

Motion 2504FVC01 – Board Experience Requirement

Motion for a one-time suspension of Rules & Regulations Section 13, B.1.c. for the position of Finance Vice Chair only.

Purpose: We have identified a quality candidate for the position of Finance Vice Chair, who is willing to serve, has already been attending Finance Committee meetings, and has met with current members to discuss the position in detail. He currently does not have board experience, as 13.B.1.c. states, but his expert knowledge in the field of finance and his membership in Pacific Swimming as an official, make him a great candidate to fill this position. It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that we suspend the rule this time as the intent of the rule is to prevent someone with no involvement with the board from running for a high-level office.

Section 13 cited below for reference. No amendment to the rule is being made.

SECTION 13

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

B. Eligibility

1. Only Individual Members in good standing shall be eligible to hold office and must maintain their eligibility throughout their term of office. In addition, a candidate shall only be eligible for the offices of General Chair, Administrative Vice Chair, Finance Vice Chair, Program Operations Vice Chair, or Program Development Vice Chair, if that person:
 - a. has served as a Pacific Board member (Voting or Voice Member) for at least two years prior to seeking election for those offices and was an "active participant" during that term (attended at least 70 % of the Board Meetings during the time he or she served on the Board).
 - b. and shall have been **actively involved in some BOD functions** (BOD member, member of a BOD Standing Committee, Ad Hoc Committee, and/or Task Force) within the past 6 years. (Bylaws 2016, Passed HOD, submitted for USA-S approval June 25, 2016 - Bylaws revision withdrawn by Pacific Swimming over objections by USA-S reviewer)