

# Bylaws Redline Summary: 2024 Final vs. 2026 Amended

## Executive Summary

The 2026 revision modernizes the bylaws by integrating digital operations (email voting, video conferencing), formalizing committee structures, adding mandatory legal policies (Conflict of Interest, Non-Discrimination), and removing outdated clauses.

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## Article I: Membership

- **Membership Cap:** Removes the hard cap of 250 regular members. The Board now sets the maximum number "from time to time."
- **Application Methods:** Adds a provision that applications and payments may be made via "hardcopy or electronic means."

## Article II: Government and Management

- **Digital Operations:** Adds a new section explicitly authorizing the Board to operate via "electronic communication platforms" and approve motions via email/digital means.

## Article III: Duties of Officers

- **Financial Secretary:** Removes the requirement to explicitly notify the Treasurer of deposits within 48 hours (the requirement to *deposit* funds within 48 hours remains).
- **Removal of Officers:** Clarifies the process: a majority vote to request resignation, followed by a second majority vote to **remove** the officer if they do not resign.
- **Digital Records:** Adds a new section authorizing the use of digital signatures and online record keeping.

## Article IV: Nominations and Elections

- **Voting Methods:** Adds a provision allowing the Secretary to implement "alternative options for voting," including online platforms, regular mail, or email.

## Article V: Standing Committees

- **Mandated Committees:** Restructures to mandate **Finance, Building, and Membership** as standing committees.
- **Membership Committee:** Adds a new section detailing the Membership Committee's duties, including attracting members and processing applications.

## Article VI: Dues and Assessments

- **Assessments and Dues:** Clarifies the language to distinguish between the two. Assessments, requiring a two-thirds member vote and Annual Membership Dues, recommended by Finance, and approved by the Board.
- **Remote Members:** Removes the provision allowing half dues for members "residing at a distance."
- **Assessments:** Adds that voting on assessments can take place in person, via mail, or via **electronic means**.

## Article VII: Special Funds

- **Memorial Fund:** Updates the language from "honorariums" to "honoraria."

## Article VIII: Meetings

- **Locations:** Explicitly adds "videoconference and/or teleconference" as valid meeting locations.

## Article IX: Quorum

- **Definition Change:** The quorum requirement changes from "20% of full membership" to "a majority of Board Members AND at least **20% of full membership**."
- **Ratification:** Adds that actions requiring a quorum can be conducted via "regular mail, email, and/or electronic voting."

## Article XI: Amendments

- **Voting Method:** Adds that bylaws amendments can be voted on via "regular mail, email, and/or electronic voting" as determined by the Secretary.

## New Articles (Added in 2026)

The following articles were added entirely new to bring the club into legal compliance and modern standards:

- **Article XII (Non-Discrimination):** Affirming equal opportunity regardless of race, gender, age, etc.
- **Article XIII (Electronic Communications):** Consent clauses for the corporation to send notices and hold votes electronically.
- **Article XIV (Conflict of Interest):** A detailed policy requiring disclosure of conflicts and recusal from votes.
- **Article XV (Indemnification):** Legal protection and insurance requirements for directors and officers.

