

Wednesday, Feb 7, 2018

Presentation to the Membership – Constitution Changes – Proposal

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As per the WBN constitution, it is the responsibility of the Board to review the WBN constitution and by-laws every 5 years, and if required, make recommendations to the membership to change the terms.

As a result of that review, and based on the needs of the organization, the board considered the recommendations of the committee, and bring forward the following proposed amendments to the membership for your consideration.

**Article 4: Officers**

**3. Vice President:**

B. The Board members will vote by secret ballot to elect the Vice President on an annual basis at the Board Meeting in ~~August~~ **September**.

C. The nominees for Vice President must have one year's experience on the current board and must complete the Vice President Nomination form for circulation to the Board at the regular ~~July~~ **August** Board meeting.

D. .... The name of the Vice President will be announced to the Network at the ~~September~~ **October** regular meeting.

**Rationale:** By shifting the date of the election of the VP by one month, the incoming directors who begin in June are given the opportunity to get to know the eligible board members seeking this role a little better before voting must occur. This will still give the newly elected VP ample time to be mentored by the current President, before being expected to take the leadership role.

**Article 5: Board of Directors:**

1. Eight to ~~twelve~~ **thirteen** elected members shall constitute the Board, at the discretion of the current board.

Rationale: In order to create manageable workloads within the board of directors, the current Board recommends increasing the Board to a maximum size of 13. For the 2018/2019 year we wish to add a 13<sup>th</sup> director as SOCIAL Director. This is a defined role within the current operating manual, but has not been utilized within the last few years. We wish to reinstate this role, for the primary purpose of overseeing an annual Women In Business Awards Event. No specifics on that event are available at this time, though we anticipate that the earliest the event would be held would be late fall/winter of 2018/2019.

The constitution requires a minimum of 60 days written notice prior to the AGM be given to all members for any proposed amendments. Please note that these amendments will be sent via email prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>.

These amendments will be voted on at the AGM on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding these proposals, please do not hesitate to contact either Mary McGee, or Lorie Gill to discuss.