

# Proposed By-law Change

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***g. SAFECON Chief Judge and Associate Chief Judge (Elected by NIFA Council)***

## 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 NIFA website states that the SAFECON Chief Judge and Associate Chief Judge are members of the Executive Committee. In addition, the Judges Manual states that the Chief Judge and Associate Chief Judge are responsible for attending all Executive Committee meetings; which has been the practice for many years. This addition updates the by-laws to match the NIFA website, Judges Manual, and current practices. The Chief Judge is responsible for the safe operation of the SAFECON as delineated in the by-laws and NIFA rules. The Associate Chief Judge is responsible for assisting the Chief Judge in the operation of the SAFECON, and must be prepared to assume the Chief Judge's duties in the event they become unable. These individuals, with their knowledge and experience, are critical in planning the safe, efficient operation of the SAFECON. This amendment has the added benefit of formalizing the process of selecting the Chief Judge and Associate Chief Judge.