

## **ARTICLE I: VOTING**

1. Each member of the Central Committee shall be entitled to one vote.
2. The outcome of any election must be challenged before the adjournment of the meeting in which a vote has been taken. If the election is not challenged before the adjournment, the election will stand as certified.
3. All members of the Central Committee (as defined in Bylaws under “Membership”) shall have an equal vote. In the event that any member shall be an officer or hold any additional position with the Central Committee that carries a vote, the member shall nevertheless have only one vote in all affairs of the Central Committee.
4. Voting by proxy shall be permitted in accordance with the following rules:
  - a. All proxies must be in writing, and either signed by the member or accompanied by a signed letter attesting to the wishes of the member, and designating who will vote the proxy.
  - b. No person will hold more than one general and uninstructed proxy.
  - c. Proxies are nontransferable.
  - d. In order to vote a general and uninstructed proxy, the holder must register the proxy with the Secretary of the Central Committee before a vote is taken
  - e. All specific and instructed proxies must be registered with the Secretary before a vote is taken, and shall be tallied for inclusion in the final vote count.
  - f. The holder of the proxy must reside in Benton County.
5. An actual vote count (“division”) may be called for from the floor by any member after a voice vote if the member doubts the claimed outcome of the vote and before another motion has the floor.
6. When Central Committee members cast written ballots, secret balloting shall be used, provided that there is a mechanism to ensure, prior to voting, the eligibility of those who cast ballots (e. g., a check list, sign-in sheet, ballot receipt, separate seating area, etc.)

## **ARTICLE II: DUES:**

The Executive Committee shall be empowered to assess dues, and to rescind dues to be paid by Central Committee members as defined in Bylaws under “Membership”. Dues assessments shall be ratified by majority vote of the members of the Central Committee present, including proxies, at any general meeting of the Central Committee. Dues shall be equal for all members; however their payment or lack of payment cannot be used to determine a member’s standing or rights in matters of the Central Committee. Proposals for dues assessments will describe the intended purpose of the dues, and stipulate the time-period over which the dues apply (e. g., annual).

**ARTICLE III: Amendments to the Rules**

The Rules may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Central Committee in a regular or special meeting provided the membership has been notified of the pending changes at least ten (10) days before the meeting.