

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE KIWANIS
INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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To all Kiwanis clubs:

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Proposed amendments to the Kiwanis International Bylaws and a proposed resolution will be presented for action at the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S. Several important issues will be considered and voted on at the house of delegates on Saturday, June 28. Complete information is included in this booklet. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote is required to adopt an amendment.

In accordance with the provisions of the Kiwanis International Bylaws, these proposals are being shared with the secretary of each chartered club 90 days prior to the convention. The proposer's rationale is stated as well as the Kiwanis International Board's position on those proposals from clubs and districts.

The current provisions of each bylaws article and section are shown. Text that would be added by the proposed amendment is underlined (underlined), and text that would be deleted is lined out (~~lined out~~).

Example:

Original wording: Each club may hold a program.

Proposed changes: Each club ~~may~~ shall hold ~~a program~~ an annual project.

New wording: Each club shall hold an annual project.

We look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Palazzolo".

Paul Palazzolo
Executive Director

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AT A GLANCE

(Per Robert's Rules of Order—Newly Revised)

Please note: As stated in Standing Rule 5, anyone wishing to make a change to a proposed amendment (making an amendment to a motion) is required to submit the change in writing, in English, to the executive director (or designee) before going to the microphone. This ensures your change will be reflected accurately.

Putting a motion on the floor: To make a motion or an amendment to a motion, the maker should go to the microphone, be recognized by the presiding officer (the Kiwanis International president), state their name and club, and then state the motion (or amendment to the motion). The motion (or amendment) must be seconded from the floor. The presiding officer then places the motion (or amendment) before the house for discussion. The club delegate may speak to the motion (or amendment) first. *Note:* Once a motion is placed before the house by the presiding officer, it is under the control of the house and does not belong to the delegate making the motion. For example, it cannot be withdrawn later without permission of the house.

Seconds to motions: It is not necessary to agree with a motion to second it. A second only implies that more than one person wishes to *discuss* the motion. Therefore, if a motion is coming from the Kiwanis International Board or a committee, it does not need a second from the floor.

Amendments to motions: Bylaw amendments are main motions. A main motion that is on the floor may have two amendments pending at one time. However, the first amendment must relate to the main motion, and the second amendment must relate to the first amendment to the motion.

Referring: A motion to refer to a committee can be made while a main motion or an amendment to a main motion is pending. A motion to refer should only be used if problems are identified with the content of the motion that indicate more study or adjustments are needed. A referral should not be made without instructions regarding what aspects are to be addressed before the motion is brought back to the house. Referral should not be used to kill the motion on the floor or to put off a difficult decision. If a delegate does not like a motion, they should simply vote against it. (*Note:* It takes a majority vote either to refer or defeat a motion.)

Closing debate or calling the question (same motion): A delegate must go to a microphone and wait for recognition to move to close debate or call the question. To proceed, the motion must receive a second. There is no discussion, and it takes a two-thirds (2/3) vote. If the motion to close debate or call the question is approved, there will be an immediate vote on the pending motion.

Postponing or tabling a motion: A motion to postpone can be made while a main motion or an amendment to a main motion is pending. A motion to table (or to "lay on the table") is used only in an emergency; it should not be used to kill the motion on the floor or to postpone consideration of the motion. If a delegate does not like the motion, they should simply vote against it. If a delegate believes there is good reason to discuss the motion later, they can move to postpone. There is no such motion as "table until [X] time." Instead, the correct motion would be "postpone until [X] time." A motion cannot be postponed until the next annual convention.

Point of order: If a delegate believes there was a breach of parliamentary procedure, they may call for a point of order. If the point of order refers to an action made by someone other than the presiding officer, the delegate should give the presiding officer time to address the problem before interrupting with the point of order. If a delegate cannot reach a microphone in a timely manner, they may shout "point of order" from their place while approaching a microphone.

Point of information: A delegate should call for a point of information if they wish to *request* information. To ask for a point of information, go to a microphone and let the sergeant know you wish to do so. If the delegate wants to *provide* information, they may only do so by being recognized for debate.

Appeal: If a delegate believes the presiding officer's ruling on a procedural matter is incorrect, the delegate may appeal the ruling. The delegate should promptly go to a microphone before another speaker has been recognized and state: "I appeal the ruling of the chair." The appeal is debatable. After debate, the chair will ask whether the ruling should be sustained. A majority in favor or a tie vote sustains the chair's ruling. A majority vote in opposition reverses it.

Questions: If a delegate wishes to make a motion and is not sure how to

proceed, the delegate should ask the presiding officer. Any questions or concerns about the process used during the house of delegates must be made known and addressed *during* the session. Questions or concerns cannot be addressed *after* the session.

STANDING RULES FOR THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Rule 1: The official language of this Convention shall be English. Simultaneous interpretations may be made available, as designated in the official program.

Rule 2: Only delegates may present or speak on motions and vote.

Rule 3: Only delegates may be seated in the area designated for delegates.

Rule 4: The house of delegates shall allow delegates to leave and re-enter; however, ballots (written or electronic) shall not leave the house. Delegates leaving the house early must surrender their ballots to an Elections Committee volunteer at the pass-out door; ballots will be returned to delegates upon re-entry to the house. In no case will a delegate be allowed to cast a ballot for any votes conducted in their absence.

Rule 5: Any main motion or amendment shall be written in English, signed by the maker and seconder, and presented to the executive director or designee before it is moved.

Rule 6: No delegate may speak in debate more than two (2) minutes at a time unless allowed to do so by a majority vote of the delegates.

Rule 7: No delegate may address the assembly a second time on the same question until all other delegates who desire to speak on the topic have spoken.

Rule 8: The maker of a motion shall be entitled to speak first in support of such motion or may immediately yield the floor to another delegate.

Rule 9: Microphones shall be designated by number. Speakers for the main motion shall use the odd-numbered microphones, and speakers against the main motion shall use the even-numbered microphones. Debate on each issue will begin at microphone one and the chair will then recognize each microphone in sequence.

Rule 10: A delegate shall not speak for or against a motion and move to close debate on the same recognition.

Rule 11: An assistant Sergeant at Arms shall be positioned at each microphone to relay to the chair priority motions, such as a point of order, a point of information, etc. Any microphone may be used to make priority or secondary motions.

Rule 12: Debate on main motions (i.e., any resolution or proposed amendment to the bylaws) shall be limited to 15 minutes, at which time the vote shall be taken on the resolution or amendment, unless the house, by a majority vote, orders debate to be extended. Debate on debatable secondary motions from the floor, such as amendments or motions to refer, shall be limited to five (5) minutes, which shall not apply to the 15-minute limit on debate on the main motion. Debate may be closed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote on any immediately pending motion or series of motions at any time.

Note: This year, the time limit for Amendments 1 and 2 shall be 30 minutes for the main motion and 10 minutes for each debatable secondary motion. If a delegate wishes to suggest an extended time limit for any other amendment, they should go to a microphone, wait to be recognized and move to do so. A majority vote of the house is required to extend the time.

Rule 13: If the submitting body wishes to withdraw a motion after it has been moved and seconded, the house, by a majority vote, may grant permission for withdrawal.

Rule 14: Subject to the discretion of the chair, no proposed amendment to the bylaws shall be introduced later than 15 minutes before the scheduled adjournment of any session.

Rule 15: Candidates for the offices of Kiwanis International President and President-Elect may have one (1) nominating speech not to exceed three (3) minutes.

Rule 16: Candidates for the office of International Vice President shall have a nomination not to exceed one (1) minute, and each candidate shall have up to five (5) minutes to personally address the house of delegates. In the event of a run-off election, each of the candidates involved shall return to the stage before the second ballot to present remarks not to exceed two (2) minutes.

Rule 17: Candidates for the office of trustee shall have a nomination, the content of which shall include only: (a) the nominator's name and club; and (b) the name of the candidate and the office the candidate is seeking. Each candidate shall have up to three (3) minutes to personally address the house of delegates.

Rule 18: Candidates whose remarks require interpretation shall be allowed

no more than twice the normal time limit for the presentation of their remarks and interpretation combined. Candidates must provide their own interpreters.

Rule 19: In any election where the number of candidates is equal to the number of seats to be elected, the election may be held by voice vote.

Rule 20: Any of the above rules may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

Rule 21: The most recent edition of *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the bylaws of Kiwanis International and these standing rules.

Rule 22: The Kiwanis International Board and Staff are authorized to make nonsubstantive corrections that may be necessary as a result of adopting Bylaw amendments that cause unintentional conflicts or inconsistencies in terminology, grammar, numbering, cross-references, etc.

Proposed Amendment 1 Language Cleanup and District Submission of Resolutions

Submitted by: Kiwanis International Board

Purpose: To clarify current language of the Kiwanis International Bylaws requiring districts to be in good standing to submit resolutions.

Effective date: October 1, 2025

Financial impact: There is no projected financial impact.

Kiwanis International Board's position. The board advocates this amendment for the following reasons:

- By rewording the submission period for resolutions, districts and clubs can better understand the deadline for submission of resolutions.
- The Kiwanis International Board believes that districts should be in good standing if they wish to submit resolutions. This change mirrors the process for amendments submission by requiring that, to submit a resolution, a district must be in good standing.

Amend Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

ARTICLE 17 CONVENTION PROCEDURE

Section 3.

- a. Proposed resolutions shall be submitted **at any time but not later than** by October 31 prior to the next scheduled Kiwanis International convention by a ~~district board or district~~ house of delegates **of a district in good standing**, or by a club in good standing, by a majority vote of the members. Resolutions may also be proposed by the Kiwanis International Board. (6/2023)

Proposed Amendment 2 Regional Boards to Propose Resolutions and Amendments

Submitted by: Kiwanis International Board

Purpose: To allow regional boards to propose resolutions and amendments.

Effective date: October 1, 2025

Financial impact: There is no projected financial impact.

Kiwanis International Board's position. The board advocates this amendment for the following reasons:

- Kiwanis regions are composed of many different districts. The leadership in these regions hear and represent different viewpoints, opportunities and challenges from each district's clubs. This gives them a unique perspective for proposing amendments or resolutions that can benefit the interest of many districts and clubs.
- Amendments or resolutions proposed by a regional board may have a wider range of support than those proposed by clubs or districts.

Amend Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

ARTICLE 17. CONVENTION PROCEDURE

Section 3.

- a. Proposed resolutions shall be submitted by October 31 prior to the next scheduled Kiwanis International convention by a board or house of delegates, **by the board or house of delegates of a region**, or by a club in good standing, by a majority vote of the members. Resolutions may also be proposed by the Kiwanis International Board. (6/2023)

ARTICLE 27. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND RESCISSION OF INTERPRETATIONS

Section 4. All proposals stated in Sections 1, 2, and 3 may be submitted by: (6/2023)

- a. The Kiwanis International Board; (6/2023)
- b. The board or house of delegates of a district in good standing; ~~or~~ (6/2023)
- c. **The board or house of delegates of a region; or**
- d. A club in good standing, by a majority vote of the members. (6/2023)

Proposed Amendment 3

Remote Voting for Kiwanis International Business

Submitted by: Capital District Board

Purpose: To provide for candidate nominations and initial review of proposed amendments and resolutions at the Kiwanis International convention, with final voting to take place via secure remote voting.

Effective date: October 1, 2025, with first implementation to be in conjunction with the 2026 Kiwanis International Convention.

Financial impact: Estimated expenses to implement remote voting would remain within current expected costs of approximately US\$60,000 for voting during the Kiwanis International House of Delegates.

Proposer’s position. The district advocates for this amendment for the following reasons:

- Every club is a member of Kiwanis International and as such should have an equal voice in Kiwanis International’s business. Currently, that is only the privilege of those clubs who are financially and physically able to attend the international convention.
- This amendment would not change the convention or House of Delegates to remote-only functions. Rather, it allows voting on annual business presented during the convention to take place via secure, remote methods.
- The House of Delegates would be a hybrid meeting during which delegates may attend either in person or remotely, as long as they are properly credentialed.
- This amendment gives the Kiwanis International Board authority to determine the details and to address any unforeseen matters in the best interest of the organization.

Kiwanis International Board’s position. The Board does not support this amendment for the following reasons:

- Implementing secure online voting for Kiwanis elections, amendments and resolutions would require additional costs to develop web-based resources and processes. Given the

organization's current membership needs, these funds and staff research time would be better allocated to services that strengthen existing clubs and support new club development.

- This proposal could cause a decrease in the forward momentum of attendance for the annual Kiwanis International convention. A decline in convention attendance would diminish a key value of Kiwanis membership — fellowship, which fosters personal connections and the exchange of new ideas.
- Establishing an equitable registration fee for those voting at home and for those still voting in person can generate an unnecessary distraction for the organization at a critical time when the focus must be on club strength and new club building.
- For unbiased administration of the combined in-person and remote voting, it may be necessary to ask delegates to establish a club convention fee. Costs for the organization's convention/house of delegates should be distributed among all the constituent clubs in order to conduct the business of Kiwanis. Currently, costs are borne only by in-person attendees. The convention fee assessed for all clubs would be in addition to the registration fees for members attending in person.
- For officer and trustee elections, remote voting cannot replace the value of in-person interaction between delegates and candidates at an international convention. Candidates should not be elected based on who has the best website or video production. Regarding amendment proposals, hearing live debate sometimes contributes to a delegate's voting decision, and this proposal diminishes that positive aspect.
- Remote voting could inhibit the ability of delegates to clearly amend proposed amendments. On arduous proposals, this lack of clarity may limit compromise and/or adjustments that are sometimes necessary to accommodate successful implementation of an important issue.
- Sporadic outages or complications in internet service around the world during the specific time(s) of voting cannot be controlled.
- With the need to communicate as frequently as necessary with

every Kiwanis Club around the world in a noticeable way, the costs of campaigning for Kiwanis International offices would significantly increase. This could give wealthier candidates from larger districts a significant advantage in gaining voter attention.

- Given these challenges, implementing remote voting at this time could introduce unnecessary costs, complexities and unintended consequences that outweigh the potential benefits. Maintaining the integrity, equity and in-person engagement of the Kiwanis election process remains essential to the organization's mission and long-term strength.

Amend Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

ARTICLE 13. KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1.

The Trustees shall be elected as follows. This system of representation shall be reviewed every ten (10) years by the Kiwanis International Board or as otherwise deemed necessary. (7/2024)

- (1) The Asia-Pacific Region is guaranteed two (2) Trustees, to be selected by that region by a procedure it recommends and which is approved by the Kiwanis International Board. (6/2010)
- (2) The Canada and Caribbean Region is guaranteed one (1) Trustee, to be selected by that region by a procedure it recommends and which is approved by the Kiwanis International Board. (6/2010)
- (3) The Europe Region is guaranteed two (2) Trustees, to be selected by that region by a procedure it recommends and which is approved by the Kiwanis International Board. (6/2010)
- (4) The United States and Pacific Canada Region is guaranteed nine (9) Trustees to be elected by delegates from that Region ~~at the annual Kiwanis International convention~~ by secure remote voting in a manner prescribed by the Kiwanis International Board until such time that an alternative plan is presented by the Region and approved by the Kiwanis International Board. (6/2010)

Provisos: (7/2024):

As of October 1, 2025, subsection (4) will be revised to state "eight (8) Trustees," which shall apply to the elections held in 2025.

(No changes are necessary to subsection (4) in 2026.)

As of October 1, 2027, subsection (4) will be revised to state "seven (7) Trustees," which shall apply to the elections held in 2027 and thereafter.

- (5) Other Regions. When another region has a minimum of two districts, it will be considered by the Kiwanis International Board for a guaranteed seat, subject to the appropriate amendment of this Article. (6/2010)
- (6) At-Large Seat. Until such time that all defined regions have at least one (1) guaranteed seat on the Kiwanis International Board, there shall be one at-large seat, which shall be filled by a nominee from any region other than the United States and Pacific Canada Region and shall be elected ~~at large at an annual Kiwanis International convention~~ by delegates from all regions by secure remote voting in a manner prescribed by the Kiwanis International Board. (6/2023)

Proviso (7/2024): *As of October 1, 2026, subsection (6) will be deleted, which shall govern the elections held in 2026 and thereafter.*

Section 12.

- a. If the Kiwanis International Board determines that a condition of emergency exists due to circumstances beyond the control of the organization which adversely affects Kiwanis International or its affiliates or subsidiaries in one or more nations, the Board shall declare such emergency conditions exist for the organization or for any affected nation and determine any actions and processes that it considers necessary for effectively transacting the essential business of the organization, to ensure the financial and physical well-being of the organization, and to protect the welfare of Kiwanis clubs and club members, subject to paragraph c. (6/2022)

- b. Such declaration shall include the factors that define the emergency and the time the declaration will expire. A declaration may be extended by the Board as deemed necessary by the Board. No action by the Board may conflict with the laws of any government jurisdiction. (6/2022)
- c. If the emergency conditions make holding of the annual Kiwanis International convention impossible, impractical or inadvisable, the Board shall, if practical, reschedule the convention. If rescheduling is not practical, the Board may determine another method to hold the convention, including remote means, or may cancel the convention, as determined to be in the best interests of the organization, its clubs, and club members. The Board shall notify clubs within three (3) days of any such actions. ~~If rescheduling is not practical, the Board may hold the annual house of delegates via remote online means, in which case, the Board shall have the authority to determine all relevant details. If neither of those alternatives is practical, the Board shall call a meeting of the Kiwanis International Council to elect officers for the succeeding administrative year for the normal term of office and to consider all amendments and resolutions which have been properly proposed prior to the declaration of emergency (those proposals submitted by the deadline and verified as properly submitted and viable for adoption). However, if none of the above alternatives is practical, the Board shall determine another method(s) that it deems to be in the best interest of the organization to elect officers and consider amendment and resolution proposals. The Board shall notify clubs within three (3) days of any such actions described in this paragraph.~~ (6/2022)

ARTICLE 15. KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Note to delegates: No changes are needed in Article 15. It is shown for reference only.

Section 1. An annual convention shall be held during the months of May, June, or July at such time and place as shall be determined by the Kiwanis International Board. The selection shall be made at least three (3) years before said convention, provided the Board shall have the power to substitute another location and/or other dates if circumstances later make such action necessary or advisable. (6/2023)

Section 2. Special Kiwanis International conventions shall be called by the President upon the request of a majority of the clubs in good standing or upon the request of three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Kiwanis International Board. The dates, locations, and proposed agenda of special convention shall be determined by the Board. The agenda shall be subject to proper amendment by the delegates. If the convention is requested by clubs, it shall be held within six (6) months of submission of such request to the Board. (6/2023)

Section 3. The Executive Director shall provide to clubs at least ninety (90) days advance notice of the annual convention and at least thirty (30) days advance notice of any special or rescheduled convention. (6/2023)

Section 4. The Kiwanis International Board shall have full supervision and management of all Kiwanis International conventions and shall announce the official program and order of business of each convention. (7/1998)

Section 5. The Kiwanis International Board shall establish registration fees to be paid to Kiwanis International by all persons attending any Kiwanis International convention. (6/2023)

ARTICLE 16. HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Section 1.

- a. A house of delegates shall be held annually for the purpose of conducting the business of the organization as provided elsewhere in these bylaws at such time and place as shall be determined by the Kiwanis International Board. The annual house of delegates shall normally be held in conjunction with the annual convention unless the Board determines otherwise.

- b. A special house of delegates shall be called by the President upon the request of a majority of the clubs in good standing or upon the request of three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Kiwanis International Board. The time, place, and proposed agenda of any special house of delegates shall be determined by the Board. If the house is requested by clubs, it shall be held within six (6) months of submission of such request to the Board.
- c. The Executive Director shall send to each club an official call to the annual house of delegates at least ninety (90) days prior to the start and an official call for any special house of delegates at least thirty (30) days prior to the start.
- d. The Kiwanis International Board shall have full supervision and management of all house of delegate meetings and shall announce the proposed business agenda. The agenda shall be subject to proper amendment by the delegates.
- e. The Kiwanis International Board shall establish a uniform registration fee to be paid to Kiwanis International by all persons attending any house of delegates.

Note to delegates: *The word "convention" shall also be changed throughout these bylaws to "house of delegates" when relevant to the context of the reference. All such incidental changes are not shown in this amendment.*

Section 4 2.

- a. For any Kiwanis International ~~convention~~ house of delegates, each club in good standing shall be entitled to two (2) delegates as well as two (2) alternates who may serve if any delegate(s) from that club is absent. Club delegates and alternates shall be designated by the clubs they represent and reported to Kiwanis International. (6/2023)
- b. Each club delegate and alternate shall be an active member in good standing of the club represented. However, if a club is not represented by two of its own members, it may be represented by: (6/2023)
 - (1) The lieutenant governor, a past lieutenant governor, or a past district secretary who is a member of a club in the same division; or (6/2023)

(2) The district secretary. (6/2023)

Each such person may only represent one club. (6/2023)

c. Any question regarding the seating of delegates shall be decided by the Credentials Chair. (6/2023)

Section 2 3. Delegates of a newly organized club shall be granted full privileges at any Kiwanis International ~~conventions~~ house of delegates after the charter has been approved by Kiwanis International, up to a date determined by the Kiwanis International Board, even if ~~it~~ the charter has not been formally presented to such club. (6/2023)

Section 3 4. A Kiwanis club member shall be entitled to only one delegate status (delegate-at-large or club delegate) and one vote. (6/2023)

Section 4 5. Members of the Kiwanis International Board, Past Kiwanis International Presidents, Chairs of Kiwanis International Committees, district governors, district governors-elect, district vice governors, district trustees, district treasurers, district secretaries, district lieutenant governors and lieutenant governors-designate, and past district governors who are active members shall be delegates-at-large ~~to all~~ at any Kiwanis International ~~conventions~~ house of delegates. (6/2023)

Section 5 6. The quorum of any Kiwanis International ~~convention~~ house of delegates shall consist of not less than five hundred (500) delegates, provided that in time of emergency, three hundred (300) delegates shall constitute a quorum. (6/2023)

Section 6 7. Each delegate present shall be entitled to vote on each question submitted in any Kiwanis International ~~convention~~ house of delegates, except as otherwise prescribed in these Bylaws. There shall be no voting by proxy ~~or absentee ballot~~. (6/2023)

Section 7 8. No delegate shall be entitled to vote ~~in a convention~~ unless and until the delegate's registration fee has been paid. (7/1998)

Section 8 9. On all matters put to vote in the house of delegates, delegates may abstain from voting on any question. In determining the outcome of any vote, the presiding officer shall make a determination on the votes actually cast; abstentions, if any, shall be excluded from all such consideration. (6/2023)

Section 10. Voting on all business to be determined by the house of delegates shall be conducted by secure remote voting, via a method determined by the Kiwanis International Board. Any unforeseen matters shall be resolved by the Kiwanis International Board. Technological difficulties that may prevent or reduce the ability of a small number of delegates to participate fully in voting which occur through no misdeed or no substantial failure of Kiwanis International shall not invalidate the outcome of the results, provided that the number of delegates in attendance is sufficient to meet quorum.

Section 11. If emergency conditions as defined elsewhere in these bylaws make holding of the annual house of delegates impossible, impractical or inadvisable by remote means, the Board shall have the authority to determine another method that it deems to be in the best interests of the organization to elect officers and consider amendment and resolution proposals and to determine all relevant details regarding such method. The Board shall notify clubs within three (3) days of any such determinations.

ARTICLE 17. CONVENTION HOUSE OF DELEGATES PROCEDURE

Section 1. The Board shall present a proposed agenda for the meeting of the house of delegates, which shall be adopted by a majority vote of the delegates. Changes in the agenda may be made from time to time by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting. (6/2023)

Section 2. Prior to each Kiwanis International convention house of delegates, the President shall appoint the following relevant Chairs: (6/2023)

- a. Sergeant-at-Arms, which shall help maintain order. (6/2023)
- b. Credentials, which shall oversee the certification of delegates and determine the seating of the delegates for any club that may fail to certify its representatives. (6/2023)
- c. Elections, which shall have general charge of the elections and other voting, including the distribution and tabulation of the ballots and certification of the voting results. Only delegates may be members of this committee. The voting results shall be kept for a period of ninety (90) days. (6/2023)

Section 3.

- a. Proposed resolutions shall be submitted by October 31 prior to the next scheduled Kiwanis International ~~convention~~ house of delegates by a district board or district house of delegates, or by a club in good standing, by a majority vote of the members. Resolutions may also be proposed by the Kiwanis International Board. (6/2023)
- b. The Resolutions and Bylaws Committee shall meet within sixty (60) days thereafter to consider all proposed resolutions. (6/2023)
- c. Resolutions shall relate to matters of broad concern to Kiwanis International. Resolutions shall not be used to amend the bylaws. There shall be no resolutions on partisan political matters nor resolutions commending living persons. Memorial resolutions shall be limited to Kiwanis club members who, at the time of death, were members of the Kiwanis International Council; however, the Kiwanis International Board may propose other memorial resolutions. (6/2023)
- d. Not later than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Kiwanis International ~~convention~~ house of delegates, the Executive Director shall send ~~a copy~~ of all proposed resolutions to the secretary and president of each club, other than memorial and appreciation resolutions. No other resolutions shall be considered unless approved for consideration by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Kiwanis International Board and presented no later than the beginning of the house of delegates. (6/2023)
- e. Resolutions may be adopted by a majority of the valid votes cast by the delegates present and voting, except those recommended by the Board less than ninety (90) days in advance, which shall require two-thirds (2/3) vote to adopt. (6/2023)
- f. Resolutions and Bylaws committee members shall have the privilege of the floor while resolutions are being considered by the delegate body but shall not have the right to vote unless said member is a delegate. (6/2023)

ARTICLE 18. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The official program of the annual Kiwanis International convention shall indicate the day and time of the session for the nomination and election of officers. (6/2023)

Section 2.

- a. The nomination and election procedures for Kiwanis International officers and trustees to be elected ~~at the annual Kiwanis International convention~~ shall be as follows: (7/1998)
- (1) The President-Elect shall be the sole candidate for the office of President. (6/1995)
 - (2) The Vice-President shall be the sole candidate for the office of President-Elect. (6/1997)
 - (3) All candidates for the offices of President-Elect, Vice-President, and Trustees for the announced number of terms available must submit notice of candidacy to the Executive Director no later than the opening session of the convention. (6/2023)
 - (4) No person shall be considered as a candidate until or unless the following requirements have been met: (6/2010)
 - The candidate shall have served as an immediate past district governor prior to announcing their candidacy to Kiwanis International. (6/2018)
 - Written consent of such person has been given. (6/2010)
 - The candidate has been endorsed by the candidate's district house of delegates prior to the candidate announcing their candidacy to Kiwanis International. However, if the district board believes the district has circumstances which make it impossible for its house to endorse a candidate, the district board may petition the Kiwanis International Board for permission to make the endorsement. A candidate may not be endorsed while serving as district governor. All endorsements shall comply with Kiwanis policy. (6/2018)
 - A satisfactory criminal history background check has been conducted and verified by Kiwanis International. (6/2023)

(See also Bylaws Interpretation D.)

- (5) Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, nothing contained in this Section shall be construed as limiting the right to make further nominations of qualified candidates from the floor of the convention. (6/2023)
- b. Prior to the nominations, the report of the qualified candidates shall be presented to the delegate body. The candidates shall be nominated and voted upon in an order determined by the Kiwanis International Board. (6/2023)
- c. The voting shall be by ballot only where there are more candidates for an office than there are open positions. (6/2023)
- d. No ballot shall be counted whereon it appears that the delegate has voted for a greater or lesser number of nominees for an office than there are vacancies to be filled. (6/2023)
- e. A majority of all valid votes cast for each position shall be necessary for the election of the President, President-Elect, and Vice-President. ~~In the event that any ballot cast for President, President-Elect, or Vice-President does not show a majority for any nominee for the foregoing offices, the President shall designate a time and a place for further balloting for such office. Prior to the second ballot, the nominee having the lowest vote on the first ballot shall be dropped; and on each succeeding ballot, the same procedure shall be followed until some nominee shall have received a majority of all valid votes cast. If two or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, a ballot will be taken among those candidates to determine who remains on the ballot, before further balloting occurs.~~ If there are three (3) or more candidates for President, President-elect, or Vice-President, the election shall be conducted by ranked choice voting. (6/2022).

Section 3. The person selected by a region for a guaranteed office of Trustee shall be declared elected to the Kiwanis International Board. (6/2023)

Section 4. The nominees for Trustees for regular three-year terms from the United States and Pacific Canada Region receiving the greater number of valid votes cast shall be declared elected. If there are more candidates

than Trustee positions to be filled, the election shall be conducted by ranked choice voting. (7/2024)

Section 5. In the event of a tie vote for any office, the house of delegates shall take a new ballot on the tied candidates at a date and time preannounced by the Kiwanis International Board for such contingency. (7/2017)

Section 6. Cumulative voting shall not be permitted. (6/1997)

Section 7. After their election and before their assumption of office, all officers of Kiwanis International shall be known and designated by the titles of the offices to which they have been elected, followed by the term "designate." (6/2023)

ARTICLE 27. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND RESCISSION OF INTERPRETATIONS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any ~~convention~~ of Kiwanis International house of delegates by two-thirds (2/3) of the valid votes cast by the house of delegates or by the Kiwanis International Council as provided in Article 14. (6/2023)

Section 2. Rescission of a Bylaw amendment adopted by the Kiwanis International Council may be made no later than the next two (2) successive ~~conventions~~ of Kiwanis International house of delegates by a majority of the valid votes cast by the house of delegates. (6/2023)

Section 3. Changes to or rescission of Bylaw interpretations adopted by the Kiwanis International Board may be made at the next scheduled-~~convention~~ of Kiwanis International house of delegates by a majority of the valid votes cast by the house ~~of delegates~~. (6/2023)

Section 4. All proposals stated in Sections 1, 2, and 3 may be submitted by: (6/2023)

- a. The Kiwanis International Board; (6/2023)
- b. The board or house of delegates of a district in good standing; or (6/2023)
- c. A club in good standing, by a majority vote of the members. (6/2023)

Section 5. All proposals stated in Sections 1, 2, and 3 must be received by the Executive Director no later than October 31 ~~prior to the next scheduled Kiwanis International convention of the administrative year~~ during which a proposal shall be considered. However, the Kiwanis International Board may propose amendments any time prior to proper notice being sent to clubs as provided in Section 6. (6/2023)

Section 6. The Kiwanis International Resolutions and Bylaws Committee shall meet within sixty (60) days after the submission deadline to consider all proposed amendments submitted by clubs and districts. (6/2023)

Section 7. Not later than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Kiwanis International ~~convention~~ house of delegates at which the proposal will be considered, the Executive Director shall send to the president and secretary of each club ~~a copy of~~ all proposals stated in Sections 1, 2, and 3. (6/2023)



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