

# **WTS Sacramento Proposed Changes to the Bylaws Summary**

## **April 2022**

### **Background:**

In 2021, the WTS International Bylaw Review Committee has released a standard template for Chapter Bylaws. The Bylaw Review Committee reviewed the Sacramento Chapter Bylaws as compared to the template and suggested changes for the Sacramento Chapter to consider.

The WTS Sacramento Executive Board (*Chapter Officers*) met with the WTS International Chapter Bylaws Review Committee on October 6, 2021 and on February 4, 2022.

The WTS Sacramento Executive Board went through the suggested changes and modified the WTS Sacramento Chapter Bylaws in the best interest of the chapter.

### **Terminology:**

- Officers = Executive Board
  - Consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer
- Board of Directors
  - Consisting of Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer), Immediate Past President, and Directors at Large (*WTS Sacramento does not currently have any Directors at large*)
- Members of the Board = Committee Chairs and members of standing committees

### **Organization Explained:**

Article I: Name

Article II: Location

Article III: Purpose

Article IV: Membership in WTS

Article V: Meetings of the general membership of our Chapter (where business/voting is conducted)

Article VI: Board of Directors (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and Director's At Large).

Article VII: Officers Roles (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer)

Article VII: Elections specific to the Board of Directors

Article IX: Committees/Committee Chair Roles

Article X: Amendments to Bylaws

Article XI: Rules of Procedure

Article XII: Dissolution

## **Summary of Changes:**

Overall:

- New Look/template
- Removed Table of Contents (which was in our current bylaws)
- Re-organization (combining and eliminating sections to better organize and streamline)
- Minor text revisions (re-wording to clarify or streamline statements, but no significant changes)
- Added in email/telephone/online participation and voting throughout.

Major Changes to Note:

- Article V: Increases the minimum percentage of the membership needed to call a special meeting to 10% or 1/10<sup>th</sup> (changed from 5%).
- Article V: Reduces the member voting quorum from 1/3 to 1/5.
- Article VI: Removes Standing Committee Chairs from the Board of Directors and adds the potential to establish Directors at Large roles)
- Article VI: Reduces the required number of Board Meetings from 12 to a minimum of 6.
- Article VIII: Establishes a 2 year term limits for Board of Directors (rather than two, 1 year terms).