



Constitution and Bylaws Update

Proposal overview:

This proposal provides clarity to the already existing process concerning voting and elections. The definition of “unit in good standing” is clarified. The voting rights of independent show sponsors are clarified. Ambiguous language that may be interpreted to allow a board member/show sponsor a double vote has been removed. Season specific voting is clarified and expanded to provide for proposals that only affect a particular unit type, allowing for one vote per unit for those specific proposals.

Affected season: FALL / WINTER / ALL Rationale:

ALL

Financial impact or considerations:

NONE

NWAPA documents that will be amended:

NWAPA Constitution and Bylaws

Document language that will exist if the proposal passes:

ADDITIONS AND CHANGES IN RED

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the organization shall include band directors and winter ensemble directors, or their designated proxy, of units in good standing participating in two or more seasonal events as well as show sponsors who do not otherwise meet the criteria aforementioned.

Unit in good standing is defined as a unit without any financial obligations to the NWAPA that has registered in a competitive class in a NWAPA event for the most recent season.



ARTICLE VII - VOTING AND ELECTIONS

SECTION I - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP All NWAPA business conducted through a vote at a General Membership meeting must meet a quorum of the eligible membership for the season in question. Any number of members present at any General Membership meeting will constitute a quorum. All voters are counted as “Yea”, “Nay” or “Present” with regard to the quorum.

A simple majority of “Yea” verses “Nay” votes shall carry the vote. Each member in good standing, or their designated proxy, shall have one vote to cast in all deliberations of the membership body. Independent (not affiliated with a member school or unit) show sponsors in good standing receive one vote. ~~Show sponsors affiliated with member schools shall not have voting rights unless serving as an officer of NWAPA.~~ Voting may be by voice vote or written ballot, or as determined to be appropriate by the President. All voice votes may be verified by a poll of the membership present.

Approval of the Membership is required to adopt the annual budget, to elect the Officers of the organization, and to approve amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws of the organization. The General Membership may also vote to remove a Board Member from office.

Proposals concerning only Winter or Fall will be put forth to only units that are eligible members under that season. All units in good standing will have a vote in season specific elections, even if the units are sponsored by the same organization. Winter season show sponsors that do not sponsor a unit in good standing may cast ONE vote for winter season specific proposals.

Winter proposals concerning only Guard, Percussion or Winds will be put forth to only units that are eligible members of that particular unit type. All units in good standing will have a vote in unit type specific elections, even if the units are sponsored by the same organization.

Proposals concerning all seasons, Board of Director elections, and amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws will solicit a vote from the entire membership of both seasons. Each school or independent organization will have ONE vote regardless of how many units the organization sponsors.

The President shall audit the proposals put forth before the membership for correct affected constituency (Fall, Winter, All) and advise the membership on what bodies will be allowed to vote on each proposal.

The Secretary or their designee shall tally votes and report results to the membership.

Additional considerations:

NONE

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