

## Proposed Changes in WAMM Bylaws

WAMM members are invited to a board meeting on January 19, 2010 to participate in the process of amending the WAMM bylaws.

The WAMM Board is proposing to amend the WAMM bylaws that were last approved in 2004. The amendments are minor and/or would update the bylaws to match current practices. For example, the 2004 approved bylaws refer to staff coordinators. Presently, WAMM has a director and an office manager. We propose that the word “staff” or “director” replace the words “staff coordinators.”

Also, we propose that e-mail be added to phone and mail as a form of communication.

Three other minor changes are intended to add clarity, not to change the intent, of the bylaws. Additions are added in italics.

### Article V. Section 3. Elections

A. At least ninety (90) days preceding the Annual Meeting, the Co-Chair(s) shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least ~~three (3) Board Members and one (1) of the Co-Chairs~~ *one (1) of the Co-Chairs and at least three (3) other Board Members* to propose new members for the Board for the next term. The Nominating Committee shall also poll current Board Members and ask them if they wish to continue.

Article VI. Section 5. Voting. The Board operates by consensus. Any Board Member or Staff ~~Coordinator~~ may elect to “block consensus.” When consensus is blocked, and further discussion cannot resolve this issue, a vote is taken. If there is a need to vote, only current Board Members and *attending Staff* may vote. In issues dealing with personnel decisions, only the Board Members vote.

Article VII. Staff. Section 1. Appointment. The ~~Staff Coordinators~~ *Director* shall be hired by the Board and serve at the pleasure of that group. *The Director will work with the Personnel Committee in recommending the hiring of staff for Board approval.*

Finally, the Board proposes to change the number of annual meetings in Article VI. Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at least ~~twelve (12)~~ *ten (10)* times each year.

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the proposed bylaws, please contact the WAMM office at 612-827-5364. Proposed bylaws changes will be voted on at the WAMM Board meeting which meets January 19, 2010. All WAMM members are welcome to attend and comment.