ACTION ITEM i  COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 7, 2016

SUBJECT:  Nominations from the Floor

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REFERRED TO:  Council

Whereas, the MSSNY HOD is conducted using Sturgis Parliamentary Procedure as written in
Bylaws, and

Whereas, there is a separate Document called the Procedures of the House of Delegates which
represents standing or special rules of our HOD; and

Whereas, the Nominating Committee only provides a single slate of candidates for each office,
that is one name per office; and

Whereas, Sturgis requires nominations from the floor when this is done by the nominating
committee; and

Whereas, neither Sturgis, nor the MSSNY Bylaws, nor the MSSNY House Procedures
describes how nominations from the floor are to be handled; and

Whereas, other state societies have in place in the House Procedures the process by which
nominations from the floor are handled; and

Whereas, leaders of an organization should be selected based on qualities such as commitment
to the organization, leadership abilities, performance in previous organization activities and
participation at different levels of the organization such as committee chairs; and

Whereas, last minute nominations from the floor hours before the election do not allow for
proper vetting of last minute candidates and do not allow for the same
time and evaluation
made available to the HOD delegates about the candidates already published by the nominating
committee in mailings sent prior to the HOD and on the website, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that delegates who wish to be considered for MSSNY office from the floor
must provide written advance notice and written support of candidacy by ten MSSNY members
by verified email, fax or signature to the Speaker’s office seven business days before the meeting
of the Rules, Credentials and Order of Business Committee Meeting which takes place prior to
the opening of the House of Delegates, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that candidates running from the floor must comply with MSSNY policies
207.976 and 207.991 which require basic information about candidates and a vision statement,
and be it further

RESOLVED, that only those candidates nominated from the floor that comply with this new
process will be announced at the HOD as running for office.