



United States Women's Curling Association

Proposed Amendments to the USWCA Bylaws

The following changes are being proposed as amendments to the USWCA Bylaws, Standing Rules and Policies. Please review these and be prepared to vote on them at the February Board of Directors Meeting or submit your proxy indicating your voting intentions. The current Bylaws can be found on the USWCA website (go to Bylaws Committee). Proposed amendments are highlighted in red.

Rationale for changes below: To maintain the officer rotation schedule in the event one of the officers resigns or is permanently unable to perform her duties.

Article V – Officers/Section 3. Vice Presidents

- (a) The First Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in her temporary absence or inability to serve and so acting shall have all the rights and powers of the President. The First Vice-President shall be the President Designate.
In the event of a resignation or permanent inability of the President to perform her duties, refer to the USWCA Standing Rules.
(1) She shall be responsible for the education.....
- (b) The Second Vice-President shall perform the duties of the First Vice-President in her temporary absence or inability to serve and so acting shall have all the rights and powers of the First Vice-President. The Second Vice-President shall be the First Vice-President Designate.
In the event of a resignation or permanent inability of the First-Vice President or the Second Vice- President to perform her duties, refer to the USWCA Standing Rules.
(1) She shall serve as a member of the Membership.....

Standing Rules

4. Alternates:

An appointed or elected female Alternate for a Club Representative may attend the Board of Directors meetings in an official capacity if she is registered with the Secretary before the called meeting. She has all the voting privileges as the named Club Representative.

Subsection (a) now becomes entire wording in Standing Rule 4/Alternates. Subsection (b) has been deleted.

5. Election Procedures for USWCA Officers: New Standing Rule

- (a) The Bylaws list the official procedure in the temporary absence of the President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President as well as in the temporary absence or permanent replacement of the USWCA/USCA Liaison. The permanent replacement of the President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President is covered in below in Subsections (b), (c), (d) and (e).
- (b) If the President resigns or is permanently unable to perform her duties after the Fall Meeting, the First Vice-President shall become Acting President and also continue her duties as First Vice-President. If a resignation or permanent inability to perform occurs between May 1st and the Fall Meeting, first the Nominating Committee shall recommend that the out-going President remain in office for the upcoming term. If she declines, the Committee shall nominate an active Past President, from the same region as the resigning President, to serve out the term.



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- (c) If the First Vice-President resigns or is permanently unable to perform her duties after the Fall Meeting, the Second Vice-President shall become Acting First Vice-President and also continue her duties as Second Vice-President. If a resignation or permanent inability to perform occurs between May 1st and the Fall Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall nominate a previously-eligible candidate, from the same region as the First Vice-President, to serve out the term.
- (d) If the Second Vice-President resigns or is permanently unable to perform her duties at any time during her term, the Nominating Committee shall nominate a previously-eligible candidate from the same region as the Second Vice-President to serve out the term.
- (e) The nominations/recommendations detailed in (b) (c) and (d) above originate with the Nominating Committee and are communicated in a timely manner to the Executive Council for a vote (via phone or email) with ratification of the vote by the Board of Directors occurring at their next regularly-scheduled meeting.

6. Election Procedure for USWCA/USCA Liaison (Renumbering of Rule - no wording changes)

Rationale for change below: Prevent the initiation of projects or programs by Officers or Committees that would commit the organization financially to costs outside the norm without prior approval of the Board of Directors.

USWCA Policies – Add New Policy

- 10. Officers and Standing or Ad Hoc Committee Chairmen shall present to the Board of Directors for a vote any special projects or programs requiring expenditures which exceed 25% of their annual operating budget (excluding meeting travel) prior to initiating said project or program.

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