

Vote on AB02-01: Election Coordinator Succession for the 2002 election

Vote started date February 4, 2002

Vote ended February 7, 2002

Text of resolution:

In order to be certain STARFLEET has an election coordinator for the year 2002, the following shall be the order of succession for the position of election coordinator:

STARFLEET Chief of Communications
STARFLEET Academy Commandant
STARFLEET Shuttle Operations Chief
STARFLEET Chief of Computer Operations
The STARFLEET Inspector General
Regional Coordinator Robert Westfall

The first person on this list shall act as Election Coordinator, unless they are unwilling or unable to as per the STARFLEET Constitution.

Motion was made by Region 7 (JC Cohen) and seconded by Region 5 (Scott Akers)

Report of the voting:

R01: Aye	R05: Aye	R10: Aye	R15: Aye
R02: Aye	R06: Aye	R11: Abstain	R17: Aye
R03: Aye	R07: Aye	R12: Aye	
R04: Aye	R09: Abstain	R13: Aye	

By a vote of 12:00:02 this motion passed

**Vote on AB02-01: Amendment to the Constitution:
Commander, STARFLEET Term of Office**

Vote started date May 1, 2002

Vote ended May 22, 2002

Text of resolution:

Article 8, Section 1 is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 1: Term of Office

The Commander, STARFLEET (President) and the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET (Vice-President) of the organization shall take office on January 1st of each year following the Fleet general elections, which shall be held every three years. The offices of President and Vice-President shall be filled by the slate of candidates. The electorate body in these elections shall be all members in good standing (as of August 1st of the Year of the election) of the organization. The slate that receives the plurality of votes cast by said body will take office at the date set forth above.

In the event an election for CS and VCS cannot take place, the incumbent Commander, STARFLEET must step down immediately at the close of his or her current term of office. The Admiralty Board shall then elect from its membership an Acting Commander, STARFLEET, who shall discharge the duties of President until such time as a STARFLEET general election can be called, with a timetable to be determined by the Admiralty Board and otherwise conforming to the general rules and regulations as a regular Commander, STARFLEET election. The Admiralty Board may choose to appoint the sitting CS as Acting CS instead of seeking someone from its membership, as long as this does not exceed the term limits listed below.

No person may hold the office of President for four consecutive years, or for more than six years total, and no person who has held the office of President for three consecutive years, or acted as President for more than half the duration of a term to which another person was elected, shall be eligible to take the office of President again until a minimum of three years have passed from their last day in the office of President.

Motion was made and seconded by unknown Region Coordinators.

Report of the voting:

R01: Aye	R05: Aye	R10: Aye	R15: Aye
R02: Aye	R06: Aye	R11: Aye	R17: Aye
R03: Aye	R07: Aye	R12: Aye	
R04: Aye	R09: Aye	R13: Aye	

By a vote of 14:00:00 this motion passed

Vote on AB02-03: Honorary Membership for Tammy Willcox

Vote started date April 10, 2002

Vote ended April 15, 2002

Text of resolution:

As per the recommendation of the STARFLEET Executive Committee, the STARFLEET Honorary Membership for 2002 is bestowed upon Tammy Willcox, of the USS Maat, STARFLEET Region1.

Motion was made and seconded by unknown Region Coordinators.

Report of the voting:

R01: Aye

R02: Aye

R03: Aye

R04: Aye

R05: Aye

R06: Aye

R07: Abstain

R09: Aye

R10: Aye

R11: Abstain

R12: Aye

R13: Aye

R15: Aye

R17: Aye

By a vote of 12:00:02 this motion passed

**Vote on AB02-04: Amendment to the Constitution: Chief
Financial Officer**

Vote started date May 21, 2002

Vote ended June 6, 2002

Text of resolution:

Explanatory Statement by Michael Malotte:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Admiralty Board,

As opposed to the usual form, where we present first the amendment and then the explanation, the amendment I am proposing is so pervasive that I feel it is best to explain my reasons for drafting it first.

When the Rickard Administration took office on January 1st, we appointed Tammy Willcox as STARFLEET Treasurer. I feel she has performed exceptionally in this role and has shown just how powerful and effective the Office of the Treasurer can be when filled with a solid candidate.

I cannot speak for past Administrations I have not been a part of, but in the Rickard Administration, the Treasurer is an integral and valued member in EC-level discussions with financial impact. In such discussions, her input on policy is equal to any other EC member's, even though she is a staff member. Since most EC decisions have financial impact, she is present for most of them.

I would like to note that the position of Treasurer is not even mentioned in the STARFLEET Constitution, whereas the Internal Auditor is. I wish to rectify this, but in a particular way.

I wish to elevate the Treasurer to the Executive Committee, with the new title of "Chief Financial Officer".

This will entitle changes to Articles 3, 4, 5, and 7 of the STARFLEET Constitution, which is why I wished to discuss this with you prior to actually presenting the amendment(s).

It should be stated that the Commander, STARFLEET, should continue to remain the final authority over, and be held ultimately responsible for, the finances of the Organization. Elevating the Treasurer to the EC shall not shift this authority or responsibility from the CS.

That being said, why make the Treasurer an EC member?

By elevating the Treasurer to the Executive Committee, they have the same voice in policy discussions as the rest of the EC. As Chief Financial Officer, they will be able to access the financial impact of policy decisions the EC is considering and provide that

*information to the decision-making process. With STARFLEET preparing both an Annual Budget and a Income/Expense Report each year, and the possibility of STARFLEET having surpluses measured in the *tens of thousands* of dollars within a few years, the CFO becomes a more critical position for future Administrations. As STARFLEET has larger and larger financial reserves, Administrations must be sure to spend such sums prudently. Just because we will have money, does not mean we should spend it with abandon. We cannot afford the excesses of the Stillwell Administration, where we spent \$20 on materials for a membership we charged \$10 for.*

While the CS has the power to fire any member of the EC or their staffs at will, dismissing a sitting EC member is much more high-profile than a staff member. Also, an EC member will be under much more scrutiny by the Admiralty Board and membership than a staff member. The CFO will also have the authority to express opinions on the EC/AB List and their opinions will be a matter of the Record.

Now to the specific changes:

Article 3, Section 2 - added the Chief Financial Officer as the eighth and final member of the Executive Committee.

Article 4, Sections 4 through 12 are all renumbered upward by one, to become Sections 5 through 13.

A new Article 4, Section 4 is then added to define the duties and requirements of the Chief Financial Officer.

Article 5, Section 3 is modified to note that there are now 13 sections in Article 4, as opposed to 12.

Article 7, Section 6 is changed to make all voucher checks two-signatures and the CFO and CS/VCS the two signatories. Right now, the CS alone can sign checks if they wish.

Article 7, Section 7 is changed to make the Annual Review optional, instead of mandatory, by a vote of the Admiralty Board. Frankly, with the monthly reporting in the CQ and to the AB, having an AB member being on the Disbursements List, and an annual budget and Income / Expenditures Report, the AB has a real-time picture of FLEET's financial picture and requiring a review is a waste of money. Plus, since I do not think STARFLEET follows the Standardized Principles of Accounting anyway, I am not sure what a CPA can say other than - "Well, I printed out the Money file and everything added up - as you already knew".

With that, I would like to present to you for your advice and consent the following proposed amendments to the STARFLEET Constitution:

Article 3, Section 2 is hereby modified as follows:

The administrative body of STARFLEET shall be the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET and consists of the following (in order of succession):

Commander, STARFLEET / President	Elected by the general membership.
Vice-Commander, STARFLEET / Vice President	Elected by the general membership as a slate candidate on the same ticket with the Commander, STARFLEET.
Chief of Operations	Appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET
Chief of Communications	Appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET
Commandant, STARFLEET Academy	Appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET
Director, Shuttle Operations Command	Appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET
Chief of Computer Operations	Appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET
Chief Financial Officer	Appointed by the Commander, STARFLEET

Article 4 is modified as follows:

Sections 4 through 12 are herewith numbered upward to become Sections 5 through 13, sequentially.

The following section shall be added:

Section 4: Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer reports monthly to the Commander, STARFLEET and the Admiralty Board on the financial state of the Organization. These reports shall include, at their minimum: the month-end balances of the STARFLEET General Fund Account and STARFLEET Scholarship Account; a record of all deposits, including the source of the deposit and amount; and a record of all disbursements, including the payee, check number, amount paid, and reason for disbursement (category). In addition, the Chief Financial Officer is expected to prepare a report with the same information for each issue of the STARFLEET Communiqué. The Chief Financial Officer shall open and maintain

the STARFLEET General Fund checking account, as well as being one of the signatories on all checks drawn on the account. The Chief Financial Officer shall be at least 23 years old.

Article 5, Section 3 is hereby modified as follows:

The STARFLEET Admiralty Board shall serve as the formal appellate body of STARFLEET. However, in the interests of not burdening the AB with the weight of all the appeals that could possibly be filed by the membership, a body of three members shall be convened as necessary to review all those appeals that do not fall under Section 2 of this article. This includes, but is not limited to, appeals of decisions of the EC against officers not covered under Article 4, Sections 2 through 13, inclusive, decisions of a Regional Coordinator, and decisions of a Chapter/Shuttle Commanding Officer.

Article 7, Section 6 shall be modified as follows:

All disbursements of STARFLEET shall be made by voucher checks, which shall show the date, payee, the type of service rendered or goods or property purchased, the budget line item into which they should fall and the amount of payment. All checks shall require dual signatures. The Chief Financial Officer shall be one of two signatories on all such checks, with the Commander, STARFLEET (or Vice Commander, STARFLEET if the CS is unavailable) the other signatory.

Article 7, Section 7 shall be modified as follows:

By majority vote, the Admiralty Board can direct the Executive Committee to provide for an annual review of the books of accounts of STARFLEET by independent certified public accountants that are in no way affiliated with or related to any member of STARFLEET. The CPA shall be selected by the Inspector General, STARFLEET and approved by a majority vote of the Admiralty Board.

Motion was made and seconded by unknown Region Coordinators.

Report of the voting:

R01: Aye	R05: Aye	R10: Aye	R15: Aye
R02: Aye	R06: Nay	R11: Aye	R17: Aye
R03: Nay	R07: Aye	R12: Nay	
R04: Aye	R09: Nay	R13: Aye	

By a vote of 10:04:00 this motion passed

Vote on AB02-05: Renaming of Shuttle Operations Command to Shakedown Operations Command

Vote started date June 11, 2002

Vote ended June 24, 2002

Text of resolution:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Admiralty Board,

In consultation with Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, outgoing Director of Shuttle Operations Command, and the Shuttle Operations Staff, we would like to change the name of this department from "Shuttlecraft Operations Command" to "Shakedown Operations Command".

Instead of vessels launching as "shuttles" with a registry of NCC-(mothership)/(shuttle number), they would now launch as "shakedown chapters" with their registry as NX-(number). Though these vessels will be chapters, they would still be under the same nine to twelve month program as is currently employed for shuttles and they would have the same restrictions placed on them (unable to nominate for CS elections, etc.).

The reason for this change is to more closely reflect the currently typical relationship between a chapter-in-training and it's support/mother ship, which has evolved over the years the Shuttlecraft Program has been in operation. It will also serve to erase the "stigma" some place on the idea of shuttles, as well as recognize them as peers and not "little brothers and sisters", by treating them as starships on their "shakedown cruise".

Article 10, Section 3 of the STARFLEET Constitution, 2001 Edition, allows the Admiralty Board, by a two-thirds vote, to make "Cosmetic Changes" to the Constitution without requiring a vote of the membership. For your review, I am including the section below:

"Section 3: Cosmetic Changes

Should it be necessary to amend this Constitution to correct misspellings, mistakes in numbering, or similar grammatical errors, the Admiralty Board by two-thirds vote may authorize such cosmetic amendments, except that no such amendment may have the intent or effect of altering the basic meaning, purpose, or function of any Constitutional provision. Any and all substantive changes in this Constitution must be undertaken as set forth in Article 10, Sections 1 and 2."

To that end, I would like to request that the Admiralty Board consider invoking Article 10, Section 3 to make the following change: All instances of "Shuttle Operations Command (ShOC)" shall be renamed "Shakedown Operations Command (ShOC)". I believe that as only the name is changing, and not the duties as defined *in the Constitution*, such a change falls under Article 10, Section 3.

For your review, this is the current Article 4, Section 5:
"Director of Shuttle Operations Command

The Director of Shuttle Operations Command reports monthly to the Commander, STARFLEET and is responsible for overseeing and administering the STARFLEET Shuttle Operations Program as defined in the current Membership Handbook and Shuttle Operations Command Manual, which includes providing an updated list of all newly-launched shuttles to the Chief of Computer Operations. The Director of Shuttle Operations Command shall be at least 23 years old."

And this would be the amended Article 4, Section 5:

"Director of Shakedown Operations Command

The Director of Shakedown Operations Command reports monthly to the Commander, STARFLEET and is responsible for overseeing and administering the STARFLEET Shakedown Operations Program as defined in the current Membership Handbook and Shakedown Operations Command Manual, which includes providing an updated list of all newly-launched chapters in shakedown to the Chief of Computer Operations. The Director of Shakedown Operations Command shall be at least 23 years old."

Obviously, the Membership Handbook shall need to be changed, but I am currently working on a 2003 Edition to reflect the changes that will take place should the CS Amendment (and, if sent to the ballot by the AB, the CFO Amendment) be ratified by the membership. ShOC is also working on updating our manuals to reflect the changes.

This resolution will require at least ten votes to pass as a "Cosmetic Amendment". Due to time constraints with the closeness of the election, should this resolution fail to gain at least ten votes, but does gain eight or nine, I request that it then be sent on to the Membership for final ratification with the Presidential Amendment and (if approved by the AB) the Chief Financial Officer Amendment.

I would appreciate it if an RC would make a motion to move this to debate as Admiralty Board Resolution 02-05.

Submitted by:

Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace

Director, STARFLEET Shuttlecraft Operations Command

Motion was made and seconded by unknown Region Coordinators.

Report of the voting:

R01: Nay

R05: Nay

R10: Nay

R15: Nay

R02: Nay

R06: Nay

R11: Aye

R17: Aye

R03: Nay

R07: Aye

R12: Nay

R04: Aye

R09: Abstain

R13: Abstain

By a vote of 04:10:02 this motion failed