

PROPOSAL NO: 2018-01

IRA Constitution, Article VII, Section IV. VOTING

Sponsors: IRA Stewards and Commissioner

Intent: To encourage full member participation in all votes pertaining to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association

Constitution: Amend Article VII, Section IV. Voting

Current:

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Proposed

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B. If the institution's athletic director is unavailable for in person vote(s) at the Association Annual Meeting, regarding amendments to the IRA Constitution and/or Bylaws, the institution's vote(s) must be cast by absentee ballot in advance of the Annual Meeting, by means approved by the IRA Board of Stewards, or hand delivered to the meeting by the institution's designated representative.

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: As the Association has moved out of infancy and into less turbulent waters the attendance at the Annual Meeting by voting members has diminished significantly. Important issues will continue to arise periodically and the Stewards want to ensure that all the members and their administrative representatives exercise their rights and duties when called upon to do so.