

## [ALL ON BALLOT]

### WJCL 2019-2020 Proposed Constitutional Amendments

#### Amendment #1

##### Change to Section 5.5

Current: “Any qualified WJCL member who is not an officer on the WJCL Board at the time of the election meeting may submit a declaration of candidacy to be considered a candidate in a Vacancy Election, provided that the candidacy is declared at least one week prior to the election meeting. At the election meeting, each candidate shall be interviewed individually in front of all voters present. Each Board member – State Chair(s), current officers, and club representatives – shall be entitled to one vote. However, WJCL officers who are also their clubs’ voting delegates must either forfeit their votes as officers or their clubs’ votes. A candidate must win a majority of votes cast in order to be elected. Should no candidate win a majority of the votes, a runoff election between the two candidates who received the most votes shall occur. In the case of a tie for the candidate with the second-most votes in a run-off election, the candidate with the plurality is elected to office.”

Proposed: “Any qualified WJCL member who is not an officer on the WJCL Board at the time of the election meeting may submit a declaration of candidacy to be considered a candidate in a Vacancy Election, provided that the candidacy is declared at least one week prior to the election meeting. **No more than one candidate from a single chapter may run in a vacancy election, provided that there are not four members from the aforementioned chapter on the board serving for the term for which the candidate is eligible.** At the election meeting, each candidate shall be interviewed individually in front of all voters present. Each Board member – State Chair(s), current officers, and club representatives – shall be entitled to one vote. However, WJCL officers who are also their clubs’ voting delegates must either forfeit their votes as officers or their clubs’ votes. A candidate must win a majority of votes cast in order to be elected. Should no candidate win a majority of the votes, a runoff election between the two candidates who received the most votes shall occur. In the case of a tie for the candidate with the second-most votes in a run-off election, the candidate with the plurality is elected to office.”

Rationale: This change would set a clear candidate per school limit in a vacancy election, which is not specified currently.

## Amendment #2

Change to Section 5.6

Current: “No more than four candidates from one chapter may run in any election, provided that there are not four members from the aforementioned chapter on the board serving for the term for which the candidates are eligible.”

Proposed: “No more than four candidates from one chapter may run in any election **at State Convention**, provided that there are not four members from the aforementioned chapter on the board serving for the term for which the candidates are eligible.”

Rationale: This amendment would make clear that the one candidate limit in Amendment #1 does not apply at State Convention elections and only applies to single position vacancy elections, while the four candidate limit only applies at multi position State elections.

## Amendment #3

Change to Section 5.6

Current: “No more than four candidates from one chapter may run in any election, provided that there are not four members from the aforementioned chapter on the board serving for the term for which the candidates are eligible.”

Proposed: “No more than **one candidate** from one chapter may run **for each position** in any election, **and no more than four candidates total from one chapter may run in any election**, provided that there are not four members from the aforementioned chapter on the board serving for the term for which the candidates are eligible.

Rationale: This amendment would establish a limit for candidates per chapter per position, preventing a single school from running 2 or more candidates for one position in an election.

## Amendment #4

Addition to the Constitution as **new** section 5.4

Proposed: “If a candidate is found actively and explicitly advertising their campaign at any time before the close of the first general assembly at a given State Convention, they will be disqualified from seeking office at that convention. Any allegations of precampaigning must be submitted to the State Chair(s), at which point the State Chair(s) will meet with the candidate and

their sponsor to discuss the matter. Any motion to disqualify a candidate on charges of precampaing will pass at the discretion of the State Chair(s)”

Rationale: This amendment would add a clear definition of precampaing to the Constitution along with a method to process precampaing allegations in an orderly manner. These things are not included in the Constitution currently.

## Amendment #5

Change to Section 6.1

Current: “Voting for office shall be by chapter with each chapter entitled to two votes, plus one additional vote for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. No chapter may claim more votes than the number of delegates from that school attending the convention. Chapters may vote in favor of a candidate, abstain, or cast a vote of no confidence. An abstention is not included in the total number of votes cast; a vote of no confidence is included in the total number of votes cast.

Proposed: “Voting for office **and amendments** shall be by chapter with each chapter entitled to two votes, plus one additional vote for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. No chapter may claim more votes than the number of delegates from that school attending the convention. Chapters may vote in favor of a candidate, abstain, or cast a vote of no confidence. An abstention is not included in the total number of votes cast; a vote of no confidence is included in the total number of votes cast.”

Rationale: This section would change in concurrence with the passage Amendment #7 and would give a method for the apportionment of votes when voting for Constitutional Amendments.

## Amendment #6

Change to Section 6.1

Current: “Voting for office shall be by chapter with each chapter entitled to two votes, plus one additional vote for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. No chapter may claim more votes than the number of delegates from that school attending the convention. Chapters may vote in favor of a candidate, abstain, or cast a vote of no confidence. An abstention is not included in the total number of votes cast; a vote of no confidence is included in the total number of votes cast.”

Proposed: “Voting for office shall be by chapter with each chapter entitled to two votes, plus one additional vote for **every 10 delegates present at convention** or major fraction thereof. No chapter may claim more votes than the number of delegates from that school attending the

convention. Chapters may vote in favor of a candidate, abstain, or cast a vote of no confidence. An abstention is not included in the total number of votes cast; a vote of no confidence is included in the total number of votes cast.”

Rationale: This amendment would lead to a more meritocratic system of voting, as votes would be given exclusively to those attending convention, and thus to those who have the opportunity to be informed on candidates and amendments. The decrease of the additional vote threshold from 25 to 10 would offset the overall decrease in votes, in order to reduce the impact of this amendment on smaller delegations. *See Robert’s Rules of Order sections on absentee and proxy voting.*

## Amendment #7

Change to Section 6.3

Current: “In voting for any convention business other than election of officers, each delegate shall be entitled to one vote.”

Proposed: “In voting for any convention business other than election of officers **and amendments**, each delegate shall be entitled to one vote.”

Rationale: In its current form this section dictates that the vote of each individual delegate at State convention must be counted, which is both a challenge logistically and doesn’t match the procedure for officer elections. This amendment would fix both these problems.

## Amendment #8

Change to Section 9.3

Current: “At each WJCL state convention for which amendments have been proposed, the Parliamentarian shall call a meeting to present these amendments. Two representatives from each delegation in attendance must be present at this meeting. Failure to send two representatives to the Amendments meeting will result in the forfeiture of the chapter’s votes. If a school only sends one delegate to the convention, only one delegate is required at the Open Forum.

Proposed: “At each WJCL state convention for which amendments have been proposed, the Parliamentarian shall call a meeting to present these amendments. Two representatives from each delegation in attendance must be present at this meeting. Failure to send two representatives to the Amendments meeting will result in the forfeiture of the chapter’s votes. If a school only sends one delegate to the convention, only one delegate is required at the **Amendments meeting**.”

Rationale: In its current form, the last sentence of this section could be construed to apply to the Candidates' Open Forum. This amendment would specify that this section only refers to the Amendments meeting.