

## PROPOSED REVISION TO CWA CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

As stated in Chapter 1, Paragraph B. 8: "The Rules Committee shall be comprised of the Board of Directors. Drafts of proposed rule changes must be submitted to the Secretary by October 1. No proposals submitted after October 1 can be voted on. The Secretary shall post all drafts for discussion not later than October 5. Final versions of all proposals must be submitted by November 1. The Secretary shall distribute ballots to each Committee member as soon as possible thereafter, either electronically or by land mail. The deadline for Board members to vote on the proposals is January 1. Amendments to rules and regulations are passed if two-thirds of the submitted ballots are in favor."

Please complete the following three questions (to be shared with CWA Board of Directors):

1. Identify the specific Article, Section and Paragraph of the CWA Constitution & By-Laws you propose amending.

### **ARTICLE I/Section 3: Membership**

#### **SECTION 3 Election to Membership**

Applicants shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the Club/Group has read and agrees to abide by the CWA Constitution, By-Laws and Rules. The application shall state the name and address of each Club/Group Officer and carry the endorsement of one Affiliated Club/Group.

Applications are filed with the Secretary who will mail a copy to each member of the Board of Directors. A favorable vote by a majority of the Board of Directors is required for approval to membership. Applicants who are rejected may not reapply for one year.

2. State in exact words what your proposed revision, deletion, or addition is and where it would fit into existing wording.

#### **SECTION 3 Election to Membership**

Applicants shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors, and must sign a form which states that the applicants have read and agree to abide by the CWA Constitution, By-Laws and Rules. The application shall state the name, mailing address, phone number, and email address of all club officers, and shall indicate which two officers will serve on the CWA Board. The application must be endorsed by at least one affiliated CWA club. Both Board members of each endorsing club must sign the formal endorsement letter. The endorsement

letter should indicate why the endorsing club thinks the new club will be an asset to CWA, and should also note what assistance the endorsing club will provide for the new club as needed.

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3. State the justification or rationale for this proposed change (i.e. how it will improve or enhance the existing Constitution & By-Laws).

It seems inappropriate for only one member of any club to be able to endorse another club, especially without proof that other members of the club are aware of the endorsement. Additionally, no club should be able to endorse another without indicating how the endorsement was earned, or without indicating how they will support the new club if it is voted in. .

SIGNATURE     *Lisa M. Ochoa*     DATE     *9/27/21*