

# Proposed Bylaw Changes

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Second Reading & Vote: April 14, 2025

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# Second Reading Proposed Bylaw Changes

- The proposed changes were presented to the membership in March for a “First Reading”, meant to announce the changes and prompt discussion
- After a second reading, the changes are voted on by the membership, and adopted following a simple majority vote of those present at the meeting

# What Are We Changing?

- Rules for dealing with nominations for office
- Rules dealing with resignations
- Rules regarding special elections to replace officers
- Rules concerning meeting dates & locations
- Rules concerning the auditing of the club books
- A code of conduct for club members and users of club assets

# Strikeout #1

- ARTICLE THREE – ADMINISTRATION

- Section 1) The officers of the club shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Section 2) The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elective. Candidates for these offices shall be from the ranks of the active voting membership. They shall hold office for a period of one year. ~~The first business meeting of the new year shall mark the inauguration of the newly elected Officers unless such inauguration is impossible because of unforeseen circumstances. The outgoing officers shall hold office until the newly elected Officers are able to assume their duties.~~
- Section 3) The resignation of any officer of the club may be accepted by the Secretary. If the office vacated is the President, the Vice President shall serve the remaining term as President, vacating the office of Vice President. ~~The President shall appoint a member to serve in the vacated position until a special election can be held at the next business meeting following notification of membership of the special election.~~

Details on handling resignations and replacements are now codified in  
**ARTICLE EIGHT - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

# Defining “Member At Large”

- ARTICLE ONE – OFFICERS
- Section 5) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two to five **Members At Large** elected by the membership. The Executive Committee shall provide guidance and bring before the membership, issues and topics related to the well being of the Club and membership.

**No change other than defining what those two to five members are called.  
This is important because the Executive Committee is made up of the  
named officers PLUS the members at large.**

# Revising Meeting Dates

- ARTICLE SIX – MEETINGS
- Section 1) The business meeting of the club shall be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM local time. When the second Monday falls on a holiday (October and November), the meeting shall be held on the third Monday. The Executive Committee, at its discretion may change the date of any meeting. A quorum of six Full Voting Members is required to conduct business.

As currently written, in theory every meeting HAD to be the second Monday. Now meeting dates can be changed

# Audit Committee Report Due in MAY

- ARTICLE SEVEN – COMMITTEES
  - Section 1) The Executive Committee or President may establish standing committees and Chairpersons as needed.
  - Section 2) Special Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the President as required.
    - (a) Nominating Committee, a Chair plus two members who shall report no later than October 1st of each year, the names of Voting Members to be nominated for office at the November meeting and the offices for which they are to be nominated.
    - (b) Audit Committee of two members shall audit the Treasurer's books after the year-end financial report has been completed and present their findings no later than the May meeting.

The treasurer prepares monthly reports already. It was impossible to comply with a January deadline. A May date allows our volunteers to get together without undue pressure.

## ARTICLE EIGHT - NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

- Section 1) The slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the membership during the October meeting.
- Section 2) Nominations from the floor. Any member with voting privileges can be placed into nomination for any office of the club. Such a nomination must occur during the October meeting, must be moved and seconded and approved by a show of hands.
- Section 3) The election of officers will be held during the November meeting and will consist of the combined slate from the Nominating Committee and any floor nominations.
- Section 4) All positions that are not contested shall be elected by the Secretary (or designate) casting a single vote.
- Section 5) Any position that is contested shall be elected by a simple majority of votes placed by secret ballot of all members present during the November meeting. Should more than five Members At Large be on the ballot, the top five vote getters shall be elected.



# ARTICLE EIGHT - NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

- Section 6) The secretary shall post a list of elected officers on the club website.
- Section 7) The period of time between the November meeting and the December meeting shall be used as a transition period
- Section 8) The formal transition of power to the incoming officers will happen on the second Monday in December (usually a year-end party).
- Section 9) The outgoing officers shall hold office until the newly elected Officers are able to assume their duties.
- Section 10) Should any officer resign, the President shall appoint a replacement. If the replacement comes from one of the elected Executive Committee members, then that person shall serve the remainder of the term (no special election is required). Members at Large do not need to be replaced until fewer than two remain. A special election is not required to be held in the last three months of the year.

# Conduct clause added to ARTICLE NINE

- ARTICLE NINE – POLICY

- Section 7) All members of the club are considered to be ambassadors of the club and are expected to extend good will to all members and non-members during on-air activities, in-person events, and club meetings. Users of club equipment, such as repeaters, are expected to keep their conversations congenial and not be disruptive or disrespectful to others.

## ARTICLE TEN -- TERMINATION