

# 2025 INDEX OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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**Proposer:** David A. McKay  
Fountain Valley, CA

Gary Forman  
Corona, CA

Brad Bylls  
Carol Stream, IL

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**Proposer:** Peggy Herrington  
Cheyenne, WY

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**Proposer:** Michael Frost  
Anchorage, AK

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Cheyenne, WY

# BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. NB 1

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## PRESENT BYLAW...

### USBC National Bylaws Article III Membership and Dues Section B, Dues

USBC adult members are required to pay dues to USBC, to local associations, as well as to state associations that assess dues in combined amounts established by USBC.

USBC Youth Standard Membership dues are \$4, state/local association dues are not allowed.

Annual adult standard membership dues are:  
USBC dues not to exceed \$15.  
State dues not to exceed \$5.  
Local dues determined by their membership.

## PROPOSAL...

Delete “, as well as to state associations that assess dues” from the first sentence of the first paragraph.

Add a new second sentence to the first paragraph to state: “State associations may assess dues in amounts established by USBC which are optional to the member.”

Add “Optional” to the state dues description in the third paragraph.

**If adopted**, Article III, Sec B will state:

USBC adult members are required to pay dues to USBC and to local associations in combined amounts established by USBC. State associations may assess dues in amounts established by USBC which are optional to the member.

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Optional State dues not to exceed \$5.  
Local dues determined by their membership.

**If adopted**, Chapter 1 of the USBC Playing Rules and USBC Association Policy Manual will be codified to conform.

## REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

Our state is too large for our State Board to manage effectively. Our members feel as if we have taxation without representation.

What does a state board do that your local association can't? When we need to get a ruling, we ask rules directly at the national level. Nothing trickles down from National to the local associations through the state association. Everything gets rolled out at the same time.

If State dues were optional, and a member wanted to participate in the state tournament, the dues can be factored into entry fee. Our constituents would like the option to opt-out of our State Association.

Presented by: David A. McKay  
Fountain Valley, CA

Gary Forman  
Corona, CA

Brad Bylls  
Carol Stream, IL

**Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors**

***REASON FOR REJECTION....***

The decision on the amount (if any) of dues necessary to fund the operations of the state associations are best left to the individual states. If the state can fund operations without additional dues, they have the ability to waive any or all of the state dues for designated groups.

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## PRESENT BYLAW...

**USBC State Association Bylaws**  
**Article V, Board of Directors – Management**  
**Section E. Resignation, Removal, and Vacancies**

### Section E. Resignation, Removal, and Vacancies

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- Removal for RVP Non-Compliance.** When a board member is determined to not be in compliance with the USBC's RVP policies, the member will be immediately declared ineligible and removed from the board with the position being declared vacant. No board action is required to remove the member from the board. The member will become eligible for re-election and/or re-appointment to the board upon notification from USBC of a change in their status.
- Vacancies.** The board fills vacancies in the president's position. All other vacancies are filled by the president, subject to approval by the board.

## PROPOSAL...

Add the following to Item 4: "The member will become eligible for re-election to the board at the next annual membership meeting. There will be no re-appointment to the board by recommendation of the president and approval of the association board."

Add the following to Item 5: “, with the exception of a board member who has been removed from the board due to non-compliance of the USBC's RVP policies. Re-appointment of the board member will only occur if the board member is elected for appointment to the board at the annual membership meeting."

**If adopted**, Section E will state:

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to non-compliance of the USBC's RVP policies. Re-appointment of the board member will only occur if the board member is elected for appointment to the board at the annual membership meeting.

**REASON FOR PROPOSAL....**

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Presented by: Peggy Herrington  
Cheyenne, WY

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## BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. SB 2

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### PRESENT BYLAW...

#### *USBC State Association Bylaws*

#### **Article VII, Section A – Meetings**

#### **Section A – Annual Meeting**

An annual meeting of the board and delegates shall be held at a time and place approved by the board. (See Article IX, Section C, for the time frame for election of delegates and alternates to the USBC Annual Meeting.)

Attendance is open to all adult members and USBC youth members bowling in USBC leagues within the association's jurisdiction. Voting officers, directors, and delegates/alternates must be at least 14 years of age, unless state laws mandate a specific age.

1. The association invites all associations within its jurisdiction, as follows. The number is based on the association's membership. For USBC Youth the membership consists of those bowling in USBC Leagues within the association's jurisdiction.

The number of delegates/alternates is determined by the board and delegates and is:

A local association is not eligible to send delegates if it is declared delinquent or USBC has revoked its charter.

2. **Credentials.** Credentials are forwarded to the state association **at least** Click or tap here to enter text. **days prior** to the opening of the annual meeting.
3. **Voice and Vote**  
*Voice:* Adult members and USBC youth members bowling in USBC Leagues within the association's jurisdiction may attend with voice only.  
*Vote:* Board and delegates. Voting Choose an item. include state Hall of Fame members. Absentee and proxy voting are not permitted.
4. **Responsibilities**  
The board and delegates shall:
  - 1) Adopt bylaws, with the exception of youth dues.
  - 2) Adopt state adult dues, up to the established maximum.
  - 3) Elect two delegates and two alternates for the USBC Annual Meeting.
5. **Meeting Notice**  
Written notice of the meeting shall be forwarded to the board and delegates at least 15 days prior to the annual meeting.
6. **Special Meetings**  
Special delegate meetings may be called by the president or upon written request of at least three board members or at least twenty-five delegates.
7. **Quorum**  
Click or tap here to enter text. **delegates constitute a quorum.** The board, adult delegates representing adult members and youth delegates determine the number.
8. **Action**  
A majority vote of the board and delegates present and voting, at a properly noticed meeting, when a quorum of both delegates and youth delegates has been established, is required to take action, unless otherwise provided by law or these bylaws.

Election of officers requires a majority vote. Election of directors requires a majority vote, unless plurality vote has been adopted in accordance with these bylaws. Election of delegates/alternates requires a plurality vote. Absentee and proxy voting and other types of voting agreements are not permitted.

## **PROPOSAL...**

In the first paragraph of Section A, add a new second sentence to state: "The Annual Meeting will/will not offer a remote attendance option."

**If adopted**, Section A will state:

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**If adopted:** The **Association Policy Manual** will add directions for state associations to facilitate the use of this option for their State Annual Meeting.

**REASON FOR PROPOSAL....**

Alaska is proposing a waiver which would allow us to hold our Alaska State Annual Meetings via Zoom, or other electronic meeting format, with full voting rights of all in person and electronic participants due to the expanse of our state being logistically challenging for people from Fairbanks, Juneau, Kodiak, Kenai and other locations, to meet in Anchorage for a one-hour meeting.

Fairbank is a 7-hour drive, Kenai is a 3-hour drive, and Juneau and Kodiak require travel by Airplane. The cost of flying from all 4 of these primary locations to Anchorage is cost prohibitive for most, if not all bowlers, and without the electronic meeting format, our participation in our meeting would be limited to the Anchorage, Wasilla and Eagle River area bowlers only, all within an hour drive from Anchorage. Bottom line is that we would like all of our members to be able to participate so they can feel like a part of our association and we can consider their input.

We used to have our Annual Meetings associated with a State Tournament when we were separate entities but now that we are merged, our Tournaments have not been held at the same time for Open/Women and Youth, which splits the participation even further if we held the annual meeting at a tournament at one of the more remote locations.

Presented by: Michael Frost  
Anchorage, AK

**Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors**



# BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. LB 1

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