

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

The Board recently approved a recommendation by the Strategic Planning Committee to provide newly-elected Board members with a period of time between being elected and officially taking office in order to receive training and allow for a smooth transition to their board positions. This would mean moving the election of officers to the January general meeting but having the newly-elected officers sworn in at the March general meeting. This proposed change requires an amendment to the club bylaws to be voted on by the membership.

The current bylaws provide:

“ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, TERMS, REPLACEMENTS, AND REMOVALS

Section 1

A. There shall be a Nominating Committee of five (5) members in good standing, appointed by the Board each January. The Committee shall develop a slate of officers for the coming term. The Committee may designate one of its members to be its Chair. If the Committee finds that it wishes to nominate one of its own members, that member must step off the committee for nomination of that particular office.

B. All officers and the Member-at-Large shall serve a two-year term. The election of the President and Vice-President shall occur in even-numbered years; the election of the Secretary and Treasurer shall occur in odd-numbered years.

C. Only members of the Club in good standing who are registered Democrats and are willing to serve shall be eligible for nomination and election to any office. The Nominating Committee shall make its report to the Board each February.

D. The slate of candidates for office shall be announced to the membership at least ten (10) calendar days in advance of the March meeting.

Section 2 A. Election of officers shall be at the annual March meeting.”

The proposed amendments to the bylaws are as follows (in red):

“ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, TERMS, REPLACEMENTS, AND REMOVALS

Section 1

A. There shall be a Nominating Committee of five (5) members in good standing, appointed by the Board **each year, no later than October 31**. The Committee shall develop a slate of officers for the coming term. The Committee may designate one of its members to be its

Chair. If the Committee finds that it wishes to nominate one of its own members, that member must step off the committee for nomination of that particular office.

B. All officers and the Member-at-Large shall serve a two-year term. The election of the President and Vice-President shall occur in even-numbered years; the election of the Secretary and Treasurer shall occur in odd-numbered years.

C. Only members of the Club in good standing who are registered Democrats and are willing to serve shall be eligible for nomination and election to any office. The Nominating Committee shall make its report to the Board each **December**.

D. The slate of candidates for office shall be announced to the membership at least ten (10) calendar days in advance of the **January general meeting**.

Section 2

A. Election of officers shall be at the **January general meeting**. **The newly elected officers shall be sworn in at the March general meeting.**

Under Article XII, Section 1:

“These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote cast at any regular or special meeting of the Club. Notice of the proposed amendments shall be included in the announcement of the meeting at which the proposed amendments will be presented. The proposed amendments will be presented at the meeting and immediately after the presentation, a vote on the proposed amendments shall be held.”