

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS
Board of Directors FALL Meeting - September 27, 2020

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

ARTICLE V - Officers, Section 3. Vice Presidents (b)(2)

(2) She shall be responsible for all correspondence concerning future sites of the USWCA National Women’s Bonspiel and the USWCA Senior Women’s Bonspiel.

The following words are being removed from the Second Vice President’s responsibilities (b)(2) – “the USWCA Junior Bonsel’s”.

Rationale: The location of the Junior Bonsel’s are determined and secured by the USWCA Junior Bonspiel Procedure Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - Standing Committees, Section 18. USWCA Junior Bonspiel Procedure Committee (b)

(b) The Committee shall be responsible for locating host sites in each of the three (3) territories and assist in the organization of the Junior Bonsel’s.

The following words are being removed from Section 18 (b) – “The Junior Bonspiel Procedure Chair and the three (3) regional members shall be appointed by the President.

Rationale: The words being removed are not relevant since the President under Article V - Officers, Section 2 (c) and (d) already has the power to appoint Chairs and Standing Committee members. The new (b) documents that it is this Committee’s responsibility to find bonspiel sites similar to the responsibility of the Five & Under Committee and is NOT the responsibility of the Second Vice President (see the first proposed amendment).

USWCA POLICY #3

3. The USWCA shall provide a travel stipend up to \$250 for officers and the USWCA-USCA Liaison Chair **(for the latter up to a total of four (4) meetings – two (2) USWCA and two (2) USCA)** and a travel stipend up to \$200 for Standing Committee Chairs, Ad Hoc Committee Chairs and the Parliamentarian to cover a portion of economy-class airfare, train fare or car mileage. No stipend to exceed the actual travel expense amount. All other expenses incurred may be deducted on an individual’s income tax return (to the extent allowable by IRS or state regulations).

The wording **bold** in the parenthesis is being removed.

Rationale: The Liaison will be eligible to receive a stipend up to \$250 for each USWCA meeting she attends. She will be expected to submit an annual budget to the Treasurer and Finance Committee for approval from the Board of Directors for costs associated with attending USCA meetings and thus will not receive a stipend to attend those meetings.

USWCA POLICY #12

12. Any changes to a Standing or Ad Hoc Committee's procedures, allocation process, policies, rules, regulations, or guidelines beyond what constitutes "housekeeping" changes (e.g. spelling, punctuation, grammar, formatting) require a presentation to the Board of Directors and a Motion for vote by the Board. **If a Motion is made by a third party that requires a change to a Committee's procedures, allocation process, regulations or guidelines and the Motion is approved by the Board of Directors, the affected Committee(s) does not have to bring a second Motion forward to change its documents. During their next scheduled report to the Board of Directors, they should simply inform the Board of any changes.**

Rationale: There was some confusion about whether a second Motion was required to change documents based on an accepted Motion made by a third party. The new wording in **bold** should clear up this issue.

USWCA POLICY #14

14. The Membership Committee shall review the regional distribution of clubs/ membership annually at the Fall Meeting. If any two regions (East, Central, Wisconsin, West) differ by 20% or more of the women eligible for USWCA events/tours as documented by the Comptroller from annual per-capita dues, the discrepancy shall be referred to the Governance Committee (working with the Membership Committee) for possible reassignment of clubs to other regions.

Rationale: The Board of Directors voted at a previous meeting to reassign some clubs to different regions in order to make the number of clubs/members in the four (4) regions (East, Central, Wisconsin, West) similar across the country — again, to create an equitable playing field for members wishing to participate in USWCA events and tours. The vote included a mechanism to review the distribution on an annual basis — this policy creates a permanent place so this mechanism can be referenced by all. This new policy was presented at the September 2019 Board of Directors meeting but tabled until how the 20% would be calibrated. After review by the Governance committee at the Winter 2020 meeting, the decision was made to use the number of women eligible for the USWCA events/tours as documented by the Comptroller from annual per-capita dues and displayed in the annual Directory.

STANDING RULES #4 - Alternates

Removing subsection (b) and making it a stand-alone Standing Rule — (a) remains as is.

STANDING RULES #5 - Acting Standing Committee Chairs

A Standing Committee Chair, who is unable to attend in-person a called meeting, must appoint an Acting Committee Chair.

(1) Such appointment shall require the approval of the President and be registered in writing with the Secretary at least 48-hours prior to said called meeting unless extraordinary circumstances require a shorter notification.

(2) The Acting Committee Chair shall assume all the voting and stipend privileges of the named Chair with the exception of being able to carry the proxies of other voting members not in attendance unless the Acting Chair is also a Representative, in which case she may carry proxies.

(3) The Committee meeting shall be run by the Acting Chair, who will also represent the Committee at the Executive Council and who shall participate in and present the Committee's report at the Board of Directors meeting.

(4) The Chair may attend meetings virtually but has no vote.

Rationale: Standing Rules pertaining to Acting Chairs does not belong in the Alternate section of the Standing Rules. As a separate Standing Rule, further clarification has been added to clear up any confusion about what an Acting Chair can and cannot do and the Acting Chair's voting privileges. Please note,

ARTICLE XI - Meetings, Section 6. Electronic Meetings

Under extraordinary circumstances as determined by the President after consultation with the Executive Council, the Fall Meeting and/or Winter Meeting may be held via electronic form with the same quorum requirements as in-person meetings.

Rationale: Going forward in order to keep USWCA Bylaws and Board of Directors meetings in compliance with Robert's Rules of Order, the new section detailed above is being included in Article XI so that a Motion at the start of an electronic meeting and ratification at a subsequent in-person meeting will not be required. The organization feels strongly that in-person meetings should be the norm in order to foster the support, fellowship and friendships that make the USWCA so special.