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Amendment: Regulate the number of elected positions
Section: Currently not identified in the NWBA Bylaws or Guidelines
Proposed by: NWBA Member, Dan Ferreira – Vice Chairman, Division III

Summary of Proposed Change

I would like to submit a proposal that regulates the number of elected positions that a single member can hold at one time as well as limiting a member team to one elected member per division committee.

Current Bylaw:

Currently, there are no regulations in place for number of division committee positions an individual can hold, or the number of representatives a team can have on a single division committee.

Proposed Bylaw

Propose to add:

Section 11.6: Division Committee Regulation

Any member in good standing can hold an elected position on any division committee of their choice.

1. A member may only hold a single elected position at one time within any of the division committees.
2. Any NWBA team in good standing may only have a single elected member on any division committee at one time.
3. All current division committee members during the 2015/16 season holding multiple offices or a team with more than one representative on any committee will have till the completion of the 2016/17 season to select a committee that they will focus upon.
 - a. Any open positions will be filled utilizing established NWBA bylaws and division rules.

Rationale for change

Over the NWBA's recent history, the leadership has continued to shrink. Not because our membership has decreased, but because a number of people have taken on more responsibility. This has created a smaller voice for the membership in an organization that has been in a recent state of flux. It is my opinion that by limiting the number of offices a person and team have, the NWBA will have more people representing the diversity that exists in our organization. It will also give those dedicated individuals more time to dedicate to a division which should help a division committee's ability to get more work completed for its membership.

Right now we have a problem in our organization where power base in our organization is small and as an organization we are not identifying, educating, and preparing our membership for leadership within the NWBA.

Lastly, there are voices who speak about the NWBA not representing the interests of the membership or the game. The hope is that by creating diversity within our committees, the NWBA will be better able to serve its membership.