

**PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**  
**Board of Directors WINTER Meeting - February 21, 2021**

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 Winter Meeting in February or submit your proxy indicating your voting intentions. [\[The current Bylaws, Standing Rules and Policies can be found on the USWCA website – on the home page go to About/History of the USWCA.\]](#)

**Article V - Officers, Section 3. Vice Presidents (b)(1)**

- (1) **She shall be responsible** for overseeing the following committees: Five & Under Bonspiel, Junior Bonspiel, Senior Bonspiel, National Bonspiel, All American Circuit, Friendship Tour (In/Out), Scot Tour (In/Out), Pins and Trophies.

**Rationale:** The words “serve on” have been removed. The Second Vice-President is responsible for the committees listed but is not a member of these committees per the Bylaws. In other words, she does not need to attend all these committees’ meetings. She may pick and choose which meetings to attend based on the needs of the individual committees.

**Article VIII - Standing Committees, Section 5. Bylaws Committee**

**Article VIII - Standing Committees, Section 9. Rules Committee**

Add a subsection to both of these Committee sections indicating that the Chairs serve on the Governance Committee.

**Rationale:** When the Governance Committee was formed and the Bylaws and Rules Chairs were added to this Committee, the information was not added to their own committee sections — an oversight by the Bylaws Committee.

**Article VIII - Standing Committees, Section 21. Governance Committee**

Add a new subsection (e) The Chair reports to the President.

**Rationale:** With the exceptions of the Chair of the Nominating Committee and our USWCA/USCA Liaison, all Standing Committee Chairs report to a USWCA Officer. This was overlooked when the wording for the Governance Committee was created and added to the Bylaws. It is obvious that the Chair of Governance should report to the President.

**Article VIII - Standing Committees, Sec 16. Representatives’ Liaison Committee**

Changing the name of the committee to “Representative Liaisons Committee” as well as changing who serves as the Committee Chair.

- (a) There shall be a Representative Liaisons Committee consisting **of the Chair**, the Chair of the Membership Committee, the Chair of the Communications Committee, at least one **Liaison** from each of the four (4) Regions, and at least one **Liaison** for the USWCA arena clubs. The Liaisons shall be current or former USWCA Club Representatives **and the Chair shall be a current or former Liaison.**

**(e) The Chair shall report to the First Vice President.**

**Rationale:**

- (1) The committee name is awkward and thus the name change;
- (2) Currently, the Chair changes yearly and is the First Vice-President. It was difficult for the committee to perform its duties effectively with this annual change of Chairs. The Governance Committee is recommending: (a) the appointment of a non-Officer Committee Chair who will report to the First Vice-President and (b) the Chair may hold both the position of Chair and be a current Liaison.

**USWCA Policy 2**

The fiscal policy of the USWCA shall include a reserve fund approximately equal to the amount needed to operate the USWCA for a period of one (1) year; the USWCA shall maintain restricted funds to cover expenses incurred in staging the incoming Scot Tour which occurs every 10 years **and the incoming Friendship Tour which occurs every six (6) years**; the USWCA shall make an annual attempt to donate monies in excess of its reserve and restricted funds to charitable causes **using recommendations from the Gifts and Grants Committee and approval by** the Board of Directors.

**Rationale:** The policy did not include wording that referenced the Friendship Tour restricted fund nor the fact that the USWCA now has a Standing Committee — Gifts & Grants — that vets funding requests from outside entities and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval.