



## *California Bowling Writers*

May 18, 2013

TO: California Bowling Writers Board and Members

From: California Bowling Writers Legislative Committee

Subject: Proposed changes and deletions to the CBW bylaws as approved at the Annual Meetings – June 10, 2011 and June 8, 2012 with instructions to present to the membership on June 8, 2013 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Ontario.

Greetings:

Attached please find subject report from the Legislative Committee. Please review and be prepared to attend the CBW meeting at 7PM on Friday, June 7, 2013 in the Big Bear Room and vote at that time.

**CALIFORNIA BOWLING WRITERS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Elaine Hagin, Chairman  
Marianne Evans

Att.

Proposed changes and deletions to the bylaws of the CBW as approved at the Annual Meetings – June 10, 2011 and June 8, 2012. To be presented to the membership on June 8, 2013 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Ontario.

#### Amendment #1

**Current Bylaw:** The fiscal year of this organization shall begin on the first day of January each year and end on the last day of December each year. The membership year of this organization shall begin on the first day of August each year and end on the last day of July each year.

**Proposed to change to read:** The fiscal year and the membership year of this organization shall begin on the first day of August each year and end on the last day of July each year.

*Reason: Having the membership year and fiscal year the same better suits the operation of the Treasurer and the promotion of membership.*

If approved to be effective immediately.  
Approved by the Legislative Committee

#### Amendment #2

**Current Bylaw:**

Section 2. Election of Officers

The board of directors will consist of 10 directors. Terms of office shall begin on August 1 and end on July 31.

- a) **Seven Board Members:** President, Vice President; Treasurer and four (4) Directors shall be elected by the membership by plurality vote. Officers shall have full voice and vote at all meetings. They shall serve a three-year term of office with a maximum of two consecutive terms in the same office.
  - i. President, Vice President and Treasurer will be elected in year A
  - ii. Two (2) Directors shall be elected in year B
  - iii. Two (2) Directors shall be elected in year C
- b) **Two Directors-at-Large** shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board to serve a one-year term. Directors-at-Large shall have full voice and vote at all meetings.
- c) **The Board of Directors** shall select and Executive Secretary from qualified candidates who shall be a CBW member. The Executive Secretary shall serve a term of one year, renewable yearly, and shall have full voice and vote at all meetings.

Protest to any election must be made prior to adjournment of the meeting at which election occurred.

**Proposed to: delete and replace with Amendment #3**

***Although we are a small organization, comparing CBW to other writing organizations nationwide we have a good membership. The election process is more in line with how CBW prefers to operate and has done well with this procedure as presented in this Amendment.***

- a) Eight Board Members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and four (4) Directors shall be elected by the membership by plurality vote. They will be elected by the membership by plurality vote, have full voice and vote at all meetings and serve a two year term of office.**
  - i. President, Treasurer and two Directors shall be elected in odd years**
  - ii. Vice President, Secretary and Two Directors shall be elected in even years**

**Terms of office shall be two years beginning August 1, following election at the annual meeting and ending July 31.**

***Reason: The bylaw does not suit the purpose and operation of the California Bowling Writers. It is felt that appointing additional directors, increasing terms to three years and limiting terms to two years serves no good purpose.***

**If approved, to be effective immediately.**

**Proposed by Mary Lynly, Life Member - April 23, 2013**

**Approved by the Legislative Committee  
Elaine Hagin, Chairman  
Marianne Evans**