

Proposed 2019 changes to the RCWRT Constitution

To be voted on at the October Meeting

The current Constitution is on our Website

Article III -Membership

Section 1:

b. Member couple – two individuals, **living at the same address**, who are in good standing continually from initially joining.

d. New Member Couple – two individuals, **living at the same address**, who join for the first time, add a spouse to the membership of an existing member or renews a couple's membership after a 6-month lapse of membership.

Section 2: **The Executive Committee may nominate members for Life Memberships in the RCWRT to the general membership. A two thirds majority will be required of that committee. A** three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members present at any regular business meeting **shall be required** to approve the Life Honorary membership. To be eligible, the nominee must have made outstanding contributions to the knowledge and/or advancement of the Civil War period **or the Round Table**. There shall be no more than ten (10) Life Honorary members at any given time. **Life Members shall not be subject to the payment of annual dues.**

Section 3: Add an **“s”** to application to make it plural

Article IV – Officers...

Section 3: a. This governing body is empowered to transact any business of this organization except the election of officers, ~~and of the Executive Committee~~, **Life Members** and the establishment of dues and initiation fees.

ARTICLE VI - Dues:

Section 1: b. Checks will be used as a document of payment by members and recorded ~~in the yearly receipt book~~ by the Secretary. **Dues paid in cash shall be recorded in a receipt book.**

d. Payment of dues is on or before February 15 yearly ~~or as otherwise specified in the RCWRT Member Application Form.~~

e. Dues announcements ~~shall be~~ are published in the ~~October~~ December - February newsletters.

Section 2: Members, who pay on or after February 16, are required to pay a ~~\$25~~ **\$10** late fee to remain in continuing membership status.

Section ~~2-4~~: Prorated **d** dues schedule will be as follows:

- a. January 1 - June 30 = full payment
- b. July 1 - December 31 = one half (1/2) payment

Section **5**: All new **and rejoining members, as defined in Article III**, shall pay a one-time Initiation Fee.

~~ARTICLE VII – INITIATION FEE~~ moved to VI - Dues

New Section VI - E-Mail Voting: Voting may be conducted by E-mail, provided that a proposal may only be adopted if there is no objection from any member to the vote being held by this method. If this cannot be resolved and the person making the motion wishes to pursue the action, then it may only be introduced at a formal Executive Committee meeting. All votes should be copied to all members of the Executive Committee. If a committee member does not have E-mail, requests to not vote via E-mail, or has their request for vote returned

as undeliverable or because he is out of office, an attempt to solicit their vote will be made by the President by telephone or in person. Their vote or the reason for not obtaining their vote will then be communicated to the other committee members. A committee member who fails to vote within three days shall be considered as an abstention.

ARTICLE IX - GUESTS

Section 1: Any member in good standing may bring a reasonable number of guests to any regular business meeting of this organization, **but** no guest may attend more than two (2) meetings ~~without applying for membership.~~ **This limitation shall be waived for any event requiring payment, such as banquets and field trips, although the Executive Committee may restrict attendance of quests to any function.**

If you would like a copy of the justifications for these changes, send me a request at secretary.rcwrt@gmail.com

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