





'Partners Start Your Engines and Race to Finish Updating Your Constitution and Bylaws'

Whenever La Boutique Nationale revises the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules, Salons must review theirs to ensure they comply.

Every Departementaux and Petit Salon should have a current Constitution and Bylaws with a set of Standing Rules. A copy of the Nationale Constitution with Bylaws and Standing Rules should also be available. Partners should research items not covered by these governing documents using Robert's Rules of Order most current edition.

The Departemental Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Departemental L'Avocate will be responsible for updating the Departemental Constitution and Bylaws. Usually, Salons must update approximately every three years—updates completed by January 1st. The <a href="National L'Avocate will need to receive four copies">National L'Avocate will need to receive four copies</a> for approval. Upon approval, <a href="National L'Avocate will send 3 copies to the National Constitution">National L'Avocate will send 3 copies to the National Constitution</a> and <a href="Bylaws Chairman">Bylaws Chairman</a>. A copy will remain with the L'Avocate Nationale, one will go to the Nationale Headquarters, one will stay on file with the Nationale Constitution and Bylaws Chairman, and one will be returned to the Departemental C & B Chairman. If you send only <a href="three copies">three copies</a>, then you will need to send one extra set of signature pages, and only the signature pages will be returned to your Departemental.

It is the responsibility of the Departemental Constitution and Bylaws Chairman to ensure all Petite Salons have a current Constitution and Bylaws on file with the Departemental.

The Departemental Constitution and Bylaws Chairmen will need to provide any changes made at the Nationale La Marche to the Petite Salons. Must submit updates and changes before **January 1st**.

Each Petite Salon will need to send three copies to the Departemental Chairman for approval. Upon approval, Departemental will return the original to the Petite Salon, one copy will remain with the Departemental L'Avocate, and one will stay with the Departemental Constitution and Bylaws Chairman.

Personal awards (incentives) for the first and second set of approved Departemental Constitution and Bylaws received before the deadline.

Salons that have not updated their Constitutions and Bylaws for years will need to do so.

This committee will inform all Departementaux of pertinent information through the National website under the heading Reports, then to the Constitution and Bylaws topic. Departementaux is responsible for reporting to the Petit Salons.

Please feel free to contact any member of the committee with any questions that arise. If we do not answer immediately, we will find out and get back with the researched answer.

"The strength of the Constitution lies in the will of the people to defend it."

Thomas Jefferson

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