

## **Proposed WLCJ Bylaws (2022) – Changes**

Below are the most significant changes in the Proposed WLCJ Bylaws. Other changes may be identified by comparing the current and proposed bylaws.

### **Terminology:**

“The League” to “WLCJ”

“Sisterhood” to “Affiliate”

“Woman” to “those who identify as women”

RATIONALE: Update to current terminology

### **Nominations and Elections and Beginning of Terms**

The current bylaws allow for Convention every three years at which election and installation will be held.

The proposed bylaws have the elections and installation based on the fiscal year and have changed the timeline to accommodate this change for both WLCJ and the Regions.

RATIONALE: See “Nominations and Election Timeline”.

### **Regions**

A proviso has been added to allow the Regions and WLCJ to begin and end their administrations in the same year: “Proviso: The 2024 term shall be a term of two (2) years”.

RATIONALE: Region Presidents have found it difficult to not be in sync with WLCJ administrations. This will make for a smoother transition of Region and WLCJ administrations.

Sections 5, 6, 7 and 9 have been deleted from the current WLCJ Bylaws and a new Section 5 has been added

RATIONALE: Current Sections 5, 6, 7, and 9 deal with the operation of the Regions and are covered in the Uniform Region Bylaws.

New Section 5 states the governance of the operations of the regions to be approved by the WLCJ Executive Committee which is consistent with current practice.

### **Timing and Participation**

Timing for when specific actions must occur (e.g. notices, response to requests for special meetings) has been changed as well as the method of participation in meetings.

RATIONALE: The changes have been made due to the common use of electronic communications and attendance at meetings via the internet.

### **Other Changes**

The other changes have been proposed to update the bylaws to be consistent with current practices and/or are recommended by Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised in its most recent edition.

## Nominations and Election Timeline

Action	Current	Proposed	Date (approximate)
Announce slate of officers	6 months before convention	At least 180 days prior to the end of the fiscal year	By January 1
Contested election: submission of petition and consent	90 days prior to convention	21 days after announcement of slate	January 21
Notice of election meeting	60 days before election	30 days before meeting	February 1
Election of officers and Nominating Committee	At convention	58-64 days after announcement of slate	March 1-6
Announce nominees for elected Board directors	As part of announcement of slate	Within 60 days before the end of the fiscal year	May 1
Election of elected Board Directors from Regions (by Nominating Committee)	No time given	45 days before the end of the fiscal year	May 15
Installation	At convention	Within 45 days either before or after the end of the fiscal year	May 15 - August 15
Term of office begins	Close of meeting at which elections are held	Close of meeting at which installation is held	May 15 - August 15

### Overall Rationale:

- Both regions and WLCJ start a new administration based on the fiscal year rather than convention.
- Creating an Election Meeting provides for a longer transition period between administrations.
- Convention may be anytime during the year without concern for timing it to the start of a new administration.
- Shorter time periods for notices are available due to electronic communication.

Jan 1	Jan 21	Feb 1	March 1-6	May 1	May 15	←————→	August 15
Slate Announced	Petition submitted	Notice of Election	Election of Officers & Nom Comm	Announce Bd. Nominees	Installation Term begins		