

Self-Defense Advisory Subcommittee

Proposal to the NWMAF Board

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This is a proposal to the NWMAF board for the creation of a permanent, standing committee.

Membership: All NWMAF-certified self-defense instructors who are current members of the NWMAF shall be eligible to serve on this committee. Non-certified self-defense instructors (that is, those who teach empowerment self-defense but are not yet certified by the NWMAF) who are current NWMAF members are also eligible.

Commitment: Committee membership shall be for 2 years. Members who choose to resign their committee membership prior to the end of their term are requested to submit formal notice to the Member at Large for Self-Defense two weeks prior to their resignation, and are encouraged to recruit a replacement member.

It shall be the duty of the Self-Defense Director to communicate with the committee within 6 months of the beginning of her term. The committee shall have no more than 8 members at any one time, and the Director-at-Large for Self-Defense shall strive to ensure that membership does not decline to fewer than 3 members. Ideally, the memberships shall be staggered so that no more than half the committee is new at any given time. Committee members may renew their membership for as long as they would like to continue to serve.

The Director-at-Large for Self-Defense may remove a member from the committee if the member's behavior creates a burden for the committee or the NWMAF (for example, if a committee member is chronically unresponsive).

Outgoing Self-Defense Directors are expected to communicate with incoming Self-Defense Directors regarding the state & current membership of the committee.

Charge:

This committee shall serve as the Self-Defense Group as referenced in article 5.03 of the NWMAF Bylaws.

The Self-Defense Advisory Subcommittee shall advise the Self-Defense director regarding the role of self-defense in the larger NWMAF, including but not limited to the nomination of outstanding self-defense instructors who should receive official recognition, identifying and recruiting trainers for the annual conference (when this duty is not otherwise handled), and methods through which the NWMAF can continue to professionalize and bring recognition and credibility to the field of Empowerment Self-Defense. Committee members may also be requested to provide feedback on the self-defense instructor certification process, and/or on

individual certification applicants. Committee members may propose new NWMAF policies or amendments to the NWMAF By-laws.

One committee member shall serve as the Certification Coordinator. The coordination of certification may be the only duty of that member, or she may choose to participate in other committee activities, at her discretion. This member must be NWMAF certified, and is responsible for the administrative tasks surrounding certification (delineated under separate cover).