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#### Article XI - By-Laws

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b. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume the responsibilities of the Presidency.

c. The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds of the National Congress and shall be bonded by a surety company approved by the Executive Council in such amount as it may designate.

d. The Executive Director shall perform duties prescribed by the Executive Council and exercise powers delegated to such person by the Council.

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Section 3. Amendments. The Constitution and By-Laws shall be amended by a majority vote of those present at any convention, provided that notice of proposed amendment has been sent 60 days before convening the Congress, except that a two-thirds vote of the total tribal membership (tribal members not in attendance at the convention to be polled by mail) to be cast in accordance with the referendum procedures adopted under Section 2 of Article V shall be required for amendment of Section 1a of Article II and Article III. When an amendment has been adopted by an affirmative vote of the delegates present at the convention, it shall thereupon become effective.

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