

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS/STANDING RULES  
VCWPC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
DECEMBER 6, 2018**

The following proposed amendments (**shown in red**) to the VCWPC Bylaws and Standing Rules have been prepared by the Bylaws Committee. The amendments will be voted on at the General Membership meeting scheduled to be held prior to the December 6 Holiday Party. If you plan to attend, please bring your own copy.

1. This amendment to the Bylaws states when members are eligible to participate in meetings (electing officers, endorsing candidates, etc.).

**Article III, Section 3.**

*Insert:* **Upon payment of dues**, the rights of members shall include, but not be limited to: ...

2. The following amendment to the Bylaws was sent to the VCWPC membership in preparation for a vote at the General Membership meeting scheduled for October 18. That meeting was cancelled. This amendment allows a VCWPC Board officer to request a leave of absence to pursue a political office. This amendment also covers an extended leave of absence by a Board Officer not covered elsewhere in the Bylaws.

**Article IV, SECTION 1.**

*Add:* **e. A Leave of Absence for a minimum of two months and a maximum of three months may be requested in writing by an officer to the voting members of the Board of Directors. During the LOA, the officer shall not participate in any financial, policy or PAC decisions of the organization. The voting members of the Board of Directors shall rule in favor or against granting the LOA.**

3. The following amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules adds committee co-chairs and clarifies the total number of Board members.

**ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1.**

*Insert/Add:* The Board of Directors shall be composed of the elected officers, committee chairs, **committee co-chairs**, at-large board members, a liaison to each organization to which the VCWPC is a member, and, if appointed, a parliamentarian. **The number of elected and appointed members shall be limited to 15; that number may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the Board.**

**SR4. Duties of Elected Officers.**

*Delete portion of b)*

a. The President shall:

4) Make appointments:

a) Standing committee and special committee chairs/**co-chairs**;

b) ~~Up to 15~~ At-large members.

4. This amendment to the Standing Rules clarifies language about endorsements and sponsorships as they relate to VCWPC-endorsed candidates.

**SR7. Political Action Committee.**

*Insert:* **(i) All endorsed candidates shall be notified of the following rules: 1) Endorsed candidates may list the VCWPC as an endorser. 2) The VCWPC may act as an honorary sponsor or co-host at a fundraising event for an endorsed candidate. 3) The VCWPC shall not sponsor or co-host a fundraising event for an endorsed candidate. 4) VCWPC members may sponsor or co-host a fundraising event for an endorsed candidate.**