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To: the Grand Lodge and all member Lodges

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SHIP MASTERS ASSOCIATION for consideration at the 2019 Grand Lodge Convention in Traverse City, Michigan.

WHEREAS: The ISMA holds a Grand Lodge Convention every winter hosted by a different local Lodge in support of their member ascending to the Grand Presidency, and

WHEREAS: Each year the local host Lodge must locate and petition businesses in the marine community throughout the Great Lakes region to support the convention through sponsorships and convention book ads, and

WHEREAS: Recent attempts to provide a blueprint for convention protocols and processes, and lists of business contacts, from local lodge to local lodge have failed due to lack of continuity and communication between the lodges,

BE IT PROPOSED That the ISMA constitution be amended to create a standing convention committee in the Grand Lodge to provide continuity and a consistent contact committee to conduct our annual requests for sponsorship and convention book ads throughout the Great Lakes shipping community. This Committee should consist of the Grand Lodge Secretary/Treasurer, 1st and 2nd Grand Vice Presidents, and the previous years and upcoming convention chairmen, and one or several other members with experience in fund raising and business communications. In compensation for the work of this committee, the local lodge will provide 10% of the profits from funds raised from the ads and sponsors successfully solicited by the committee to the Grand Lodge.

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