

Dear Club Presidents and Members,

This notice is to inform you that ByLaws changes warrant the election of certain FFF Southern Council Executive Board Member/ Officer positions. Due to the amendments, which passed earlier this year, our Policies and Procedures no longer allow proxy voting. To accommodate members of the FFF Southern Council that **will not be able to attend** our General Board Meeting on Sunday, October 4, 2009 in Mountain Home, AR, we will be offering this absentee ballot for their convenience. They may cast their vote via email or US Post starting September 15, 2009 and ending September 27, 2009. Please forward this to all your club members that are currently FFF members.

Please return your absentee ballot via email or to the US postal address listed at the bottom of this letter no later than September 27, 2009.

THE SOUTHERN COUNCIL
of the
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

Per the newly adopted provisions under the POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL {Section IV: Special Configuration of Election Procedures for Executive Committee} And in keeping with {S.O.C. By-Laws: Article VI – Board of Directors (Replacements)}

Basically this is to provide a provision to not have a majority of the Executive positions out of office at any one time. When this occurs it leaves a void of experience and knowledge of how the basics of the Federation of Fly Fishers and moreover how the Southern Council works. For this reason the re-alignment of the positions is provided as to keep all positions covered and only 1/3 of the body up for election at any one given year. This is strictly a procedural issue and if you wish to review the complete article, it is attached with this message.

Also there are Executive Board Members added to the body, this is in keeping with the previous By-Laws of the Southern Council. This has not been accomplished in the past and allows us to bring the Board up to its' full number and allows all sections of the Council which have the same representation as others.

IV. Special configuration of Election Procedures for Executive Board

In a effort to eliminate, as much as possible, the continued problem of individuals approaching the end of the time of their elected position - and one fourth, one half or even all of the members being replaced - has caused a problem in the past as to "Pass On" instructions and the continuity of the workings of the Executive Committee.

With this in mind we are making an exception to the normal election terms of the individuals to alleviate this issue. The Elections will be broken down to one third 1/3 of the Board positions up for election during a three year time element. After this action, the fourth year the board should be in such a configuration that only 1/3 of the Executive Committee members will be replaced.

This will allow the Executive Committee to have the experience and personal to allow the Council to continue with the needed information, logistical knowledge and applied experience to keep the Council moving without interruption for the benefit of the entire body.

During the first year of the "Phased Elections" the following Board positions will be up for election for a two-year term. This change in the Election Process will begin as of the October 2009 elections.

President and Vice President of Education are coming up one year early and two newly added board positions are on the ballot. Past President will remain the same.

During the second year of the "Phased Elections" Vice President of Conservation, Executive Vice President, Outreach Chair, and two Board Members positions will be up for election for a two-year term.

To accommodate the change the offices of Vice President of Development, Vice President of Communications, Treasurer and two Board members were extended to a three year term and will be elected to a two year term in the final phase.

{ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Section 13,
*FULL PARAGRAPH} VACANCIES.

"Any vacancy in the Council Board caused by death, resignation, removal, increase of number of Directors, or any other cause, shall be filled by appointment from the President with the Advice and Consent of the Council Board for the unexpired portion of the term."

ASENTEE BALLOT
ELECTION OF OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2010
2010 Slate of Officers:

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	President: Michael Ames
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	Past President will remain: Sheryl Knight
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	Vice President of Education: Larry Wegman (Missouri)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	Board Member: Dick Turnbull (Oklahoma)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	Board Member: Kurt Moomau – (Kansas)

You may vote “Yes” , “No” or “Abstain” for each choice.

Please return your absentee ballot by September 27, 2009 via email to: mngdir@southerncouncilfff.org
or via US postal address:

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Thank you,

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