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Notice of Proposed Amendment to Bylaws

In accordance with the bylaws, John Dunse hereby gives notice that the following Bylaws amendment will be offered for consideration at the NEXT membership meeting having an Organization Quorum.

Amendment 2008-012: Annual Update of Membership Roster

Proposal Summary: The enrolled membership roster must be updated at least annually to remove “terminated” members and avoid inflated membership numbers. Not paying membership dues by a deadline was one way to terminate, but that test fails if no dues are required. Under that scenario, to maintain enrollment someone from that address must attend the first meeting of the year, or contact a specific officer before the meeting.

ARTICLE 6 – MEMBERSHIP

Section 6. Termination. Members may voluntarily terminate membership in the Association. When all members at a given Residential Address have terminated, the Residential Address terminates its association with BWNA.

- a. Termination By Resignation: Any member may resign from BWNA upon written notice to the secretary.
- b. Termination By Lapsing: A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid thirty (30) days after the payment deadline. *To continue membership when no dues are required for that year, a member must either attend the first meeting of the fiscal year, or **before** the first meeting of the year in writing notify the vice-president of the member’s intention to continue the membership of that address.*
- c. Termination By Moving: All forms of membership automatically terminates when the member permanently moves out of the Association area.

Section 7. Annual Update of Membership Roster

The number of enrolled addresses determines the number of members required to form the Organization Quorum and determines the Participation Rate, a key indicator of the Association’s success. At the minimum, the roster of enrolled addresses shall be updated and corrected after the first meeting of a new fiscal year. Removed from the roster shall be those addresses whose memberships have terminated, as this avoids inflating the number required to specify the Organization Quorum.

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2 **Rationale for Change**

4 Starting with the first draft of the Bylaws, membership in BWNA was intended to be renewed
6 annually. Payment of the annual (per-address) membership dues by a certain date renewed the
8 membership, and non-payment terminated the membership. The membership roll was certainly
not a static list – some persons would be removed, other added as they signed-up.

10 An amendment in April changed the minimum membership annual fee from \$10 to zero, and
12 the ExecCom also proposed to charge no dues. Both actions suddenly removed the single
indicator whether an address intended to retain the membership. Gone is the information
needed to drop someone from the membership roster.

14 If non-payment of membership dues cannot be used as a test of membership interest, then
another test must be used:

16 Members must participate at the first meeting of a fiscal year to avoid lapsing their
18 enrollment;

20 Alternatively, a member contacts the vice-president before the first meeting and in
writing states that the member’s address wishes continued association.

22 Unless the roster of enrolled residences is updated at least annually for lapsed memberships, the
24 apparent number of enrolled residences will increase even though persons may have lost
interest.

26 If the enrolled roster incorrectly states a high count of membership addresses, it may be
impossible to realize an Organization Quorum, defined as the majority of enrolled residences. If
28 the OQ cannot be met, then certain critical business meetings cannot be held, including
elections.

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