

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS

- 10.1 **If Initiated by a Member of the Executive Board of Directors.** Any member of the Executive Board of Directors may initiate a proposed Bylaw amendment.
- 10.1.1 The proposed amendment must be submitted in writing at any regular or special meeting of the Executive Board of Directors.
 - 10.1.2 If it is approved by two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting, it shall be published in the official publication of the ACBL at least thirty (30) days prior to the second vote by the Executive Board of Directors.
 - 10.1.3 If it receives a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting at the second vote of the Executive Board of Directors at its next regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose, the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the ~~Board of Governors~~ Senate for its approval.
 - 10.1.4 If approved by a majority vote of the ~~Board of Governors~~ Senate at a meeting at which, according to their rules, a quorum is present, the proposed amendment shall be adopted and become part of these Bylaws. If an amendment is not approved by a majority vote of the ~~Board of Governors~~ Senate, the Executive Board of Directors may submit the proposed amendment to all ACBL District organizations for approval instead. If approved by three-fourths (3/4) of the ACBL District organizations within one year from the date of submission, the proposed amendment shall be adopted and become part of these Bylaws.
- 10.2 **If Initiated by a Member of the Board of Governors Senate.** Any member of the ~~Board of Governors~~ Senate may initiate a proposed Bylaw amendment.
- 10.2.1 The proposed amendment must be submitted in writing at any regular meeting of the ~~Board of Governors~~ Senate.
 - 10.2.2 If it is approved by two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting, it shall be published in the official publication of the ACBL at least thirty (30) days prior to the second vote by the ~~Board of Governors~~ Senate.
 - 10.2.3 If it receives a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting at the second vote at the next regular meeting of the ~~Board of Governors~~ Senate,

the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Executive Board-~~of~~ ~~Directors~~ for its approval.

10.2.4 If approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board-~~of~~ ~~Directors~~ present and voting at its next regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose, the proposed amendment shall be adopted and become part of these Bylaws. If an amendment is not approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board-~~of~~ ~~Directors~~, the ~~Board-of-Governors~~Senate may submit the proposed amendment to all ACBL District organizations for approval instead. If approved by three-fourths (3/4) of the ACBL District organizations within one year from the date of submission, the proposed amendment shall be adopted and become part of these Bylaws.

10.3 **If Initiated by a Member of ACBL.** A member of the ACBL may initiate a proposed Bylaw amendment.

10.3.1 The proposed amendment shall be submitted in petition form, signed by at least fifty (50) members representing a majority of the Districts.

10.3.2 The exact wording of the proposed amendment must be printed at the top of each page of signatories. Alternatively, if the proposed amendment is too long to be printed at the top of each page of signatures, a summary of such amendment must be printed at the top of each page of signatures, and the exact wording of such amendment shall be stapled to each page of signatures before signatures are obtained.

10.3.3 There shall be the following columns for signatories: signatory's name printed legibly or typed, signature, District and Unit number, and ACBL member number of the signatory.

10.3.4 The petition shall be submitted to the Executive Board-~~of~~ ~~Directors~~ and Senate ~~Board-of-Governors~~ for review and recommendations.

10.3.5 The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the membership for approval at the next annual membership meeting. The proposed amendment and recommendations of the ~~Board-of-Directors~~Executive Board and of the ~~Board-of-Governors~~Senate shall be included in the agenda for the meeting and shall also be printed in the official publication of the ACBL at least thirty (30) but no more than sixty (60) days before the annual membership meeting. If approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting, the amendment shall be published in the official publication of the ACBL at least thirty (30) but no more than sixty (60) days prior to the second vote at the next annual membership meeting.

If approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting, the amendment shall be adopted and become part of these Bylaws. If there is not a quorum at an annual meeting at which the amendment is to be considered, the proposed amendment fails.

10.4 Amendment which decreases number of members of Executive Board. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this section 10.1, no amendment which decreases the number of members of the Executive Board shall be adopted unless approved by a majority of members of the Executive Board present and voting at a duly called regular or special meeting of the Executive Board.

Notes:

This portion of the Bylaws covers only Bylaw amendment procedures. There will be many other changes to the Bylaws to cover other proposed changes. Included among these will be nomenclature changes. The Bylaws will state that the Board of Directors shall be known as the Executive Board. The other governing body will be the Senate; there will no longer be a Board of Governors.

The ACBL Articles of Incorporation require that there be a minimum of 15 members of the Board of Directors. To accomplish the proposed changes, the Certificate of Incorporation will have to be amended to reduce the required minimum number of members of the Board of Directors from 15 to 9 (or perhaps to a lower number, consistent with modern corporate formations.)

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