

**PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**  
**Board of Directors Meeting - February 13, 2019**

The following changes are being proposed as amendments to the USWCA Bylaws. Please review these changes and be prepared to vote on them at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting in February or submit your proxy indicating your voting intentions. [The current Bylaws, Standing Rules and Polices can be found on the USWCA website — go to Members/News.]

**Article IV - Membership/Section 2 (e/1-2-3) - Page 3**

(e) Any current member club or new applicant club which cannot fulfill the requirements in terms of availability of ice or minimum number of women members, but wishes to retain or gain membership in the USWCA may:

- (1) Apply for **an inactive membership** upon payment of club dues. Such a club has no voting or participation privileges; or
- (2) Apply for **an active membership** upon payment of annual dues (see Section 4. Dues). Such a club shall have full voting and participation privileges.
- (3) **Both inactive and active clubs not meeting the twenty-member minimum requirement will be contacted annually by the Membership Committee.**

**Rationale:**

The word “temporary” was removed from e-1 and e-2 because, for our smaller clubs, it implied a form of lesser membership status. Section e-3 was modified to ensure that both types of clubs will be contacted annually by the Membership Committee and offered support and assistance so they can grow their membership.

**Article VIII - Section 4. Finance Committee - Page 11**

Adding new subsection 3 and moving existing subsections 3-6 up a number.

**(3) Review all contracts to be executed on behalf of the USWCA.**

**Rationale:**

To ensure that the finances and reputation of the USWCA are safeguarded when the USWCA is subject to a contractual arrangement by a member of the organization.

**Article VIII - Section 21. Governance Committee - Page 18**

(a) There shall be a Governance Committee consisting of at least **eight (8)** members: The Chair, the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Chair of the Bylaws Committee, **the Chair of the Rules Committee** and the immediate Past President.

**Rationale:**

The Rules Committee is responsible for developing, interpreting and enforcing the Rules and Regulations of the USWCA, which dictate how the organization's events are managed on the ice. It is important that the Chair of this committee be involved in any proposed changes or additions to USWCA events being brought forward to the Governance Committee through the New Concept/Policy Submission Process.

**Article VIII - Section 10. USWCA/USCA Liaison - Page 13**

Removing subsection (e) because the USCA does not use proxies for absent Board members.

**Adding New Policy #13 - Page 28**

All women in good standing and full dues-paying, league-playing members for the full curling season should be included in the calculation of the per capita dues. Also, any men who wish to be Associate Members of the USWCA should be included as well. Dues for women, who are NOT full dues-paying, league-playing members, will be accepted but their status (social, non-resident, etc.) should be noted on the roster form, and they are not eligible to participate in USWCA sponsored events. Clubs may not limit payment of per-capita dues solely to women members intending to participate in USWCA events or tours. Such payments will not be accepted by the USWCA.

**Rationale:**

The USWCA has had women try to "game the system" by having their club pay dues only for them and not the rest of the eligible women in their club. This is clearly wrong and not in keeping with the purpose of the organization or The Spirit of Curling. The intent of this new policy is put in writing what clubs are expected to pay regarding per-capita dues AND to stop the gaming. This new policy gives the Comptroller the authority to reject dues payments supporting this behavior.