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Dear Sisters of WRJ Pacific District,

The Bylaws Committee of the WRJ Pacific District, composed of Chair Lois Fried, Andrey Brooks, Edith Caplan, Karen Gilman, Barbara Merino and Diane Rishe have been engaged in reviewing, editing and adding language to the District's bylaws in preparation for approval by the membership at the 2020 WRJ PD Convention being held October 24-25, 2020.

As the convention is now being held virtually, the importance of communicating these changes and recommendations, in advance, is essential due to imposed time limitations. Every attempt is being made to advise the WRJ PD Board of Directors in order for the sisterhood presidents and council leaders to share these changes with their sisterhoods. This letter will detail significant changes, not grammatical clean-up, and then a virtual presentation will be made by Lois and the committee, via zoom, on August 27, 2020. Sign up information will be provided at a later date.

There are three significant changes being proposed:

1. Proposed: The term for the Executive Board would increase from a 2-year term to a 3-year term. This proposed change would align the terms and calendar with the WRJ North America Board of Directors.
2. Proposed: All references to Area Day will be changed to Area Event to allow for more expanded programming opportunities within each area. Area Days would fall into this category.
3. Proposed: Two new vice president positions to include VP Membership and VP of Action and Advocacy. These were prior committee positions and are deemed to be relevant enough to have a voice at all Executive and Board meetings and to keep the Executive Board better apprised of their functions.

Other proposed changes that are significant include:

Article IV: District Board
Section 1 Composition

Item C Ex-Officio Members (we added Ex-officio members with its own letter C and changed the bullets to numbering in this order.)

1. Past presidents of WRJ Pacific District, who shall be honorary life members of the board with voice and vote, and not eligible for election to a position on the Executive Committee.
2. WRJ Board of Director members residing within the WRJ Pacific District
3. Sisterhood Presidents



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Article V: Elected officers and Area Directors
Section 4 Term of Office

Item A Changed “two” years to “three” years for the term of elected officers and directors.

Item B Changed “three” years to “two” years that vice presidents may be elected for a maximum successive term.

Article IX: Committees and Chairs
Section 2 Committee on Revision of Bylaws

Item E ADDED: The committee shall also be tasked with reviewing the District Policies and Procedures whenever there are changes to the bylaws that impact these policies. The committee will also look at and propose changes to Policies and Procedures when asked by the President, or when requests for change are submitted to the President by a member of the Executive Committee. Procedures for changes to the Policies and Procedures are contained within that document.

Comments or recommendations regarding the bylaws should be submitted to Lois Fried loisfried35@gmail.com no later than August 17, 2020.

In Sisterhood,

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