

## **GNHW Bylaw Summary of Changes—September, 2020**

**Article II Purpose—Section 3** and many others: Name change of the Steering Committee (SC) to the Board of Directors (BOD). Many members of the Steering Committee have been using Board of Directors when communicating with outside organizations since that is a universally recognizable and preferred name for an organization's governing body.

**Article III Governance—Section 1:** Eliminated the requirement to reserve a place on the BOD for the Immediate Past President. Although it is recognized that it is desirable for the Immediate Past President to continue on the BOD after leaving office, we have had instances where this person could not or would not continue to serve on the BOD.

**Article III Governance—Section 4:** Gives the President the option to conduct BOD meetings as virtual meetings as circumstances may require.

**Article III Governance—Section 4:** Adds a requirement to conduct BOD meetings according to a "Rules of Order" policy published on the Guild website.

**Article III Governance—Current Section 7:** Deleted because a requirement for a physical Policy Book is made obsolete by the Guild website.

**Article III Governance—Section 8:** Changes the minimum number requirement of general member business meetings from three to one per fiscal year.

**Article III Governance—Section 8:** Gives the President the option to conduct general member business meetings as virtual meetings as circumstances may require.

**Article III Governance—Section 10:** Clarifies voting eligibility at virtual general member business meetings.

**Article III Governance—Current Section 13:** Deleted because the authority to create committees or special function positions (volunteer positions) is a given by the very existence of a governing body and need not be spelled out in bylaw form.

**Article IV Officers—Section 1:** Clarifies that a person cannot hold more than one officer position at one time.

**Article V Membership—Section 2:** Corrects wording on the term of membership from 12 months to an integer number of years from the member anniversary (i.e. join) date. Removes the option for a "renewal grace" period which we have not had for many years.

**Article V Membership—Section 4:** Codifies the existing practice of sending complimentary copies of the Journal and/or TouchUps to significant supporters of the Guild. The Membership Chair is charged with maintaining this list to be named "Friends of the Guild" for review/approval when requested by the BOD.

**Article V Membership—Section 5:** Requires that a member grievance procedure policy shall be established.

**Article IX Privacy—Section 1, 2:** The current privacy wording was too wordy and specific. It has been simplified without changing the intent.

**Article IX Privacy—Section 3:** No change in meaning. Clearer wording.

**General Note:** A number (4) of minor grammatical changes were made throughout the document resulting in no change in meaning. Clearer wording.