

**Women of Reform Judaism –Pacific District Bylaws  
Report of the By-laws Committee**

**Adopted October 2018 with changes proposed for 2020**

The Bylaws Committee considers all amendments duly proposed to the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures, and making recommendations to the PD Board and the delegate assembly as to the implications of adoption. We initiate any suggestions that the committee feels necessary for change to the Bylaws or P & P. It is our job to provide leadership to this process.

For the District convention meeting, we screened and processed the changes to bring before you today in accordance with the PD policy. At the direction of madam president and the Board, we have reviewed the current Bylaws and have drafted proposed changes for consideration by the PD Board.

The Bylaws Committee held six virtual meetings in 2020. During these meetings the following goals were accomplished: Throughout this document, you will see changes in numbering, grammar punctuation, tense, etc., not listed below. Please note that wherever the word “**biennial**” occurs, has been deleted, wherever the word “**sisterhood**” occurs, we have added “women’s groups and/or individual members,” wherever “**area day**” occurs, we have replaced with Area Event.

**Listed below are the proposed changes to the bylaws.**

**Article III: Membership and Dues**

**Section 2: Payment of Dues**

**Item A:** Added the word [maximum](#) to sentence one

**Item C Non-Payment of Dues**

Replaced to read: [Sisterhoods/women’s groups/individual members](#) in arrears of dues for one year are not eligible to vote at a legislative body meeting,

Deleted **send voting delegates to add the word at the WRJ Pacific District convention (hereinafter referred to as the district convention),**

submit members’ names for nomination to the district board, or take part in district Area Events

**Article IV: District Board**

**Section 1: Composition**

**Item A Executive Committee**

Replaced third bullet to read: [Four to eight vice-presidents from four to six](#)

**Item B Board of Directors**

Changed second bullet to read: [Chairs of district-wide committees](#)

Deleted **Budget and finance, By-Laws, District Biennial Convention, Membership, Social Action**

Third bullet now reads Ex-officio members

Removed bullets and numbered one, two and three

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

Added **a position on the Executive Committee**

Deleted **office**

2. WRJ Board of Director members residing within the WRJ Pacific District

3. Sisterhood presidents

Deleted **shall be ex-officio with voice and vote.**

## **Section 2 Honorary president**

Deleted .

## **Section 5: Meetings**

Deleted **three** changed to **one** meeting

Deleted **s** on meetings

Deleted **during each biennial period**

Replaced with **each fiscal year**

Deleted **The second and third**

Replaced with **Subsequent** board meetings

## **Article V: Elected officers and Area Directors**

### **Section 1 Item B**

Replaced with **must be** from **may be**

Added **or women's groups affiliated with WRJ**

### **Item D**

Replaced with **reside in**

Deleted **come from**

### **Section 2 Area Directors**

**Item C:** Added **who are not individual members**

Added **or women's groups**

### **Section 4 Term of Office**

#### **Item A**

Replaced **two** with **three**

#### **Item B**

Replaced **three** with **two**

Corrected spelling of **successive**

### **Section 6 Meetings of Officers**

Deleted **and Chairs** from the heading

## **Article VI: Replaced with Area Events**

### **Section 1: Requirements**

Replaced with [within each calendar year](#),  
Replaced with [meetings](#) if feasible

## **Article VII: District Convention**

### **Section 2 Voting Privileges**

Added [represented](#)

### **Section 4 to 3 Parliamentarian**

Replaced with [An individual](#)  
Deleted [parliamentarian](#)

### **Section 5 to 4 Quorum**

Deleted [thirty three and one third percent of the registered delegates](#)  
Replaced with [One third of the assigned votes](#)  
Deleted [plenary sessions](#)  
Replaced with [legislative body meetings](#)  
Added [The votes of a sisterhood which is not present will not be counted toward the quorum.](#)

### **Section 5: Location and Date**

Deleted [Place](#) Added [Location](#) Section 7  
Added from section 7 [The district convention shall rotate among the areas of WRJ Pacific District, Insofar as feasible, and shall be held in years as designated by WRJ. The location of the district convention shall be determined by a vote of the executive committee.](#)

Deleted [Section 7](#) moved to section 5

## **Article VIII: Nominations and Elections**

### **Section 1: The Nominating Committee**

#### **Item A and B combined**

Replaced with [four members](#) who shall be appointed by the president and shall represent different geographic areas of the district whenever feasible.

#### **Item B**

Replaced with [Item C](#)

Item C Replaced with Item D Section 2 Duties of the Nominating Committee

[Members serving on the WRJ Pacific District nominating committee are not eligible for office.](#)

## Section 2: Duties of the Nominating Committee

### Item A.

Deleted **elected**

Deleted **officers and area directors**

Replaced with **board members**

Added **nominations are open for elected positions as described in Article IV Sections 1 and 2**

### Item B

Deleted **Candidates They may submit to her, on the official form and properly endorsed, the names of candidates who may be eligible for **add** elected office according to Article IV Section 1 **strike 3** of these Bylaws.**

Replaced with: **Any individual who wishes to be considered for an elected position on the board shall submit an official nomination form and request an endorsement be submitted on her behalf to the chair of the nominating committee.**

Deleted B **If there are multiple submitted applications for a particular office, the nominating committee must choose a nominee for that office from those applicants**

### Change Item C to Item B

Deleted **if there is only one submitted application for a particular office**

Deleted Item D **members on the nominating committee not eligible for office**

## Section 3 Report

### Item A

Added **to the executive committee**

**individuals proposed for election to the board.**

Deleted **proposed board members to the executive committee**

Added **board members,**

## Section 4: Election of officers and area directors

Deleted **verbiage for Item A**

Replaced Item A with **The slate of officers and area directors of WRJ Pacific District shall be elected by a majority vote**

Deleted **by voice**

## Section 4

### Item B

Deleted **office**

Replaced with **position**

Deleted **written**

Replaced with **for that position**

### Delete Item C

### Change Item D to C

Added **The newly elected board**

Added **In the event no convention is held, they will assume duties following their election at the legislative body session.**

## Article IX: Committees and Chairs

### Section 1 Committee Structure

#### Item B

Deleted ~~to the department whose activity is most closely related~~

Replaced with ~~by the president as needed~~

Deleted Item C

### Section 2 Committee on Revision of Bylaws

#### Item B

Added ~~to the Bylaws~~

Deleted ~~approved~~

Replaced with ~~reviewed~~

#### Item C

Added ~~to the Bylaws~~

Added ~~an individual member assigned to the district~~

Deleted ~~an individual member assigned to the district~~

#### Item D

Deleted ~~ratification~~

Replaced with ~~approval~~

Added ~~that were not in the original proposed revisions submitted to WRJ~~

**Added Item E** 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.

### Section 3 Budget and Finance Committee

#### Item A

Deleted ~~the second and third~~

### Section 4: Scholarship Committee

- A. A Scholarship Committee shall be appointed by the President to determine how to disburse funds from the Scholarship Fund for the purpose of supporting attendees to the District Convention.
- B. Procedures for the application and disbursement of funds shall be determined by the Committee and made available to all District members upon request.

## Article X Amendments

### Item B

Deleted of the registered delegates present and voting

### Item C

Deleted of the registered delegates present and voting