

# **2023 Annual Membership Meeting**

The annual membership meeting will be @ 4 pm on Saturday, April 22, 2023,  
at the Keokuk Yacht Club

## **Nominations for Commodore/Vice Commodore and open Board Positions**

Post the nominating sheet Monday, March 13th, 2023  
Nominating sheet taken down Friday, April 7th, 2023

### **In person voting at KYC**

Voting from Saturday April 15th through Friday April 21st, 2023

### **Counting of the Ballots**

Ballots counted the morning of Saturday, April 22nd, 2023  
Election results announced at the Annual Meeting 4/22/2023

**Important Reminder: Membership fees, \$60 for single, \$120 for married couples, are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the only written notice you will receive.**

### **By Law Changes Summary 2<sup>nd</sup> Revision 2/21/2023**

#### **V MEETINGS**

2. Annual membership meetings shall be held in April (Proposed change: with notice given to the membership at least ten (10) days in advance.) *Current wording: with written notice sent at least ten (10) days in advance to all members in good standing at their last known address. Notice of said meeting will be posted within the Clubhouse. Newly elected officers and board members will assume their positions (Proposed change: May 1<sup>st</sup>) Current wording: the first of the month following the annual meeting. (Revised: 09-19-2017)*

**Note: Change of written notice in V ties to IX sent to the membership and XIV sent in writing.**

This change eliminates the expensive mailing of the written notices of the meeting date. The date of the annual meeting will be included on the April calendar, posted at the Club, noted on the Club website, and mentioned in the weekly emails sent by the Club in the weeks prior to the meeting. The bylaws were written prior to the age of emails, texts,

and internet. The written notices and mailings are quite expensive (running anywhere from \$600 to \$900) and time consuming. The Club still could maintain a list of those members desiring a personal notification. The change to May 1<sup>st</sup> is now consistent with Article IX section 2.

#### VI OFFICERS

4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be (Proposed change: appointed) Current wording: appointed annually by the Board of Directors. He/she shall be responsible for all records of the business, membership, the financial activities of the Club, provide financial statements annually and at other times as required by the Board. Said Secretary-Treasurer shall be bonded and KYC, INC. shall pay for the cost of said bonding.

The annual appointment of the secretary was widely overlooked. This change would keep the secretary in place until the Board seeks a replacement.

#### VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Commodore/President, Vice Commodore/Vice President, Rear Commodore/Past President, and six additional persons. Any member of the Board of Directors who is not a member in good standing shall surrender their position for the remainder of their elected term. The board of Directors shall fill vacancies by appointment (Proposed change: as needed) Current wording: to complete the fiscal year.

This change leaves the appointee in place until the completion of the term vacated.

#### IX ELECTIONS

1. The Commodore/President shall appoint a nominating committee, whose duty it shall be to set up a slate of directors and officers to be (Proposed change: elected prior to the annual membership meeting) Current wording: recommended at the annual membership meeting to fill the terms or expiring terms of said positions.

(Proposed addition: Eligible members seeking a directors' seat, or an officer's position shall register their name on the Nominating Sheet. The Nominating Sheet shall be posted at KYC for four (4) consecutive weeks prior to the balloting week.

All eligible members may vote in person at KYC starting the Saturday before the annual meeting and ending at the close of business the Friday before the annual meeting.

The nominating committee or their designees shall count the ballots the morning of the annual meeting.

This revision brings the nominating and voting procedure in line with the recent changes in the Club election process that resulted in changes prompted by the COVID

pandemic. Times for the nominating and voting process are linked to the annual membership meeting revisions in Article V, section 2.

2. Commodore/President and Vice Commodore/Vice President shall be elected annually and hold office for a one-year term. Elected officers must have served on the Board of Directors for a minimum of (Proposed change: two) Current wording: three years. All terms of officers and Directors shall commence May 1. (Revised: 4-26-2019)

This change modifies a revision from 2019. Requiring three years of service on the Board greatly limits the number of qualified members that can hold an elected office. The Board feels reducing the 3-year requirement to 2 years would provide the needed experience on the Board yet increase the pool of potential officer candidates. May 1<sup>st</sup> date is now consistent with the wording in Article V, section 2.

5. An officer may be removed from office before expiration to his/her term. A vote of two thirds of all those attending a general membership meeting held two consecutive months is required for removal. Notice of such an issue on the meeting agenda must be (Proposed change: given) Current wording: sent to the membership at least 10 days prior to each meeting. In the event such vote fails to carry in two consecutive meetings, such issue shall fail.

As with the change in Article V, section 2, the goal is to eliminate the expense of the mailing. Notice of such an issue would now be in the form of emails, notices on the Club calendar, the Club website, and postings at the Club.

#### XIV AMENDMENTS

1. These By-Laws may be amended (Proposed change: by a two-thirds majority of the members voting by ballot during the annual election of officers or special voting period designated by the Board of Directors.) Current wording: at any annual meeting of the members or at any special meeting for the purposes of said amendment by a two-thirds vote of the members attending said meeting. Notice of any proposed amendment (Proposed change: addition or revision) together with a statement as to the (Proposed change: dates for voting at KYC) Current wording: time and place of said meeting shall be (Proposed change: given to the membership) Current wording: sent in writing to each member at least ten days prior to the (Proposed change: voting dates.) Current wording: date of said meeting.

As with the changes in Article V, section 2 and Article IX, section 5, the goal is to eliminate the expense of the mailing. Notice of such an issue would now be in the form of emails, notices on the Club calendar, the Club website, and postings at the Club. Additionally, this changes the voting from in person voting at the annual meeting or

special meeting to voting by ballot during the annual election of officers or a special balloting period (typically voting would be a Saturday thru Friday like the annual election voting period) called by the Board of Directors. The changes shown above can be a little confusing, so we have rewritten both the current wording and the proposed changes in the paragraphs shown below.

**Existing wording:** These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting of the members or at any special meeting for the purposes of said amendment by a two-thirds vote of the members attending said meeting. Notice of any proposed amendment together with a statement as to the time and place of said meeting shall be sent in writing to each member at least ten days prior to the date of said meeting.

**Proposed wording:** These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members voting by ballot during the annual election of officers or special voting period designated by the Board of Directors. Notice of any proposed amendment addition or revision together with a statement as to the dates for voting at KYC shall be given to the membership at least ten days prior to the voting dates.

Members, please bring this copy of the proposed Bylaw changes with you to the Annual Membership Meeting. That will help us minimize the number of copies we will need to print as handouts for the meeting.