

Proposal 4: Amend Bylaw 122.6.3 (Director Discipline)

Rationale:

The current rule is unclear. It can be interpreted that you can't suspend a board member from the board without suspending membership as well and then regional members would need to vote to ratify the suspension. This is very problematic as the membership would need to vote without knowing the content of executive session matter. Also a person's "membership" should not be subject to a popularity vote.

This Bylaw has only been used once in nearly 40 years and its recent use has thrown up some issues:

- One is the ambiguity of the phrase "including the individual being suspended".
- Secondly, it is clear that the original wording specifically excluded expelling the individual (despite references to such in the latter part of the rule) and this should be maintained.
- Thirdly, there is no provision for an interim RD, and this is clearly something that the members want to ensure continued representation if an RD is suspended

Pros:

Requires the Board to appoint an interim Regional Director so the region remains represented on the Board during the suspension.

Removes confusing and ambiguous language from the Bylaw

Clarifies the procedure and removes any possible interpretation that a suspended Board member must also be expelled as a member

Cons:

The membership now only votes to ratify a suspension if the period is more than 60 days

.Amend Bylaw 122.6.3

122.6.3 An elected officer or director of the Association may not be expelled by the Board of Directors from membership in the Association or as officer and director, but may be suspended from membership in the Association and/or as officer and director for misconduct or violation or infraction of the Association's rules by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors. **The total number of Directors includes including** the individual being suspended. In the event of ~~such~~ suspension **from the Board of Directors for more than sixty days**, the Board of Directors must submit a ballot within 60 days to the membership, or a portion of the membership, which elected the individual, requesting a vote on the suspension ~~or~~ **expulsion** of the individual from membership and/or as officer and director. The suspension by the Board shall end if the ballot is not so submitted or if the membership does not vote in favor of suspension ~~or expulsion~~.

122.6.3.1 In the event of suspension of a Regional Director, the board shall appoint a qualified member from that region to act as an interim Regional Director during the period of suspension.