



The following proposed changes to the Reston Runners Bylaws will be voted on at the February 21, 2021 virtual general meeting. Please address any questions or comments in advance of the meeting to info@restonrunners.org.

AMENDMENT 1

Description:

These proposals revise the constitution to conform to changes members adopted in our special meeting of September 20, 2020. It also corrects pre-existing errors or inconsistencies in our constitution. The first Amendment contains three parts:

PART 1-MEMBERSHIP: Reflects that membership is now on an individual basis only and runs one year from the date a member joins or renews, rather than a uniform calendar year basis. It also reflects the elimination of free family memberships for spouses or children of past Presidents.

PART 2- ELECTIONS: Corrects outdated language stating the board members were either officers or at-large members (the Director of Walking Programs is a third category of board member already recognized in our constitution) and clarifying that members vote for all board members (not just officers) and may from time to time vote on other matters beyond board elections.

PART 3-MEETING FORMATS: States that meetings may also be held in a virtual format, as is currently required by public health regulations.

AMENDMENT 1 -PART 1 - MEMBERSHIP

III. MEMBERSHIP

Current wording: The only requirement for membership is the payment of dues for the membership year. Past presidents of Reston Runners are granted lifetime family memberships in recognition of their service.

Proposed language: *Members of the club are required to pay annual dues. Past presidents of Reston Runners are granted lifetime memberships in recognition of their service.*

Current wording: Annual membership begins on January 1 and lasts until 31 December. Individuals who are members for a calendar year are eligible to vote for officers in the election year of their membership and in the following year.

Proposed language: Annual membership shall run one year from the date on which a member initiates or renews their membership and pays the annual dues. Current members are eligible to vote in board elections or on any other matters that may be put to the membership for a vote.

AMENDMENT 1 PART 2: ELECTIONS

V. MANAGEMENT

Current wording: D. Election of Officers

Proposed language: D. Election of Board of Directors

Current wording: 3. Election Results. Officers will be elected by plurality vote, that is, candidates receiving the most votes are elected. The At Large positions will be awarded to the 4 individuals with the most votes.

Proposed language: 3. Election Results. Officers, and the Director of Walking Programs, will be elected by plurality vote, that is, candidates receiving the most votes are elected. The At Large positions will be awarded to the 4 individuals with the most votes.

AMENDMENT 1 PART 3: MEETING FORMATS

V. MANAGEMENT

Current wording: F. Procedural Requirements for General Meetings

1. Announcement of General Meetings. General meetings of the entire membership must be announced at least fourteen days in advance.

Proposed language: F. Procedural Requirements for General Meetings

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AMENDMENT 2

Description: The proposed amendment would grant the board of directors the authority to increase or decrease the dues within a limited range of up to 10% in any year. This would provide the club's managers discretion similar to what a typical homeowner's association board has. This change would become effective January 1, 2022.

VI. FINANCES

Current Wording:

A. Dues are determined by a majority of the members at a general meeting and will not be changed more than once per year.

Proposed Amendment: Effective on January 1, 2022, revise subsection A to read as follows: Subsections B through E would be unchanged.

A. Dues are determined by the board of directors. The board of directors may change the dues by no more than 10% percent of the current dues. If the proposed change will be greater than 10%, then a majority of the members at a general meeting will need to approve the new dues. Dues will not be changed more than once per year.

B. Dues, entry fees and other money received by the organization will be spent entirely for carrying out the stated objectives of this organization.

C. No part of the net earnings of the club shall inure to the benefit of its individuals.

D. Members using association funds for any purpose shall give a full record of expenditures to the treasurer.

E. This organization may participate in fund raising activities.