

**12/29/06 Request for Bylaws Interpretation from Trish Sweeney (Gold Rush #1034):**

**QUESTION:** When does the 2 year membership requirement have to be met for running for the National Board?

**ANSWER:** Past National President Trish Sweeney requested clarification of when a National Director Nominee had to be a member of Active 20-30 in order to qualify for the two year requirement. Specifically, she wanted to know whether the Nominee had to be a member by the date of Declaration of Intent to run or by the date of the election.

The Declaration of Intention to run simply permits a nominee to have their information distributed to all clubs prior to the AGM as required by the bylaws. However, Article VI, Section 7(c), states, "All nominations for National Director shall be made from the floor of the convention at the time designated on the official program."

As a result, a person is not officially nominated until the time designated at the AGM.

Therefore, a person must have been a member for two (2) years prior to the date of their nomination at the AGM.

**IN SHORT:** A person must have been a member for two (2) years prior to the date of their nomination at the AGM.

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