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13.6 Immediately following the annual meeting, the NIFA Council will meet to vote on the following:

a. Any by-law changes approved at the annual meeting.

b. Election of the NIFA Council Chairman and Executive Committee members pursuant to the by-laws.

Rationale

The following rationale was presented by the author of the proposed by-law change. The NIFA Council has not had the opportunity to debate the proposed by-law change as presented. Therefore, the NIFA Council can neither support nor offer an alternative to the proposed change or rationale.

Currently, the by-laws do not specify a time by which the NIFA Council must act to ratify by-law amendments. This addition to the by-laws establishes a time when the NIFA Council must meet in order to ratify by-law changes. Timely ratification of amendments will allow member schools and the NIFA Council to better plan the upcoming year's events. It has been standard practice of the NIFA Council to elect its Chairman at the SAFECON Council meeting. This amendment formalizes that process.