

15-Day Submission of Proposed Amendments—Submitted by Suzan Karayel

AFFECTED TEXT:

ARTICLE VII— Amendments—~~By-Laws~~ NB

1. Any NB member band or solo member in good standing may propose a change to the By-Laws. Proposed changes must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least ~~30~~ 15 days before the annual meeting and shall be mailed or emailed to all member bands and solo members, ~~or posted to the NB website and made available for public viewing~~, no later than ~~15~~ 7 days before the meeting at which the changes will be considered. Each member band and solo member present and in good standing shall be entitled to the voting ratio set by WUSPBA on each proposed change to the By-Laws. Members present at any meeting will decided by majority vote all issues other than those elsewhere stated in these By-Laws.
2. ~~WUSPBA By-Laws. Any proposed changes to the WUSPBA By-Laws must be proposed 30 days prior to the annual AGM meeting, in writing and mailed or emailed to Executive Secretary.~~

RATIONALE:

There are four changes here. First, reduction of the advance submission deadline for proposed amendments from 30 days to 15 days, and a corresponding reduction for the secretary's relay deadline to 7 days. Since the bylaws only mandate 30 days' advance notice of the date of the AGM, this could make it technically impossible for the membership to submit any proposed amendments by the existing 30-day deadline once the meeting has been announced. The reduction ensures that the membership will always have time to submit proposed amendments after learning of the AGM date.

Second, allowance of public posting on the NB website as an alternative to relay by mail or email. This is intended to make the Secretary's job easier in case he/she does not have a current mailing list for the entire membership. Additionally, it eliminates the need to send mail or data attachments directly to those individual members who might have no interest in the workings of the Branch.

Third, deletion of the second paragraph. It's unnecessary, and is even inaccurate now because the WUSPBA time period has been amended. Anyone proposing an amendment to WUSPBA rules should consult WUSPBA bylaws.

Lastly, cleaning up the language a bit by striking out some extraneous words/letters. Not a substantive change.