

**Proposed amendments to the Harrison West Society Constitution and By Laws.
To be proposed November 14, 2012 and voted upon January 16, 2013.**

Prepared by the By Laws and Policy Committee.

Amendment 1. Delete all of Article III and substitute:

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership Classifications

1. Individual Memberships are open to those individuals, aged 18 years or older, who support the aims and principles of the Society.
2. Organizational Memberships are open to those businesses, churches, and other institutions who support the aims and principles of the Society.
3. Honorary Memberships may be conferred by the Society upon persons who have contributed outstanding service to the community or have substantial interest in the Harrison West neighborhood.
4. The Executive Board shall have the right to reject applications and renewals and to determine into which membership classification any application or renewal belongs.

B. Voting Privileges

1. Each Individual member who resides in Harrison West is entitled to one vote.
2. Each Organizational member whose property, business, church, or other institution is located in Harrison is entitled to one vote.
3. All other members are non-voting members: that is they may attend all meetings, serve on committees in an advisory capacity, and participate in discussion. They shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.
4. A person who is a voting member or representing a voting member shall cast only one vote on each question. Members shall be present at Society meetings to cast votes.
5. Applicants for new voting membership in the Society shall not receive voting privileges until forty-five days (45) after the application is received by the Secretary. Prior to receiving voting privileges, a new member may attend all meetings, serve on committees in an advisory capacity, and participate in discussion, but is not entitled to vote or hold office.

C. Dues

1. Applicants for membership in the Society shall submit dues with the application. Renewing members shall submit dues with the renewal form.
2. Upon request, the Executive Board may waive dues for cause.
3. The Society may establish categories of dues within the Individual and Organizational classes.
4. Any change in the categories of dues or the dues schedule shall be determined by a vote at a meeting of the Society. Any proposed change shall be presented to the Society at a regular meeting no fewer than forty-five (45) days before any vote on such a change.
5. Honorary members shall pay no dues.

D. Membership Renewal

1. Membership in the Society is to be maintained on a calendar year basis. The deadline for renewal is December 31. Applications received during November and December shall be considered to be for the following calendar year as well as the balance of the current calendar year. Other applications shall be considered to be for the current calendar year.
2. A member who fails to renew by December 31 loses voting privileges but is entitled to a grace period from January 1 through the regular April meeting during which the member may renew the membership and immediately regain voting privileges.
3. If a member fails to renew prior to the end of the regular **April** meeting, the member shall thereafter be considered a new applicant and shall be subject to the waiting period in Article III.B.3.
4. Honorary memberships need not be renewed.

Amendment 2. Add to Article IV.

E. Members may request that any notice required by this Constitution and By Laws, or by law be sent electronically. Such request shall be in writing.

Rename the Article: **Article IV. Meetings and Notices.**

Amendment 3.

Delete Article VI and substitute:

Article VI. Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate past President, and each person chairing a Standing Committee.

Add to Article VII.

F. Other Standing Committees shall be established by vote of the Society. The President may establish temporary committees.

Amendment 4. Delete Article IX and substitute:

Article IX. Amendments

A. All amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be introduced at a regular meeting of the Society in writing.

B. Notice of any amendments shall be given with the notice of the regular meeting following the one at which it was introduced. At that meeting the amendment may be formally proposed by majority vote of the Society.

C. The voting membership shall be notified in writing by U.S. mail of any formally proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.

D. A two-thirds majority vote at the next regular meeting of the Society shall amend the Constitution and By-Laws.

Amendment 5.

Where ever, in the Constitution and By-Laws, the phrase “Executive Board” occurs – it shall be changed to “Executive Committee”.

Amendment 6.

Where ever, in the Constitution and By-Laws, the phrase “Constitution and By-Laws” occurs – it shall be changed to “Bylaws”.

Current language may be found at:

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