



March 3, 2022

Whereas the BCI Annual Meeting in January coincides with potential weather restrictions, influenza season, and all the issues of pulling it together during the year end holiday season, the Board proposes the following Bylaw Amendment to shifting the Annual Meeting for ELECTIONS from January to another date.
Annual recognition for ride leaders and Spirit Award etc. would be presented at the January General Meeting.

The Bylaws provides the following steps for amendments:

Amendment Rules: Article XIII

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENT

SECTION 1: Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended by a majority of the votes cast in a referendum of the membership, which shall be conducted at a general meeting. The proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing at one previous meeting of members, and have appeared in one email announcement and publication on the club's website.

SECTION 2: Proposed Amendment

The Board of Directors or any ten (10) or more Active Members may propose amendment to these bylaws. Amendments proposed by ten (10) or more members shall be submitted to the Secretary in writing and shall be signed by each member.

ARTICLE VII: VOTING

SECTION 1: Quorum

A quorum shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the BCI Active Members, but the required quorum shall not exceed 25 nor be less than five members.

SECTION 2: Voting Procedures

- a. The person must be an Active, Life, or Honorary Member of BCI to be eligible to vote.
- b. The voting may be conducted by voice, hand count, membership card count, or ballot. The voting is deemed valid by majority vote at the scheduled general meetings.
- c. There shall be no voting by proxy. Any member who is unable to attend a meeting at which a matter will be voted upon may vote by mail. Absentee ballots must be received before the vote.

This amendment presented at our March General Meeting. Vote held at the June General Meeting.

Full Text of changes: ~~Highlighted and crossed out~~ text replaced with bold red

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: Nominations

- a. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to the ~~January~~ **annual** meeting. The committee shall consist of no less than three (3) Active Members, at least one of whom shall be an officer. The Nominating Committee shall submit the slate of nominees of Active Members to be posted or announced by whatever communication methods the club uses.
- b. Nomination from the membership shall be accepted until ~~December 21st~~ **the twenty first (21st) day of the month prior to the month of the annual meeting.**
- c. Candidates are encouraged to present their qualifications in a statement published with their names posted or announced by whatever communication methods the club uses, by ~~December 1st~~ **the first day of the month prior to the month of the annual meeting.**
- d. Nominees must have attained legal majority and be an Active Member. Nominees are eligible to hold office regardless of their tenure as an Active Member.

SECTION 2: Ballots

- a. Ballots: each voting member is entitled to one vote, either by mail or in person at the ~~January~~ **annual** meeting. A copy of the ballot will be posted or announced by whatever communication methods the club uses, by ~~December 31st~~ **the last day of the month prior to the month of the annual meeting.**
- b. Absentee Ballots: all absentee ballots must be received prior to the annual meeting.
- c. Voters names are crossed off the voting membership roster as ballots are collected and/or received.
- d. The results will be tabulated by the Nominating Committee and announced by the end of the ~~January~~ **annual** meeting. The newly elected officers will then be duly installed.

SECTION 3: Term of Office

~~The officers are elected for an annual term.~~ The term of office shall be from the election ~~in~~ ~~January~~ **at the annual meeting** until the following year's election.

ARTICLE XII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: Subject to any limitation in the articles of incorporation of these bylaws and the laws of the State of California, all BCI powers, business and affairs shall be controlled by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: Without limiting or detracting from the foregoing general power, the Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint and remove all officers, prescribe their duties and to make rules and regulation not inconsistent with these bylaws and/or the laws of the State of California.

SECTION 3: The Board of Directors shall consist of eleven (11) members; nine (9) being the elected officers of BCI for the current ~~year~~ **term**, and two (2) directors at large appointed by the elected officers. In the event that the total members of the Board of Directors is less than eleven (11) at the beginning of the new officers' term of office, the existing members of the Board of Directors shall appoint Active Members of BCI to fill any vacancies.

Proposed Changes:

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1: Nominations (a) ~ Replace

January with “**annual**”

Allows flexibility to schedule annual meeting at any time of the year and still gives 60 days for Nominating Committee to recruit volunteer candidates.

Section 1: Nominations (b) ~ Replace

December 21st with “**the twenty first (21st) day of the month prior to the month of the annual meeting.**”

Allows at least 1 month between nominations and election; allows self nomination the same date as list is publication, not 21 days after list of candidates is posted.

Section 1: Nominations (c) ~ Replace

December 1st with “**the first day of the month prior to the month of the annual meeting.**”

Allows at least 1 month notice of candidates between nominations and election

Section 2: Ballots (a) ~ Replace

January with “**annual**” and **December 31st** with “**the last day of the month prior to the month of the annual meeting.**”

Section 2: Ballots (d) ~ Replace

January with “**annual**”

Allows flexibility to schedule annual meeting ay any time of the year

Section 3: Term of Office ~ Remove

The officers are elected for an annual term.

and Replace

in January with “**at the annual meeting**”

{current language} **The officers are elected for an annual term.** The term of office shall be from the election **in January** until the following year’s election.

with

{amended language} The term of office shall be from the election **at the annual meeting** until the following year’s election.

Allows flexibility to schedule annual meeting ay any time of the year, but not more than 365 days apart.

ARTICLE XII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3 ~ Replace

year with “**term**”

Allows flexibility to make term based on date of annual meeting election rather than year.

Implementation Time Line:

February Board Meeting – Topic discussed and review of Bylaws directed

March 3rd Board Meeting – Motion carried to propose amendment

March 10th General Meeting – Presentation of the these Amendments

June 9th General Meeting – Vote of Members on these Amendments

IF it passed by the members on June 9th,

Nominating Committee to be appointed 60 days before Annual Meeting: August 15th

List of Candidates published September 1st

Nominations Close on September 21st

Sample / Absentee Ballot to be published September 30^t

Annual Meeting (Officer Elections & Dinner) on Saturday, October 15th

The Current Board term will be cut short on October 15th

Elected Officers and appointed Board would be identified with a term of “2022-2023” and will serve until the Annual Meeting in 2023