

The Western Pennsylvania Linux Users Group is conducting a vote by absentee ballot for two bylaws amendment proposals. We are also holding an election for the Board of Directors. Votes will be counted at the Annual Meeting on October 21, 2006 at 12:30pm, at Carnegie Library in Squirrel Hill. You may cast your votes at the meeting or by mail.

Bylaws Amendment Proposals - How to Vote

Read each proposal below, then indicate your votes by marking an X in the box next to YES or NO after the questions.

Proposal #1 - Membership Quorum. Resolved: That the following text be substituted for the entire body (but not the heading) of Section 5.4: "Ten members or one-fifth of the membership, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum of the membership."

| Current Bylaws | Proposed Substitute |
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| 5.4 Quorum The quorum for membership meetings shall be the lesser of: 1. the sum of the prescribed size of the Board plus the square root of the total membership, voting and non-voting; or 2. the majority of the total voting membership. | 5.4 Quorum <u>Ten members or one-fifth of the membership, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum of the membership.</u> |

Effects of Adopting Proposal #1: The quorum is the number of members required to be present at any official business meeting. The current quorum, according to the formula as it now stands, is seventeen (17) members. If this amendment is adopted, the quorum will become ten (10) members.

Question #1 - Shall the Membership Quorum amendment be adopted? [] - YES [] - NO

Proposal #2 - Number of Directors. Resolved:

1. That the words "five (5)" be inserted into the first sentence of Section 4.1 before the word "Directors";
2. That the second and third paragraphs be struck out of Section 4.3 of the bylaws; and
3. Provided that in an election taking place in the session where this motion is adopted, only the five individuals receiving the highest number of points are eligible to be declared elected.

| Proposed Changes |
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| 4.1 Definition A Board of five (5) Directors shall be elected by the WPLUG membership to handle the day-to-day affairs of WPLUG. The members of this Board shall be individually referred to as Directors. |
| 4.3 Nominations When an election for Directors is required, the Secretary shall give the membership at least 28 days' (4 weeks') notification of a nomination meeting. The announcement shall state when and where the meeting will be held and how many seats are to be filled. The number of Directors to be elected shall be as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• less than 50 Members: 5 Directors• 50 to 69 Members: 6 Directors• 70 to 89 Members: 7 Directors• 90 to 109 Members: 8 Directors• 110 or more Members: 9 Directors In making this determination, all Members shall be counted regardless of voting status. Nominations for Directors shall be taken from the floor at the nomination meeting. Members may nominate themselves, and nominations do not need to be seconded. Nominees have the right to object and be removed from the ballot. If there are not enough nominees, then the Chair must nominate additional Members until there are as many nominees as seats. |

Effects of Adopting Proposal #2: The size of the Board of Directors would be fixed at five (5) Directors, and would no longer vary according to the size of the membership. Also, the Board of Directors election, on the other ballot, would elect only five Directors, instead of the seven (7) prescribed by the bylaws as they now stand.

Question #2 - Shall the Number of Directors amendment be adopted? [] - YES [] - NO

Board of Directors Election - How to Vote

WPLUG uses a variant of the range voting method for Board elections. Though only seven (7) Directors are to be elected, you may cast votes for as many candidates as you like. Simply fill in each set of brackets below with the digit representing your attitude toward the candidate:

- [0] - Unfavorable
- [1] - Weakly Favorable
- [2] - Moderately Favorable
- [3] - Strongly Favorable

NOTE: If Bylaws Amendment Proposal #2 is adopted, then only five (5) Directors will be elected. In this scenario, the casting and counting of ballots will not change; instead, we will simply elect the top five candidates instead of the top seven.

You may write in candidates not listed using the spaces provided. The winners will be decided by total points received. A blank value means the same as a 0: both express disapproval of a candidate. A more detailed explanation of the voting system and examples can be seen at <http://www.wplug.org/vote/>. This page will also contain brief statements provided by the candidates.

Print out the ballot and score the candidates as directed above. To keep your vote secret, you should remove any e-mail headers, but if you do not, your vote will still be valid.

Candidates

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Seklecki | <input type="checkbox"/> David Ostroske | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (write-in) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Moran | <input type="checkbox"/> Patrick Wagstrom | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (write-in) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ted Rodgers | <input type="checkbox"/> Judi Galardi | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (write-in) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Teodorski | <input type="checkbox"/> Beth Lynn Eicher | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (write-in) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Hansell | <input type="checkbox"/> Vance Kochenderfer | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (write-in) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Simkins | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (write-in) | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (write-in) |

To Seal the Ballot

Fold each page of the ballot separately, then seal them inside an envelope. Print your name on and sign the outside of the envelope. If the name on the envelope does not match the list of registered members, your vote will not be opened - so print clearly.

The two bylaws amendment questions and the Board of Directors Election are considered three separate votes; leaving any of the votes blank does not invalidate the votes that have been filled in and submitted.

To Vote at the Meeting

Bring your signed envelope to the meeting or have another person bring it for you and cast it before the polls close.

To Vote by Mail

Place the signed envelope into another envelope and mail it to the WPLUG mailbox. When your letter is received, an e-mail confirmation will be sent to you from the Secretary or one of his designees. Your ballot must be received by October 20, before the Annual Meeting, to be counted.

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If you have any Questions

You may contact the WPLUG Secretary with any questions by e-mail at eksortso@gmail.com.