

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>BYLAWS COMMITTEE</b>
<b>BOARD OVERSIGHT</b>	SECRETARY
<b>GENERAL DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The Bylaws Committee shall review the WLA Bylaws at least annually prior to the Annual Conference, to assure that the Association has appropriate and current guidelines for the overall organization and operations of the WLA and that provisions are current and appropriate to the functioning of the organization.</p> <p>It will formulate amendments designed to effect changes approved by the WLA Board.</p> <p>Amendments shall be sent to the Membership in accordance with the criteria set out in the Bylaws.</p>
<b>BYLAWS TEXT</b>	<p><b>ARTICLE XV: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS</b></p> <p>These Bylaws may be amended by vote of Personal Members at the Annual Membership meeting or by mail ballot of WLA Personal Members.</p> <p><b>SECTION 1,A: AMENDMENTS AT ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING(S)</b></p> <p>Proposed amendments shall be sent to all WLA Personal Members thirty days prior to the annual Membership meetings. A majority vote of those attending the Membership meeting, when a quorum has been declared, shall result in approval of Bylaw amendments.</p> <p><b>SECTION 1,B: AMENDMENTS BY MAIL BALLOT</b></p> <p>Ballots shall be mailed to all WLA Personal Members within ten days after the WLA Board votes for Bylaw amendment(s). Such mail ballots shall be accompanied by a description of potential positive or negative impacts of proposed amendment(s). The period of election, between posting and return receipt of ballots shall be a minimum of twenty-one calendar days. In order to be valid, ballots shall be received by the identified date at the WLA principal business office. At least fifty valid ballots must be returned to the office of the Association Coordinator as provided for in ARTICLE IX to validate the election. An Elections Committee shall determine whether a majority of valid ballots support the amendment(s) to the Bylaws.</p> <p><b>SECTION 1,C: EMERGENCY INTERIM AMENDMENTS</b></p> <p>The WLA Board has the authority, by a majority vote at a meeting called under the provision of Article XI, Section 3, to adopt emergency interim Bylaws amendments consistent with the intent of the Bylaws that are necessary for the orderly conduct of Association business.</p> <p>Such emergency interim amendments shall be presented to the membership for a vote no later than the next Annual Membership meeting.</p>
<b>RELATED POLICY OR CRITERIA STATEMENTS FORMS, ETC.</b>	Direction of the WLA Board