

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Names of Members Present: Nathan Anderson (Chair), Laura Strawn (Vice Chair), Richelle Beverly, Faith Critzer, Kathleen Glass, Dale Grinstead, Bobby Krishna, Xiang Li, Steven Murphy, Suresh Pillai, Jennifer Quinlan, Victoria Romano, Don Schaffner, Jenny Scott.

Board/Staff Present: Maria Hoffmann.

Number of Attendees: 14.

Meeting Called to Order: July 26, 2025, 10:34 a.m.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Faith Critzer.

Old Business: The 2026 meeting minutes were approved unanimously as submitted. Don Schaffner motioned for approval of the minutes, Dale Grinstead seconded.

There was no old business discussed from 2025.

New Business:

1. Steve Murphy - reviewed the C&B prior to today's meeting. Honorary life membership section 2 - item a, amended to add "or Honorary Lifetime Membership" to the membership types.

2. Maria Hoffman - awards criteria, would like the bylaws to be amended to reflect cumulative years of membership instead of the current wording that reflects that.

7.3.1.2 - currently states that Members rejoining after 90 days will be considered as new members. Amend the wording to state, members rejoining after 90 day membership lapse, the years membership would be cumulative from first date of joining instead of when rejoining being viewed as a new member and the years of membership starting over.

3. We polled the C&BL Committee and there are only 3 members who have yet to serve as Vice Chair and Chair.

4. Don Schaffner - nominated Richelle Beverly for Vice Chair of Constitution and Bylaws committee; she was elected by unanimous consent.

Numbered List of Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. Recommendation to the board: Change the bylaws section 2, Item a to add, "or Honorary Lifetime Membership" to the membership types.
2. Recommendation to the board: membership be cumulative years of membership and bylaws be edited to reflect that. Suggested wording, "A lapse in membership of more than ninety (90) days shall result in the suspension of member benefits until membership is renewed. However, previously accrued years of membership shall remain cumulative, and the member's original membership anniversary date shall be retained regardless of the duration of the lapse."
3. Recommend that President-elect nominate some new members to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Next Meeting Date: Next Meeting July 18, 2027 Kansas City, MO.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:24 a.m.

Chairperson Name: Nate Anderson.