



## 2026 Bylaws Amendment Proposal with Advance Notice

### Proposal 1

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### Reason

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At the 2025 Convention, I presented this amendment, which did not pass because it included a proposal to reduce the amount of time a former Central Committee Member—who had resigned their membership—would be required to serve as an Associate Member prior to reinstatement. I have removed that portion of the amendment, but I believe the remaining changes should be adopted and are unlikely to be controversial.

At the 2021 Convention, the delegates adopted a bylaws amendment requiring that anyone who resigned their Central Committee membership, and later sought reinstatement, undergo a vetting period before their full voting rights could be restored. At the time, it was understood that reinstatement could occur in one of two ways:

1. The individual could rejoin as a non-voting “Associate” member for 12 months and then be automatically reinstated as a voting Central Committee Member; **or**
2. The Executive Committee—or the delegates at convention—could vote by majority to reinstate the member at any time.

However, the bylaw was worded in a way that has since been interpreted to mean that **both** methods of reinstatement require a vote of either the Executive Committee or the convention delegates, contradicting the original intent.

Additionally, the current language in Section 4 could be interpreted to mean that simply allowing dues to lapse triggers the procedures outlined in Section 7. Because Bylaw 6 already requires dues to be current, the extra language in Section 4 is unnecessary and potentially misleading. Moreover, the reference to Section 6 appears to have been in error when the amendment was originally adopted.

### Legend

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## Impact

This amendment would make clear the path to central committee membership after a requested termination and would reduce the time requirement for reinstating central committee membership. It would also remove language regarding termination due to lapsing on dues.

## Proposed Amendment

Motion: Amend Bylaw 6: Membership, Sections 4 and 7 as follows:

Current Bylaw	Proposed Amendment	Bylaw as Amended
<p><b>Bylaw 6: Membership</b></p> <p><i>Section 4</i></p> <p>The Secretary automatically shall terminate a State Central Committee membership if that member requests in writing such termination, or if, except for elected Central Committee members, that member fails to remit prescribed dues by that member's renewal date.</p> <p><i>Section 7</i></p> <p>A. Any individual wishing to renew their membership, having previously requested the termination of their membership through the means prescribed in Section 4, shall do so in an associate, non-voting</p>	<p><b>Bylaw 6: Membership</b></p> <p><i>Section 4</i></p> <p>The Secretary <del>automatically</del> shall terminate a State Central Committee membership if that member requests in writing such termination, <del>or if, except for elected Central Committee members, that member fails to remit prescribed dues by that member's renewal date.</del></p> <p><i>Section 7</i></p> <p><del>A.</del> Any individual wishing to renew their membership, having previously requested the termination of their membership through the means prescribed in Section 4, shall do so <del>in</del> <b>as</b> an associate, non-</p>	<p><b>Bylaw 6: Membership</b></p> <p><i>Section 4</i></p> <p>The Secretary shall terminate a State Central Committee membership if that member requests in writing such termination.</p> <p><i>Section 7</i></p> <p>Any individual wishing to renew their membership, having previously requested the termination of their membership through the means prescribed in Section 4, shall do so as an associate, non-voting member, and shall be reinstated as a Central Committee member following a period of 12 consecutive months, OR</p>

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<p>member <u>role</u>, and shall be eligible for full reinstatement as a Central Committee member following a period of 12 consecutive months.</p> <p>B. Full Central Committee membership status may be reinstated at any time by a majority vote of the Executive Committee or by a majority of those Central Committee delegates present and voting at Convention.</p> <p>C. This rule shall not apply to any membership terminated through Sections 5 or 6.</p>	<p>voting member <del>role</del>, and shall be <del>eligible for full reinstatement</del> <b><u>reinstated</u></b> as a Central Committee member following a period of 12 consecutive months. <b><u>.OR</u></b></p> <p><del>B.</del> Full Central Committee membership status may be reinstated at any time by a majority vote of the Executive Committee or by a majority of <del>those Central Committee</del> delegates present and voting at Convention.</p> <p><del>C.</del> This rule shall not apply to any membership terminated through Sections 5 <del>or 6.</del></p>	<p>Full Central Committee membership status may be reinstated at any time by a majority vote of the Executive Committee or by a majority of delegates present and voting at Convention.</p> <p>This rule shall not apply to any membership terminated through Sections 5.</p>
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### Reason

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Currently the Bylaws only have a process for the suspension of officers and Operations Committee members. The meaning of “suspension” in the bylaws is the first step in removing the officer, which is followed by the opportunity for the suspendee to appeal to the Judicial Committee (JC), however in the current bylaw the JC must rule on the suspension within three days, which precludes the opportunity for a hearing. Further the current bylaw doesn't give any provisions for the suspension/removal of any other member of the Executive Committee.

Being that all members of the Executive Committee are elected by the membership at convention, removal should require the opportunity for a hearing rather than just assuming the JC would have sufficient information to either agree with or overturn the removal.

Further, the Operations Committee is a sub-committee of the Executive Committee whose members are appointed by the Executive Committee, therefore removal from the committee should not require the opportunity for appeal as the appointing body has the authority to remove members of sub-committees.

We believe that even more changes should be made to ensure due process for removal of a duly elected member of the Executive Committee but believe this is a good interim amendment.

### Impact

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This will remove the provisions for a member of the Operations Committee to appeal for a removal from that committee to the JC and will include due process for all Executive Committee members that were elected by the membership to have the opportunity for a hearing to be held to appeal their removal.

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## Proposed Amendment

Motion: Amend Bylaw 11: Officers, Sections 6 as follows:

Current Bylaw	Proposed Amendment	Bylaw as Amended
<p><b>Bylaw 11: Officers</b>  <i>Section 7</i></p> <p>An officer or Operations Committee member may be suspended from office by the Executive Committee. The office of the suspendee shall be declared vacant unless the suspendee appeals such suspension to the Judicial Committee in writing within ten days of notification of such suspension. Upon written appeal by the suspendee, the Judicial Committee shall rule within three days to either uphold the suspension, thereby vacating the office, or restore the suspended member to full authority. A failure to rule shall be deemed as restoring the</p>	<p><b>Bylaw 11: Officers</b>  <i>Section 7</i></p> <p>An <del>officer or Operations Committee</del> <b><u>Executive Committee</u></b> member may be suspended from office by the Executive Committee. The office of the suspendee shall be declared vacant unless the suspendee appeals such suspension to the Judicial Committee in writing within ten days of <b><u>written</u></b> notification of such suspension. Upon written appeal by the suspendee, the Judicial Committee shall rule within three days, <b><u>unless a hearing is requested,</u></b> to either uphold the suspension, thereby vacating the office, or restore the suspended member to full</p>	<p><b>Bylaw 11: Officers</b>  <i>Section 7</i></p> <p>An Executive Committee member may be suspended from office by the Executive Committee. The office of the suspendee shall be declared vacant unless the suspendee appeals such suspension to the Judicial Committee in writing within ten days of written notification of such suspension. Upon written appeal by the suspendee, the Judicial Committee shall rule within three days, unless a hearing is requested, to either uphold the suspension, thereby vacating the office, or restore the suspended member to full authority. If a hearing is requested, it shall</p>

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<p>suspended member to full authority.</p>	<p>authority. <u><b>if a hearing is requested, it shall be held per Bylaw 15, Section 5.</b></u> A failure to rule shall be deemed as restoring the suspended member to full authority.</p>	<p>be held per Bylaw 15, Section 5. A failure to rule shall be deemed as restoring the suspended member to full authority.</p>
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### Proposal 3

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### Reason

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A special Rule of Order was passed by the Executive Committee several years ago regarding the procedures for going into executive session during a meeting. This was primarily done because Robert's Rules of Order allows for actions to be taken during executive session, meaning motions can be made and voted on with no transparency. However it would make far more sense for this rule to be included in the bylaws, otherwise a future Executive Committee could simply remove it from the special rules of order.

In addition, the previous rule did not outline the allowed matters that could be discussed in executive session. This amendment will make clear the items that can be discussed in such sessions.

### Impact

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This amendment would have no impact as it's been the practice of the Executive Committee for several years.

### Proposed Amendment

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**Motion:** Amend Bylaw 13 by adding a new Section 5, and renumbering the remaining sections, as follows:

Current Bylaw	Proposed Amendment	Bylaw as Amended
Bylaw 13: Executive Committee	Bylaw 13: Executive Committee <i><u>Section 5</u></i> <i><u>The Executive Committee, and all its sub-committees, shall conduct all votes and actions in open session;</u></i>	Bylaw 13: Executive Committee <i>Section 5</i> The Executive Committee, and all its sub-committees, shall conduct all votes and actions in open session;

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	<p><u>executive session may only be used for discussion of disciplinary actions, personnel matters, contractual negotiations, pending or potential litigation, or political strategy requiring confidentiality.</u></p> <p><u>The motion to enter into Executive Session must list all reasons for doing so; only items listed in the reasons for entering Executive Session shall be considered during Executive Session.</u></p> <p><u>The motion to go into Executive Session shall require a two-thirds vote of the members of the Executive Committee present and voting.</u></p> <p><u>No action shall be taken while in Executive Session, however during Executive Session discussion of actions which may be taken in Open Session can occur.</u></p> <p><u>Recordings shall be made during Executive Session, however, such</u></p>	<p>executive session may only be used for discussion of disciplinary actions, personnel matters, contractual negotiations, pending or potential litigation, or political strategy requiring confidentiality.</p> <p>The motion to enter into Executive Session must list all reasons for doing so; only items listed in the reasons for entering Executive Session shall be considered during Executive Session.</p> <p>The motion to go into Executive Session shall require a two-thirds vote of the members of the Executive Committee present and voting.</p> <p>No action shall be taken while in Executive Session, however during Executive Session discussion of actions which may be taken in Open Session can occur.</p> <p>Recordings shall be made during Executive Session, however, such</p>
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	<p><u>recordings shall only be made available to the members of the LPCA Executive Committee until such time as the LPCA Executive Committee, by two-thirds vote, incorporates such recordings into the public record. Nothing in this section shall require the LPCA Executive Committee to ever make these records public.</u></p> <p><u>All other aspects of Executive Session not specifically addressed above will be in conformance with the newest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.</u></p>	<p>recordings shall only be made available to the members of the LPCA Executive Committee until such time as the LPCA Executive Committee, by two-thirds vote, incorporates such recordings into the public record. Nothing in this section shall require the LPCA Executive Committee to ever make these records public.</p> <p>All other aspects of Executive Session not specifically addressed above will be in conformance with the newest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.</p>
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### Reason

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It's always been clear that Bylaws 13, Section 5 requires a 2/3 vote of *all eligible* positions of the Executive Committee, which means 10 votes, to pass the annual budget **OR** any financial liability, **OR** any contract lasting more than 3 months. However, the way that Bylaw 12 is written, stating a “two-thirds vote of the *entire* Executive Committee,” could be interpreted as only those that are currently holding positions. This amendment eliminates this ambiguity by placing all vote requirements regarding finances into Bylaw 12.

In addition, Bylaw 12 still includes language from when our fiscal year started on February first of each year, therefore Section 2 has been removed and Section 6 (which will now be Section 5) has been modified to reflect that the fiscal year starts on January first of each year.

### Impact

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This amendment would have no impact as it's only clarifying what is in the existing bylaws.

### Proposed Amendment

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**Motion:** Amend Bylaw's 12 and 13 by removing Section 2, and renumbering the remaining sections, and amending Sections 3 and 6 of Bylaw 12; and removing Section 5 D. of Bylaw 13 (Note: this does not include wording of the previous motion to this section)), as follows:

Current Bylaw	Proposed Amendment	Bylaw as Amended
Bylaw 12: Finance and Accounting Section 2 The Treasurer may authorize	Bylaw 12: Finance and Accounting <del>Section 2</del> <del>The Treasurer may authorize</del>	Bylaw 12: Finance and Accounting Section 2 The Executive Committee shall

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<p>expenditures for any item incorporated into the proposed budget until the Executive Committee has ratified the budget for the current year.</p> <p><b>Section 3</b></p> <p>The Executive Committee shall not enter into any contract lasting more than three months, incur any expense in a non-budgeted category, or incur any expense in a budgeted category greater than the amount budgeted by more than \$1,000 without a two-thirds vote of the entire Executive Committee. Anyone who incurs such financial liability without such approval shall be held personally liable.</p> <p><b>Section 6</b></p> <p>The Executive Committee shall cause an annual budget to be projected at its final meeting of the fiscal</p>	<p><del>expenditures for any item incorporated into the proposed budget until the Executive Committee has ratified the budget for the current year.</del></p> <p><b>Section <del>3</del><u>2</u></b></p> <p>The Executive Committee shall not enter into any contract lasting more than three months, incur any expense in a non-budgeted category, or incur any expense in a budgeted category greater than the amount budgeted by more than \$1,000 without a two-thirds vote of the <del>entire</del> <b><u>eligible positions on the</u></b> Executive Committee. Anyone who incurs such financial liability without such approval shall be held personally liable.</p> <p><b>Section <del>6</del><u>5</u></b></p> <p>The Executive Committee shall <del>cause an annual budget to be</del></p>	<p>not enter into any contract lasting more than three months, incur any expense in a non-budgeted category, or incur any expense in a budgeted category greater than the amount budgeted by more than \$1,000 without a two-thirds vote of the <del>entire</del> <b><u>eligible positions on the</u></b> Executive Committee. Anyone who incurs such financial liability without such approval shall be held personally liable.</p> <p><b>Section 5</b></p> <p>The Executive Committee shall ratify, with a two-thirds vote of all eligible positions on the executive committee, an annual budget at its final meeting of the fiscal year for implementation the following year.</p> <p><b>Bylaw 13: Executive Committee</b></p> <p><b>Section 5</b></p>
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<p>year for ratification the following year.</p> <p><b>Bylaw 13: Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>Section 5</i></p> <p>A two-thirds majority of the eligible positions on the Executive Committee shall be required to pass the following:</p> <p>D. The annual budget, or any financial liability, or contractual obligation lasting more than three months.</p>	<p><del>projected ratify,</del>  <u>with a two-thirds vote of all eligible positions on the executive committee, an annual budget</u> at its final meeting of the fiscal year for <del>ratification</del>  <u>implementation</u> the following year.</p> <p><b>Bylaw 13: Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>Section 5</i></p> <p>A two-thirds majority of the eligible positions on the Executive Committee shall be required to pass the following:</p> <p><del>D. The annual budget, or any financial liability, or contractual obligation lasting more than three months.</del></p>	<p>A two-thirds majority of the eligible positions on the Executive Committee shall be required to pass the following:</p>
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### Proposal 5

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### Reason

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At the 2024 convention, the delegates adopted an amendment, adding Section 7 to Bylaw 20, that requires at least some discussion before a motion to close debate may be made. While the intent may have been to prevent rude attempts to cut off debate prematurely, the provision has created practical problems that became apparent at the 2025 convention.

Robert's Rules of Order already addresses this concern by requiring a two-thirds vote to end debate, ensuring that the assembly—not a single member—decides whether sufficient discussion has occurred. The motion to close debate is also non-debatable, which prevents additional time from being wasted once the assembly is ready to proceed.

However, our added bylaw has an unintended consequence: it prevents the use of other non-debatable motions, such as a motion to suspend the rules to adopt a motion. This issue arose in 2025 and demonstrated that the bylaw restricts legitimate, efficient parliamentary procedure in ways RONR never intended.

For these reasons, the added provision is unnecessary and counterproductive. The two-thirds protection in RONR already safeguards the rights of members to be heard. We should rely on that established standard rather than maintain a bylaw that interferes with proper parliamentary practice.

### Impact

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If this amendment passes, the assembly will simply return to the default parliamentary procedures already provided by Robert's Rules of Order. Members will retain full ability to speak on any motion, and debate will continue unless two-thirds of the body agrees to close it. Removing this section will also eliminate the procedural conflicts experienced in 2025, allowing non-debatable motions to function properly again. The overall effect is improved efficiency without any loss of member rights or opportunity for debate.

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## Proposed Amendment

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Motion: Delete Bylaw 20: Convention, Sections 6 and renumber:

Current Bylaw	Proposed Amendment	Bylaw as Amended
Bylaw 20: Convention <i>Section 7</i> Until one person from each side of a question has been given the opportunity to speak, any motion that ends debate on that question shall be out of order.	Bylaw 20: Convention <del><i>Section 7</i></del> <del><i>Until one person from each side of a question has been given the opportunity to speak, any motion that ends debate on that question shall be out of order.</i></del>	Bylaw 20: Convention

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