



## Bylaw Amendments Summary Sheet

### January 2019 General Membership Meeting

- 1) General language and formatting clean up and consistency revisions throughout the bylaws to improve grammar, punctuation, remove out of date language, and consistency with terminology.
- 2) (Article IV) Membership:
  - a) Reorganized Section 1 to clarify full membership versus associate membership.
  - b) Removed the 3 minute speaking limitation for associate members as this can be decided by the chair of the meeting at their discretion.
  - c) Combined all Code of Conduct Sections throughout the bylaws into one here in Section 5. The language is the same in all sections for the most part.
  - d) Added Section 7 pertaining to meeting attendance establishing a maximum number of meetings members may be absent (3 meetings) before their membership converts to associate and a procedure to reinstate full membership.
- 3) (Article VI) Officers and Advisors:
  - a) Reorganize Section 5 into additional subsections.
  - b) Permit at least three members on the Nominating & Election Committee.
- 4) (Article VII) Duties of Officers:
  - a) Permit the Parliamentarian to Chair the Bylaws and Rules Committee and vote on candidate endorsements.
  - b) Permit Board Directors to be appointed Parliamentarian, Historian, or Sergeant-At-Arms if appointed by the President.
- 5) (Article VIII) Board of Directors: Added the Florida LBTA Democratic Caucus Conflict of Interest Policy to provide guidance and definitions on conflicts of interest and disclosure procedures for board directors and executive officers.
- 6) (Article XI) Committees:
  - a) Changed the name of the Mediation Committee to Grievance Committee.
  - b) Changed the name of the Media, Public Relations, and Technology Committee to Communication Committee and updated the description.
- 7) (Article XII) Endorsements:
  - a) Reduced the number of days to request an endorsement from 30 days to 15 days.
  - b) Removed the requirement that an endorsement vote must be held one month or 15 days prior to the applicable election.



- c) Clarified the procedure for submitting candidate questionnaires.
  - d) Clarified the role and authority of the Campaign Committee in the endorsement process.
  - e) Improved language permitting multi-round voting when there is more than one Democrat in a race to remove the candidates with the lowest votes to achieve two final candidates for a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> endorsement vote.
  - f) Clarified that the Dolphin Democrats may only recommend and note endorse judicial candidates to be consistent with Florida judicial ethics.
- 8) (Article XV, Miscellaneous) Added two new awards, Harvey Milk and Bishop S. F. Makalani-Mahee and that the Dolphin Democrats may present additional awards as recommended by the Annual Awards Committee.