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ARTICLE XIII

SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS

SECTION 1. All subjects considered or acted upon by this Chamber shall be national in character, timely in importance, and general in application to business and industry.

SECTION 2. All propositions, resolutions, or questions, except those which involve points of order or matters of personal privilege, shall be submitted for action in writing only by the organization members, or by the National Council, or by the Board of Directors: *Provided*, That by consent of two-thirds of the delegates present at a meeting a subject not so presented may be considered.

SECTION 3. When an organization member desires to present a subject for the consideration of this Chamber it shall commit its proposals to writing in the form of a resolution duly adopted by said organization or its governing body and forward it to the Secretary.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to bring this subject before the Board of Directors by mail, or at its first meeting, whereupon the Directors shall decide whether or not the subject is of national character, timely in importance and general in application to business and industry. If the Board of Directors decides that a subject submitted by an organization member is not of national character, timely in importance, and general in application to business and industry, and should not therefore be submitted to the membership for consideration, the proposing member may appeal from the decision of the Board to the National Council at any meeting of that body or by mail through the office of the Secretary. If the National Council decides by a majority vote that the subject should be referred to the membership it shall be incumbent on the Board of Directors to order its submission.

SECTION 4. If the eligibility of the subject has been determined the Board of Directors shall decide whether the subject shall be submitted for consideration by the Chamber in annual or special meeting or by referendum.

SECTION 5. REFERENDUM. A subject to be submitted to referendum shall as soon as practicable be referred to a committee for report. If the report when received is in proper and adequate form for submission to the membership, the Board of Directors shall order it to be incorporated in a referendum pamphlet without committing itself in favor or against any of its recommendations, but if not in proper and adequate form it shall refer it back to the committee or appoint a new committee to report on the subject.

SECTION 6. The referendum pamphlet shall contain in addition to the report itself a brief of the major arguments against the recommendations of the committee and such other matter as the Board may deem advisable. If the subject has been submitted by a member organization, said organization shall have the privilege of incorporating in the pamphlet a brief of such length as the Board may determine. The pamphlet shall also contain a ballot upon which the member organizations may register their votes respecting the questions submitted.

SECTION 7. The pamphlet in the form in which it is approved by the Board shall be transmitted to each member of the Chamber in good standing and simultaneously the Secretary shall mail a copy to the National Councilor representing each organization member.

SECTION 8. The pamphlet shall be accompanied by a notice from the Secretary that each organization member is expected to register its vote on the ballot in writing and mail said ballot to reach the National Headquarters within 45 days from the date of issuance of the pamphlet. Each organization may cast one such vote for each delegate to which it is entitled in the annual meeting. [An organization having 25 members or less is entitled to one delegate and for each 200 additional members in excess of 25 one additional delegate, but no organization is entitled to more than ten delegates.] No vote shall be valid unless received by the Secretary within 45 days of the date of the mailing of the pamphlet. In connection with its vote each organization member may file such explanation, comment, or opinion as it may desire.

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