

Changes to BSVCA Bylaws
For the January 2012 General Meeting

Note: deletions within sentences are ~~lined through~~, and additions within sections are *underlined and in italics*.

Article III—Membership

1. Section 1. Area Boundaries.

Change the note to read:

Note: The boundaries include the KMS Townhouses on the left *north* side of Richenbacher Avenue and the single-family homes on both sides of the same street.”

Rationale: Provides greater accuracy. The left side changes when you face opposite directions.

2. Section 3. Classes of Membership.

Delete the last sentence, which now reads:

“The schedule of annual dues is set forth in Article III, Section 4,”

Rationale: Eliminates surplusage. This subject is covered in the next section.

Article IV—Executive Board

3. Section 3. Compensation.

In the second sentence, delete “However, they” and insert “They” so the sentence reads:

“~~However,~~ *They* may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in carrying out their duties.

Rationale: Eliminates surplusage.

Article V—Officers

4. Section 3C. Duties of the Second Vice President.

In the second sentence, change the word “insure” to read “ensure” so the sentence reads:

“Among other things, the Second Vice President shall ~~insure~~ ensure that newsletters are delivered to members of the Association, after approval of the Board members at least two (2) weeks before a scheduled meeting.”

Rationale: Uses the grammatically correct word.

5. Section 3F. Duties of the Treasurer.

Delete the last two sentences, which read:

“All checks, drafts, or disbursements of the Association shall require the signature of the Treasurer or President for amounts up to \$250. All checks, drafts, or disbursements in excess of \$250 shall require the signature of any two of the following officers: The President; the First Vice President; the Second Vice President; or the Treasurer.

Rationale: Eliminates surplusage. These sentences duplicate existing wording in Article IX, Section 6, Disbursements.

Article V—Officers

6. Section 3G. Duties of the Parliamentarian.

Change the first sentence to add “the current version of”, and add “where Robert’s Rules of Order are silent”, so it reads:

“The Parliamentarian shall ensure that the current version of Robert’s Rules of Order (or guidelines from any other reputable manual on parliamentary procedures, where Robert’s Rules of Order are silent) are followed at all meetings of the Board and of the Association.”

Rationale: Provides clarity by ensuring the use of the current version of Roberts. Provides greater certainty and precision by reducing the possible use of alternative procedures.

Article VI—Committees

7. Section 1. Creation and Discharge of Committees by the Board.

Following the second sentence, insert the following sentence:

“Any member in good standing is eligible to serve on a committee.”

Rationale: Clarifies the need for a member to have paid dues to sit on a committee.

8. Section 2. Creation and Discharge of Committees by the Membership.

Revise the first sentence to read:

“The membership of the Association may create additional committees (over and above those created by the Board) by a majority vote of those in attendance at a meeting, provided that if the quorum requirements of Article VIII, Section 2 are met.”

That replaces the sentence now in the Bylaws, which reads:

“The membership of the Association, by a majority vote of those in attendance at a meeting at which at which the quorum requirements enumerated in Article VIII, Section 2 are satisfied, may create additional committees over and above those created by the Board.”

Rationale: Improves the readability of the sentence.

Article VII—Elections

9. Section 4A. Balloting.

Change the first, third and fourth sentences so the section reads:

“Prior to the Annual Meeting, the Secretary shall prepare two ballots listing the names of the candidates provided by the ~~Nominating~~ Nominations Committee. The first ballot (the “Executive Officer Ballot”) shall list the names for officer positions in the following order: President; First Vice President; Second Vice President; Secretary; Membership Secretary; Treasurer; and Parliamentarian. The second ballot (the “At-Large Member Ballot”) shall list the names for four At-Large ~~Executive~~ Board positions. The ballots shall contain extra space for each office so that floor nominees nominations from the floor or write-in candidates may be added.”

Rationale: Eliminates surplusage and provides greater clarity. Using “Nominations” is a consistent with the rest of the Bylaws. “Executive” is surplusage; deleting it is also consistent with the rest of the Bylaws. Using the wording “nominations from the floor” provides more precision in describing the process.

10. Section 4B. Voting.

In the first sentence, delete the word “Executive” so the sentence reads:

“Voting for officers and members of the ~~Executive~~ Board shall be by secret ballot by all members whose dues are paid in full.”

Rationale: Removes surplusage.

11. Section 5. Vacancies on the Board.

In the first sentence, delete the word “Executive” so the sentence reads;

Except as provided in Section 3B and Section 3C of Article V, if any office shall become vacant, the office shall be filled by a majority vote of the ~~Executive~~ Board for the unexpired term subject to the approval by a majority of the members at the next Association meeting.

Rationale: Removes surplusage.

12. Section 5. Vacancies on the Board.

At the end of the section, add the following sentences:

“The member elected to such an office will assume his or her duties immediately after the Board elects that member. If a majority of the members voting at the next scheduled Association meeting do not approve the election, then the member’s office shall be vacated at the end of such meeting. If approved, the person shall hold the office until his or her successor has been elected.”

Rationale: This addition clarifies the process for the membership to ratify or reject a person whom the Board elects to fill a vacancy and for the length of the person’s term.

Article VIII—Meetings of the Association

13. Section 1. Meetings.

Delete the second sentence, which reads:

“The meetings will be held on the second Monday of the designated months, unless the second Monday falls on a Federal, State or local holiday, in which case the meeting shall be held on the following day.”

Rationale: Provides greater flexibility to the Board in terms of scheduling meetings and spreading the word about them.

Article IX—Finance and Budget

14. Section 4. Budget.

In the third sentence, delete the word ‘Annual’ and insert the word “January” so the sentence reads:

“The budget shall be approved (or amended and approved) by a majority of the members in attendance at the Annual January Meeting”

Rationale: The “Annual Meeting” is defined in Article VII, Section 1, as being in October. The budget should be approved in January, so “Annual Meeting” is an error.