

AAUW Maryland

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws

For Member Vote at 2022 Annual Meeting

The Bylaws Committee presents the following bylaws changes for review by the members of AAUW Maryland. These will be presented for members to approve at the annual meeting on Saturday, March 26. The complete AAUW Maryland bylaws are found on the state website: [AAUW MD ByLaws-2021-Approved-with-tracking-off.pdf](#)

Proposed Bylaws Changes for 2022

Proposed Change #1

Article VIII. AAUW Maryland Membership and Dues

- a. AAUW Maryland is composed of **the members** of local branch affiliates within the state of Maryland **and members of the state organization.** ~~and the state Board of Directors.~~

Rationale - The organization is composed of members (people), not the organizational entities (branches.) Members of the state Board of Directors are also state members and do not need to be named separately. At this time AAUW does not offer the option for a National Member to pay dues to the state through the Member Services Database without being a branch member. However, in the future, that option may be offered.

Proposed Change #2

Article X. Board of Directors

Section 3. Fiscal Responsibilities. The board shall have fiscal responsibilities as outlined:

- a. Oversee the administration of AAUW **Maryland** finances.
- b. Oversee the management, acquisition, and disposition of AAUW **Maryland** property and equipment in accordance with these bylaws.
- c. ~~Oversee the development of pilot projects relative to membership and dues payment procedures.~~
- d. Oversee procedures for making investments and for disbursements of funds under limited and proper delegation of authority.
- e. Approve annual reports of the AAUW **Maryland** treasurer and auditor.
- f. Oversee the acceptance or declining of funds and other gifts, bequests, and devises for the general purposes of AAUW **Maryland**.

Rationale - Fiscal Responsibilities (Article X. Section 3) – When preparing the 2021 version of the bylaws, the Bylaws Committee based the list of fiscal responsibilities on the corresponding section in the national bylaws. Changes to items (a), (b), (e) and (f) are made to clarify the scope of the AAUW Maryland Board of Directors, which is for AAUW Maryland funds only.

Item (c) is removed because it is not a responsibility of the Maryland board.

Proposed Change #3

Section 9. Removal from Office. A member of the board of directors may be removed for any reason by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the board in accordance with the policies and procedures adopted by AAUW **Maryland**.

Rationale - Addition of “Maryland” clarifies the scope of the board’s authority.

Proposed Change #4

Article XIV. Nominations and Elections

Section 1

(c) The nominating committee shall propose a slate of candidates for the next nominating committee. The slate will be presented for a vote at the annual ~~convention~~ **meeting**.

Rationale - "Convention" changed to "meeting" for consistent use in bylaws.

Proposed Change #5

ARTICLE XVI. Amendments To the Bylaws

Member Vote. Provisions of these bylaws not governed by the AAUW Bylaws may be amended at the annual ~~organization~~ **meeting** by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, ~~or by electronic or mail ballot~~, provided written notice shall have been sent to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Rationale - "Organization" changed to "meeting" for consistency. "or by electronic or mail ballot," removed because unnecessary here. Provision for meeting and voting remotely is in Article XII Meetings. Section 6. Remote Participation.