

Amendment to Abolish Drop Downs

Presented to the NFTY-NEL General Board at Winter Kallah 2018

Background As currently stated in the NFTY-NEL Constitution:

Section G: Drop-Down Candidates

1. A candidate for Regional Executive office has the option to, and is limited to, one drop down, of which he/she must inform the NFTY-NEL President in their letter of intent to run, all of which the President will keep confidential.
2. A decision to drop from an Executive position to a lower Executive position or from an Executive position to a Cabinet position constitutes a drop-down.
3. A confidential Drop-Down form will be included in the Regional Board Information Packet (see VI:B:1) and must be returned by the deadline set by the Regional President.

WHEREAS in the realm of elections, including most other NFTY regions and NFTY North American elections, candidates cannot drop down to other positions, and;

WHEREAS former candidates can still make an impact and can remain actively involved in other leadership positions within our region other than an intended drop-down - such as but not limited to the Regional Cabinet, and;

WHEREAS drop-downs can be extremely time consuming in a time-limited Asefah setting, and;

WHEREAS many candidates choose to run on a number of factors including their experience, passion and ability, which are reflected upon in their Letter of Intent, speech and Meet the Candidates presentation. However, this background cannot always be reflected in an allotted 1 minute drop down speech, and;

WHEREAS the purpose of gavel order is to organize elections and fill a hypothetical presidential vacancy, not order positions by power or prestige, and;

WHEREAS if there are no declared candidates for a Regional Board position, the Regional Board will use an application process to nominate a candidate who will be approved at the first Asefah of the year, and;

WHEREAS if all positions are considered equal in gavel order, it is unfair that a candidate can only drop down gavel order and not up, and;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED

Section G: Drop-Down Candidates will read:

4. A candidate for Regional Executive office **does not** have the option to drop down from an Executive position to another Executive position.

5. A candidate for Regional Executive office can drop down from an Executive position to a Cabinet position, and;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED this amendment becomes gender neutral, and;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED the NFTY-NEL community acknowledges and understands that this may affect caucus time and that the time allotted is unique in every situation, and;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED this amendment be ratified at NFTY-NEL Spring Boards 2018.

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