

**ANB – ANS**  
WRANGELL, ALASKA – October 2015

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-28**

Sponsored by Executive Committees of the Alaska Native Sisterhood and Alaska Native Brotherhood

Title: A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND CHANGES TO THE 2011 ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD (ANB) & ALASKA NATIVE SISTERHOOD (ANS) CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, The Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood are two fraternal organizations operating under one Constitution. Both organizations were formed in the early 1900s; they are dedicated to the advocacy of civil rights, health, education, welfare, employment, economic justice and citizenship; and,

WHEREAS, The ANS Executive Committee agreed at their August 2015 meeting to continue this format: two organizations operating under one Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, a civil rights organization should have a focused mission with goals and practices it can hold up as exemplary including equal treatment of and opportunity for its member; and

WHEREAS, The 1994 Constitution was respectfully retired by the adoption of the 2011 Constitution by a four-fifths majority at the 2011 Grand Camp in Klawock; and,

WHEREAS, That 2011 Constitution was amended on the floor to include a motion by ANS Executive Committeewoman Mary Guthrie that “wherever ANB is, there should be ANS”; and,

WHEREAS, in June 2012 the ANB Executive Committee moved the 2011 Constitutional Amendments not previously noticed to local camps be ratified at the 2012 Grand Camp Convention in order to stand. Over the last 3 years there were 3 opportunities to ratify the amendments made at the 2011 Grand Camp Convention, in 2012, 2013 and 2014 and the amendments are unratified and these amendments are missing in the Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, the 2011 Constitution does not reflect current practices and actions, nor does it allow the Alaska Native Sisterhood equal representation; and,

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section I states “The President of the ANB or his designee shall preside at Grand Camp and make appointments unless provided otherwise in this Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, Article VI states the ANB Executive Committee includes only the ANS Grand President, excluding all other ANS Executives (current officers and past Grand Presidents) from attending; and,

WHEREAS, These are changes necessary to certain Articles and Sections to achieve the equity sought by the Alaska Native Sisterhood and which need to be stated correctly in the Constitution; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp meeting in Wrangell, Alaska, October 7-10, 2015, that the delegates authorize a committee of twelve—2 ANB Executive Committee members, 2 ANS Executive Committee members, 2 ANB Grand Officers, 2 ANS Grand Officers, 2 ANB local camp members, and 2 ANS local camp members—to be agreed upon by the 2015-2016 ANB and ANS Grand Presidents. The committee will review Articles and Sections of the 2011 Constitution and Bylaws to reflect current practices and actions of the ANB and ANS. Using the 2011 Constitution and Bylaws as a guideline, this committee will recommend possible changes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Constitution and Bylaws committee meetings will be held mostly by teleconference beginning November 2015 and continuing through August 2016, as necessary; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee will seek input from all local camps during the 2015/16 year; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Constitution and Bylaws Committee will present copies of their proposed changes to local camps 90 calendar days in advance of the 2016 Juneau Convention so that their delegates will have a full opportunity to consider the committee recommendations.



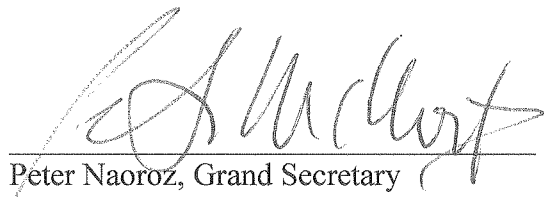
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