

SBWGA Members:

Background: Many SBWGA members have given their time and energy to volunteer and serve the league in a variety of ways in the past and present. The SBWGA board is always looking for new members to get involved with tournaments, committees and particularly the SBWGA Board. We understand everyone is busy, but we must recognize the fact that it has become increasingly more difficult to secure league members willing to make the time commitment to serve in SBWGA board positions. The Nominating Committee has been working diligently this summer to recruit members to fill board positions for next year. At this time, with positions still vacant, it has become apparent that the Nominating Committee will need to be given some flexibility in order to fill out a complete slate of officers for 2026.

Option: The current SBWGA Bylaws regarding the length of the term that any board member can serve (Article IV, Officers) is currently two (2) years. A simple solution to our ongoing issue may be to extend the permissible number of consecutive years a board member may serve.

Eliminating the language, "for a second consecutive year" within the Bylaws would provide the Nominating Committee the ability to recommend a current Board member serving in their second year to another one year term if no other qualified or interested candidate exists. The extra year(s) would allow the Board member the time to adequately train an assistant to be ready to take over that position on the Board in the future. The goal will continue to be to foster the idea of ensuring a diverse Board and provide opportunities for new individuals to engage in league leadership.

For the stated reasons above, the 2025 SBWGA board is recommending an amendment to the third sentence of the first paragraph of Article IV of the Bylaws to read as follows:

Bylaw as presently written:

*ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS: The elected officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tuesday Play Day Chair, Special Tournament Chair, Handicap Chair and Membership Chair. Each officer will be elected for one year only. With the exception of the President and Vice President, each officer may seek nomination for a second consecutive year in the same office. These officers shall form the Elected Board.

Amended Bylaw as proposed:

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