In this month’s article, I’d like to remind branches and state associations that an online form is available for use when submitting proposed bylaw changes to the NALC Committee of Laws. Access to the online forms for submitting proposed bylaw changes can be found at the bottom of the homepage on the NALC website, nalc.org.

These forms should only be used once a proposed bylaw change has been voted on and approved, and the forms must be signed by a branch officer. Article 15 of the National Constitution sets forth rules that branches and state associations must follow to approve a change in their bylaws. (Article 15 is found on pages 51-52 in the NALC Constitution.)

The instructions for submitting branch or state bylaw changes to the Committee of Laws are also available on the website as an attachment to the forms. These forms were created to make the submission of bylaw changes easier for branches and state associations. The uniformity of the forms also assists the Committee of Laws when it reviews proposed bylaw changes for approval or disapproval, making the process more efficient. However, the forms are not mandatory.

Wishing everyone a very safe and happy Fourth of July!