

# Ballot Items to Be Considered by 2023 Ruritan National Convention Delegates

In addition to casting votes for a slate of Ruritan National officers, delegates at the 2023 Ruritan National Convention will also consider these ballot items.

## Ballot Item One

### Approved Board Motion 22-03-06

#### District Convention Delegate calculation – Adult clubs

##### **Current: ARTICLE IV, Section 2 Paragraph D 2. Delegates –Adult Clubs.**

*Each adult club shall be entitled to one (1) delegate to the district convention for each 10 club members or major fraction thereof; provided, however, that each member club shall be entitled to at least two (2) delegates at any convention. In the absence of any club delegate from the floor of the district convention, the alternate delegate from the club of the absent delegate shall be entitled to vote.*

##### **Proposed: ARTICLE IV, Section 2 Paragraph D 2. Delegates – Adult Clubs.**

Each adult club shall be entitled to **one (1) delegate to the district convention for each 5 club members** or major fraction thereof; provided, however, that each member club shall be entitled to at least two (2) delegates at any convention. In the absence of any club delegate from the floor of the district convention, the alternate delegate from the club of the absent delegate shall be entitled to vote.

**RATIONALE:** This change would bring District Convention delegates in line with National Convention delegates as listed in the National Bylaws.

## Ballot Item Two

### Approved Board Motion 22-03-07

#### Order of Parliamentary Authority

##### **Current: ARTICLE XV Parliamentary Authority**

*The rules contained in the newly revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the meetings of Ruritan National in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with these bylaws and any special rules of order which the Ruritan adopts.*

##### **Proposed: ARTICLE XV Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained within the National Bylaws, Policies and Procedures shall govern this organization in all cases. In the absence of guidance in the National Bylaws, Policies and Procedures the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order will apply.

**RATIONALE:** This proposes no change in policy but reordering of the current statement to properly show order of authority.

## Ballot Item Three

### Approved Board Motion 22-03-08

#### Method of Notification for Bylaws Amendment

##### **Current: ARTICLE XVI Amendment of Bylaws**

*Amendments to these bylaws shall only be made at a Ruritan National Convention by two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting, providing the proposed amendments shall have been presented to and approved by the BOD. Notice of any proposed amendment approved by the BOD shall be published in the Ruritan National Magazine at least 30 days before the opening of the next scheduled Ruritan National Convention.*

##### **Proposed: ARTICLE XVI Amendment of Bylaws**

Amendments to these bylaws shall only be made at a Ruritan National Convention by two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting, providing the proposed amendments shall have been presented to and approved by the BOD. **Notice of any proposed amendment approved by the BOD shall be given to all Clubs at least 30 days before the opening of the next scheduled Ruritan National Convention.**

**RATIONALE:** The reason for this motion is to allow for multiple means of notifying delegates of proposed ballot issues.

## Ballot Item Four

Approved Board Motion 22-03-26

### Mission Statement

#### **Current Article II, Section 2, Mission Statement:**

*“Ruritan National is a national organization dedicated to improving communities and building a better America through Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service.”*

#### **Proposed Article II, Section 2, Mission Statement:**

“Ruritan is a National Civic Organization whose individual clubs are dedicated to surveying and fulfilling the needs of local communities.”

**RATIONALE:** To provide a clearer and more concise Mission Statement. The motto will remain the same: “Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service.”

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