

The NLS is announcing a late submission for a bylaw change to be voted on at the upcoming annual meeting. This proposal suggests adding the Regional Coordinators as voting member delegates, regardless of their secretariat status. It entitles each RC to one vote per person.

All delegates are strongly encouraged to read the proposal below bylaw and familiarize yourself with the proposed amendments. Please be prepared to discuss and vote on this proposal at the 2026 Annual Gathering in July.

Bylaw 4.2 to the National Lutheran Secretariat Constitution currently reads as follows:

Bylaw 4.2

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Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 4.2 (highlighted)

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Regional Coordinators (RCs) shall also be delegates with full rights to vote at the Annual Meeting, and any other legally called meeting.