make a motion to move this to debate as Admiralty Board Resolution 02-05.

Submitted by:

Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace

Director, STARFLEET Shuttlecraft Operations Command

Motion was made and seconded by unknown Region Coordinators.

Report of the voting:

R01: Nay

R02: Nay

R03: Nay

R04: Aye

R05: Nay

R06: Nay

R07: Aye

R09: Abstain

R10: Nay

R11: Aye

R12: Nay

R13: Abstain

R15: Nay

R17: Aye

By a vote of 04:10:02 this motion failed