

CRP Spring 2019 Convention - Bylaw Proposal #8
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CAGOP -- Proxy Bylaw Change Proposal – submitted by Harmeet K. Dhillon, RNC
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2.02.03

(B) Proxies.

(1) At any meeting of the Committee, any regular, appointive or associate delegate may be designated as a proxy for up to ~~two~~ one delegate, provided such proxy-giving delegate has not previously submitted a proxy during the delegate's current term. Delegates who serve four-year terms may give a proxy once in any two-year Committee cycle, commencing with the organizing convention. At any meeting of the Committee, any such proxy or proxies shall be submitted to the Chairman or the Chairman of the Proxies and Credentials Committee no later than 12:00 noon on the Saturday preceding the Sunday business session. Any proxy submitted by a delegate who submitted a proxy for a prior Committee meeting during his or her term, shall be null and void.

(2) Proxies for any convention or meeting of the Committee shall be in the form prescribed by the Board of Directors and shall be made in writing under penalty of perjury by the person giving the proxy. The use of a photocopy of an approved form shall not be a reason to invalidate the proxy.

(3) A person who has granted a proxy in the prescribed form may revoke or change a proxy only in writing under penalty of perjury. Where more than one proxy is given by a delegate, the one dated subsequently shall be given effect over the one dated earlier. Any writing which revokes or changes a proxy must be received by the Committee not later than the date and time set forth in subsection 2.02.03(B)(1), and shall indicate the name of the person whose proxy is revoked, the date said proxy was given, and the name of any person or agent to whom the proxy form was given. Revocation of a proxy and/or submission of a substitute proxy for the same convention shall not count as multiple proxy uses during the delegate's term, as proscribed by 2.02.03(B)(1), above.

Commentary

The purpose of this bylaw proposal is to stem excessive proxy use by allowing the use of a proxy one time during a delegate's two-year term (for four-year delegates, (senate candidate/nominee, committeeman/woman, etc.) one use every two years is permitted), and limiting the number of proxies any given delegate or associate delegate may carry, to one. The latter change is meant to encourage delegate attendance and associate delegate engagement. The purpose of proxies as a convenience to account for illness, scheduling conflicts, or armed forces service, is accomplished by allowing this one time in a two-year term.