

BCDCC Bylaws 2019 Commentary

Article IV, old item 4 has been moved to the Policy Guide. Old item 5 now shows as item 4.

In Article V, State Committeewoman and State Committeeman have been replaced by State Committeemembers.

In Article VI, the paragraph has been broken into three items. Item 3 about the non-voting members of the Executive Board has been modified for readability inserting a colon before list and the caveat “if active” has been added.

In Article IX, item 4, the rule for having the adoption of a resolution on the agenda has been clarified in a couple of ways. The method of notification has been expanded beyond the newsletter to include the web page as well. Also, a sentence has been added to allow resolutions to be placed on the agenda without prior notification if two-thirds of the body approves the placement.

In Article X, the spelling error in the title has been corrected. The paragraph has been rewritten to clarify the hierarchy of the sets of rules that govern our parliamentary procedures. We have also added the requirement that the Rules and the Policy Guide be consistent with the Bylaws.

In Article XI, item 1, the old version requires that the Bylaws be an agenda item on the Biennial organization meeting. In actual practice, we have found that frequently we have many new officers who were just elected moment before in that meeting. These new officers haven't had a chance to review the bylaws and be able to propose any desired changes. The new language allows but does not require that the bylaws be an agenda item. It also notes that only at the organizing meeting can the Bylaws be adopted by a simple majority vote. In practice, it has become routine to bring bylaw revisions before the body at a later meeting at which time a two-thirds majority is required to make changes. It is not explicitly stated that the old bylaws remain in effect if no changes are needed. Having an agenda item to accept at least the old bylaws makes their authority explicit at the time of organizing.

In Article XI, item 2, we have removed the requirement that proposed amendments be mailed through the postal system and replace it with a requirement to email the changes. We have also added language that restricts those emails to people for whom we have email addresses.