

Background Information – Proposed WRAC Bylaws Amendments 2024

Board Direction/Ad Hoc Committee

At the WRAC meeting on 4/29/24, members passed a motion calling for the WRAC Bylaws to be amended to allow for *2nd Alternate Representatives* (but not to allow for additional “temporary / substitute” representatives).

WRAC’s Chair has now formed an ad hoc Bylaws Committee to review the current Bylaws and to propose 1) amendments consistent with the Board’s directive on 4/29, and 2) additional amendments necessary to correct and update the Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee members are Robin Greenberg, Steve Sann and Chris Spitz (each of whom has extensive experience in drafting and amending bylaws either for WRAC and/or for their own respective councils).

The Committee members have now reviewed WRAC’s current Bylaws and have drafted proposed amendments, which are detailed in the accompanying “**Proposed WRAC Bylaws Amendments 2024**” document (the Proposed Amendments):

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Proposed-WRAC-Bylaws-Amendments2024.pdf>

Summary of Amendments and Process

The Proposed Amendments are organized into 5 categories or “Groups,” arranged generally by topic, i.e., Representatives, Meetings, Conduct, etc. (Groups A-D and proposed new Standing Rule 9). Within each Group, *three versions of each of the particular Bylaws sections suggested for amendment* are set forth for the Board’s convenience: 1) the **current version** of the section; 2) a **redline version** showing strikeouts and the proposed amended language in red font; and 3) a “**clean**” **version** showing the amended section as it will appear in the revised Bylaws (upon Board approval).

Group A includes proposed amendments related to the Board’s directive on 4/29 to add Second Alternates. Groups B-D include other proposed amendments. In addition, new Standing Rule 9 is proposed (related to the proposed Group B amendment regarding anonymous attendance at WRAC meetings). Most of the additional proposed amendments correct typos or grammatical errors and/or provide clarification and eliminate ambiguity (*i.e.*, are not substantive changes).

Discussion and votes will take place separately for each of the Groups A-D amendments and the new Standing Rule 9 at the 5/20/24 WRAC meeting.

*WRAC Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee
Prepared for the WRAC 5/20/24 Board Meeting*

Links to **complete** versions of the Bylaws and Standing Rules (current and proposed amended drafts):

Current Bylaws (last amended in 2020):

https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/WRAC-Bylaws-11_20.pdf

Proposed amended Bylaws/DRAFT (complete):

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Draft-WRAC-Bylaws-5-20-24-R.pdf>

Proposed amended Standing Rules/DRAFT (complete):

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/DRAFT-WRAC-standing-rules.pdf>