An Amendment to Explicitly Bar Sexual Offenses in the Bylaws

The CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the SOCIALIST RIFLE ASSOCIATION, in recognition that it is necessary and prudent to explicitly state that various sexual offenses are impermissible and unacceptable within the organization, hereby amends Article Three Section Five of the Bylaws of the SOCIALIST RIFLE ASSOCIATION to be as follows:

//BEGIN AMENDMENT//

All members are expected to adhere to the rules of conduct when participating in activities sponsored or hosted by the organization, or when representing the organization in any official capacity. The Central Committee may, from time to time, create additional rules of conduct in the form of ongoing policy resolutions, so long as these rules do not violate membership rights. The following rules are considered the basis of good conduct in the organization and shall always be upheld:

1) Participating in harassment campaigns, threats of violence, or discriminatory behavior is forbidden.
2) Advocating for illegal actions of any kind is forbidden.
3) Working to actively and intentionally undermine the organization is forbidden.
4) Participating in organizations that advocate and promote fascism, Nazi ideologies, or neo-Con federate ideals is forbidden.
5) Any nature of sexual offenses, to include the intentional use of inappropriate sexual language, inappropriate sexual behavior, sexual harassment, and sexual assault, are forbidden.

//END AMENDMENT//

RESOLVED, that the CENTRAL COMMITTEE shall consider that inappropriate behavior includes but is not limited to the following actions and situations:

1.) Engaging in any form of sexual behavior without the consent of all involved parties, including when parties are intoxicated to a degree that they cannot reasonably give consent.
2.) The use of political, economic, or social capital or authority to coerce or otherwise inappropriately pressure a party into a sexual relationship that they would not otherwise have engaged in.
3.) Engaging in stalking, harassment, catcalling, unwanted sexual advances or touching, or similar behaviors.
4.) Engaging in transmission of sexual messages or images to a party who has not given consent to receiving such messages, or who has withdrawn consent which was previously given.
5.) The malicious use of sexual language or off-color jokes to demean, defame, or harass any individual.

RESOLVED, that the CENTRAL COMMITTEE shall consider the use or expression of sexual slurs, misogynist language or ideology, homophobic language or ideology, or transphobic language or ideology, shall fall under the purview of Article Three Section Five Subheading One, "Participating in harassment campaigns, threats of violence, or discriminatory behavior is forbidden."

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RESOLVED, that the CENTRAL COMMITTEE shall believe victims of sexual offenses by default unless significant material evidence is discovered or disclosed which brings their account into question. Further, the CENTRAL COMMITTEE resolves to create a safe and welcoming environment for victims of sexual assault and harassment, and shall seek to remove sexual offenders from the organization as quickly as possible.

RECOGNIZED, that a two-thirds approval of this amendment shall be sufficient for its passage.

This resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the SOCIALIST RIFLE ASSOCIATION, listed below:

Alexander Tackett – Aye
Scott Hoadley – Aye
Laura Pedersen – Aye
Jason Hamilton – Aye
Jordan Billings – Aye
Brad Lathem – Aye

Held on this day, Friday December 28th, 2018.

Attesting:

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Jason Hamilton, Secretary