Allow CD Bylaws to Prescribe a Proxy & Remove Officer Proxies

Problem: The current system both allows the CD chair to unilaterally select their proxy and requires the CD chair to actively designate a proxy, otherwise the district is unable to cast a vote at an SCC meeting.

Solution: Authorize the district bylaws to prescribe the proxy succession and automatically designate the proxy.

Benefits: Gives members in the district the opportunity to influence what the proxying process will be for their district. Creates a higher probability that a district will be represented in an SCC meeting.

Current Wording

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Proposed Amendment

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If Adopted, Will Read

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MARK-UP LEGEND

- o In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- o Deletions are in red bold italic strikethrough.
- o Additions are in blue bold underline.
- o Per LPVA Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, amending the constitution requires a 2/3 vote to pass.
 - Exceptions defined in Section 2 of the same article require 4/5 vote to pass and 90 days notice.
 - Article I, Section 2
 - Article VIII, Section 2
 - Article IX
 - Article X
- Per RONR t8 #13, the convention special rules of order require a 2/3 vote with notice or a majority of the entire convention membership