

2017 Proposed Pacifica Bylaws Amendment

Reduce the size of LSBs / Number of Delegates to 16 (from 24, a reduction of 1/3)

Summary of Amendment:

This amendment would reduce the size of the LSBs by 1/3, while keeping the proportions of staff vs listener representatives the same, by electing 6 listener reps and 2 staff reps in each delegate election (instead of 9 listeners and 3 staff in each election). Current Delegates/LSB members would continue in their terms as this amendment only changes the number who are *elected*.

Note: This will allow the number of Delegates, and therefore the number of LSB members, to decrease over the next two Delegate elections.

Actual amendment text:

a. Change Article Four, Section 3 (Election of Delegates) from:

"All elections for Delegates shall be by written ballot, provided, however, that the elections supervisor shall also have the option of providing a secure electronic means of voting via the internet. Members shall only have the right to vote for Delegates for the Foundation radio station with which the Member is affiliated. Members shall vote in classes: Listener-Sponsor Members shall elect 18 Delegates for each radio station and Staff Members shall elect 6 Delegates for each radio station, for a total of twenty-four (24) Delegates for each Foundation radio station. Elections of Delegates shall be staggered over a 3-year period with elections for 3 Staff Delegates and 9 Listener-Sponsor Delegates held in the first year, elections for 3 Staff Delegates and 9 Listener-Sponsor Delegates held in the second year and no elections in the third year. The ballots shall be counted by the Single Transferable Voting method. All ballots related to the election, and the removal, of any and all Delegates shall be filed with the Foundation Secretary and maintained with the corporate records for a period of three (3) years."

to the following (deleted language in brackets [] and strikethrough-text, added language in bold italics):

"All elections for Delegates shall be by written ballot, provided, however, that the elections supervisor shall also have the option of providing a secure electronic means of voting via the Internet. Members shall only have the right to vote for Delegates for the Foundation radio station with which the Member is affiliated. Members shall vote in classes: Listener-Sponsor Members shall elect [~~18~~] **12** Delegates for each radio station and Staff Members shall elect [~~6~~] **4** Delegates for each radio station[~~, for a total of twenty four (24) Delegates for each Foundation radio station~~]. Elections of Delegates shall be staggered over a 3-year period with elections for [~~3~~] **2** Staff Delegates and [~~9~~] **6** Listener-Sponsor Delegates held in the first year, elections for [~~3~~] **2** Staff Delegates and [~~9~~] **6** Listener-Sponsor Delegates held in the second year. The ballots shall be counted by the Single Transferable Voting method. All ballots related to the election, and the removal, of any and all Delegates shall be filed with the Foundation Secretary and maintained with the corporate records for a period of three (3) years.

and:

b. Change Article Seven, Section 2 (Composition of the Local Station Boards), paragraph 1, from:

"Each LSB shall consist of the 24 Delegates elected by the Members for that radio station -18 Listener-Sponsor Delegates and 6 Staff Delegates. (Four of the Delegates for each radio station shall also concurrently serve as Directors of the Foundation, as set provided in Section 3 of Article 5 of the Bylaws.)"

to the following (deleted language in brackets [] and strikethrough-text, added language in bold italics):

"Each LSB shall consist of the [~~24~~] Delegates elected by the Members for that radio station[~~-including 18 Listener-Sponsor Delegates and 6 Staff Delegates~~]. ([~~Four~~] **Some** of the Delegates for each radio station shall also concurrently serve as Directors of the Foundation, as provided in Section 3 of Article 5 of the Bylaws.)"

The revised language would then read:

Article Four, Section 3 (Election of Delegates)

"All elections for Delegates shall be by written ballot, provided, however, that the elections supervisor shall also have the option of providing a secure electronic means of voting via the Internet. Members shall only have the right to vote for Delegates for the Foundation radio station with which the Member is affiliated.

Members shall vote in classes: Listener-Sponsor Members shall elect 12 Delegates for each radio station and Staff Members shall elect 4 Delegates for each radio station. Elections of Delegates shall be staggered over a 3-year period with elections for 2 Staff Delegates and 6 Listener-Sponsor Delegates held in the first year, elections for 2 Staff Delegates and 6 Listener-Sponsor Delegates held in the second year. The ballots shall be counted by the Single Transferable Voting method. All ballots related to the election, and the removal, of any and all Delegates shall be filed with the Foundation Secretary and maintained with the corporate records for a period of three (3) years.

and:

Article Seven, Section 2 (Composition of the Local Station Boards), paragraph 1

"Each LSB shall consist of the Delegates elected by the Members for that radio station. (Some of the Delegates for each radio station shall also concurrently serve as Directors of the Foundation, as provided in Section 3 of Article 5 of the Bylaws.)"

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