



These proposed amendments were read the first time at the WLA Annual Business meeting Thursday, October 25, 2001, at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel & Conference Center, Appleton. The amendments may be voted on after a second reading at the 2002 Annual Business Meeting, to be held October 31, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton.

Any business meeting of the Association may, by resolution, require that a question under consideration be submitted by mail to the membership, to be conducted by the Board of Directors. Any action by an Association business meeting may be set aside by a majority vote in which one-half of the members of the Association have voted. Such vote by mail shall be held upon petition of one hundred members of the Association, submitted to the Board of Directors within six weeks after the action in question.

Underlined language indicates additions to the document; words in ~~strikeout~~ indicate deletions. Brief explanations of the amendments appear in bold italics.

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Article III. **Governance**

Section 2. The Association membership, acting in duly called business meetings or by mail vote as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws, is the governing body of the Association. It shall elect the officers and determine all policies of the Association. It may create committees, divisions, sections, or other groups as provided in the Bylaws and may assign to each duties, responsibilities, and fields of activities.

See also the amendment of Article VIII for an explanation.

Article IV. **Officers**

Section 3. The officers of the Association shall be elected in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the Bylaws, ~~and~~ The President and President-elect shall serve for a term of one year except and the Secretary and Treasurer shall serve for two terms of three years being elected in alternating years. The election for the Secretary and Treasurer shall not be held in the same year. Officers serve from the first of January after their election or appointment through the following December 31st.

Extends the terms of the Secretary and Treasurer from two to three years to provide more continuity on the board and consistency with proposed terms for other directors.

Article V. **Board of Directors** (Amended October 1998)

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers of the Association, the immediate Past President, the ALA Councilor, and ~~the Chair and Chair-Elect~~ one representative from each of the divisions of the Association. The membership of each division shall elect a representative to serve on the WLA Board for a three-year term.

Any section may have one voting seat on the WLA Board of Directors for a three-year period by submitting a written request to the Board. The request, either original or renewal, must be submitted by the date specified in the annual notification provided by the Committee on Organization (amended 11/00). ~~The current section chair shall be the representative on the Board. The membership of each section requesting a seat on the WLA Board shall elect a representative to serve a three-year term.~~ Representation on the Board is dependent upon the section maintaining its section status.

Board members may be re-elected for two consecutive three-year terms and may serve in the same position for no more than three terms total.

These amendments increase the terms of division representatives from two to three years and the terms of section representatives from one to three years. These changes allow greater continuity of service on the WLA Board, allow unit chairs and vice-chairs to focus on their unit business, provide opportunities for more members to get involved in leadership positions, and set term limits.

Article VIII.

Amendments

Proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Association may be submitted to any annual business meeting of the Association. Proposals shall be read and discussed for clarification in the meeting to which they are first submitted, and referred to the Committee on Organization for study and report. The proposed amendment or amendments and the report of the Committee thereon shall be published in the call for the next annual business meeting and, subject to the provisions of Article IV of the Bylaws relating to mail vote, shall be presented for final action by the Association at such meeting. A two-thirds majority of the membership voting is required for the adoption of any proposed amendment. may be submitted at any time by the following: (1) the WLA Board of Directors, acting on a majority vote; (2) any Division or Section board of directors, acting on a majority vote; or (3) a signed petition of at least 100 members. Each proposed amendment must include a plan and specified date for implementation. Submittals must be made simultaneously to the WLA Board of Directors and the Committee on Organization. The Committee on Organization will study and report on the amendment within thirty (30) days. Once the Committee has reported back to the presenters (with a copy to the WLA Board), and the presenters have made any necessary adjustments, the amendment shall be communicated to the entire membership of the Association. After at least ninety (90) days from that first communication, a ballot on which to record support or opposition to the amendment and a summary of the nature of the amendment shall be sent to the membership. The ballot must include an origination date which represents the day it is mailed. To be considered, ballots must be returned within thirty (30) days of the origination date. A two-thirds majority of the membership voting is required for the adoption of any proposed amendment.

This amendment reduces the time it takes to change the WLA Constitution. The current Constitution requires two readings at two consecutive annual meetings, meaning implementation of the amendment effectively occurs no earlier than in year three.

This amendment also provides all members the opportunity to vote on the proposed amendments. Currently, only the small percentage of members typically present at the annual business meeting are able to vote on a constitutional amendment.



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