

The Links, Incorporated Tacoma (WA) Chapter
2020 Bylaws and Standing Rules Review

The Bylaws Committee conducted a review of the Chapter Bylaws. The proposed amendments and the reasons therefore, appear below.

Bylaws Topic	Article	Section	Previous Language	New Language	Rationale
Membership	III	7 C	C. An individual may not be nominated for membership more than twice. A span of two (2) years must expire before a Nominee is nominated a second time. The Nominee must still meet qualifications for membership and the necessary vote criteria. If an invitation is declined a second time, this will prevent the Nominee from being considered for membership in the future.	Deleted	The limitation for nominating new members does not appear in the National Bylaws. Chapters are unable to provide more restrictive provisions than required by National. Previous language was removed.
Officers	IV	1 I	I. When a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the same shall be filled by the Vice President. The unexpired terms of all other officers shall be filled by special election.	I. Should a vacancy occur in the office of President, the same shall be filled by the Vice President.	To facilitate filling of vacancies in leadership positions without delay or unnecessary process. Will enable Chapter to continue to operate efficiently by immediately filling vacant offices. Removed requirement for a special election

					before the position is filled.
Officers	IV	I J	J. When an office becomes vacant, it shall be filled by an election held during the next regular meeting or by a call meeting of the membership. Each member must be notified in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the next regular business meeting.	J. Should a vacancy occur in any other office, the President, with approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a member to temporarily serve for a period not to exceed three months. A Special Election shall be held within three (3) months after the seat has been vacated.	To facilitate filling vacancies in leadership positions without delay or unnecessary process. Will enable Chapter to continue to operate efficiently by immediately filling vacant officer positions.
Officers	IV	IK		<p>NEW Special Election</p> <p>K. A Special Election is an election held outside of the course of the regular two year period to elect officers. It enables the Chapter to promptly fill vacant positions.</p> <p>1. The Corresponding Secretary shall notify Members at least ten (10) days prior to a Special Election. The Notice shall state the time, place and office for which the special election is being held.</p> <p>2. The Nominating Committee shall present the names of candidate(s) for the vacant position and make all preparation for the election.</p> <p>3. The election shall occur at the business meeting in the</p>	New Section: This section delineates requirements for a Special Election. It will enable the Chapter to continue to operate, while promptly filling vacancies that occur.

				<p>month after the Nominating Committee has presented the candidate(s) to the Chapter.</p> <p>4. The Special Election shall be held by secret ballot. An officer shall be elected by a majority of members present and voting.</p> <p>5. The new officer is elected to serve the balance of the unexpired term of her predecessor.</p>	
	VI	6	<p>B. When matters arise in between Chapter meetings which require action on the part of the Chapter, the President may authorize an electronic vote on the matter(s). The matter(s) upon which an electronic vote is taken must be clearly stated. The President will maintain a record of the members, along with their electronic vote.</p>	<p>B. When matters arise in between Chapter meetings which require action on the part of the Chapter, the President may authorize an electronic vote, except as provided below. The matters on which an electronic vote is taken must be clearly stated at the time the electronic vote is called. The President will maintain a record of the members participating, along with their electronic vote.</p> <p>C. An electronic vote shall not be used to elect officers, vote for new members, or vote on dues and assessments.</p>	<p>To address more specifically when electronic voting may be used.</p>
Program/Facets and Standing Committees	VIII	3	<p>Q. Scholarship Committee:</p> <p>Shall plan and implement the Chapter Scholarship Program.</p>	<p>Q. Scholarship Committee:</p> <p>1. Shall plan and implement the Chapter Scholarship Program.</p>	<p>To add more information about the duties of the scholarship</p>

				<p>2. The Scholarship Committee shall develop and review applications for Tacoma Links Scholarships on an annual basis. The Committee will determine the number of scholarships to award, based on funds available. The Scholarship Committee Chairman shall maintain a record of scholarship recipients, the amount of their award and provide a copy of same to the Recording Secretary.</p>	committee.
Program/Facets and Standing Committees	VIII	3	<p>R. Nominating Committee:</p> <p>1. Shall certify all candidates for elected Chapter office. Certification shall include verification of the eligibility and qualifications of Candidates to hold the office for which they are being considered. The Committee shall submit at least one name for each office to be filled by election.</p> <p>2. Prepare and present the slate of candidates to the Chapter.</p>	<p>1. The Chapter shall elect a Nominating Committee for a two year term in March, immediately following the election of officers.</p> <p>2. The Nominating Committee will consist of an odd number of members, but no fewer than five (5) members. The Chairman will be elected by members of the Nominating Committee.</p> <p>3. The Nominating Committee shall certify all candidates for election. Certification shall include verification of the eligibility and qualifications of candidates to hold the office for which they are being considered. The Committee</p>	To provide guidance and clearer information about the duties of the Nominating Committee.

				<p>shall submit at least one name for each office to be filled by election.</p> <p>4. The Nominating Committee shall develop a slate of officers and make all preparation for election of officers.</p> <p>5. During the November meeting preceding an election year, the Nominating Committee shall make a presentation to the Chapter regarding requirements, qualifications and procedures for being elected to office.</p> <p>6. The Nominating Committee will present the names of nominees at the February meeting. Elections will be held during the March meeting. Nominations may be taken from the floor.</p> <p>7. Should a vacancy occur on the Nominating Committee, it shall be filled by election at the next Chapter meeting.</p> <p>8. Members of the Nominating Committee shall have been a member of the Chapter for at least one (1) year prior to the election.</p>	
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				9. Members of the Nominating Committee are eligible for nomination for office.	
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Respectfully Submitted,

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