



**Virginia State USBC
2010
Proposed
Amendments**

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Bylaws Amendment #1

VA State USBC Bylaws

PRESENT SECTION..

VA State USBC Bylaws

Article V – Board of Directors - Management

Section B. Eligibility

A candidate for the Board (elected or appointed) must be:

1. A USBC member in good standing of the association at the time of election and throughout their term.
2. Elected or appointed without regard to race, color, religion, gender, disability, national origin, or age, other than the minimum age of 14, unless state laws mandate a specific age, and be reasonably representative of the membership.
 - a. Any member of the Board authorized to sign contracts or acting as a signatory on association accounts must be a minimum age of 18.
 - b. At least 20% of the Board must be represented by youth and elected by the Youth Delegates and officers and directors who hold youth membership.
 - c. A maximum of three bowling center proprietors may serve on the Board at one time. A proprietor is an individual who is the owner, partner, or corporate officer of a bowling center or group of bowling centers. Excluded from the definition of proprietor is an individual who owns 25% or less of the equity shares, or who is inactive in the management of the bowling center and remains so during a term as an officer or director.

Proposal...to become effective immediately:

Add the following as the new sentence 2 and renumber the remaining:

2. Nominees for the offices of President and Vice Presidents must have served at least one year on the Virginia State USBC Board

If adopted, the section will state:

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2. Nominees for the offices of President and Vice Presidents must have served at least one year on the Virginia State USBC Board.

3. Elected or appointed without regard to race, color, religion, gender, disability, national origin, or age, other than the minimum age of 14, unless state laws mandate a specific age, and be reasonably representative of the membership.
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Reason for Proposal...

It is felt that an officer should have served on the board in order to become familiar with the administrative actions of the association by the board.

Recommended by Legislative Committee

Bylaws Amendment #2
VA State USBC Bylaws

PRESENT SECTION..

VA State USBC Bylaws
Article V – Board of Directors - Management
Section C. Election of Directors

Current Bylaw:

Directors are elected by majority vote, by the delegates representing adults, Youth Delegates and the Board. **Directors whose positions are subject to election by the delegates representing adults are elected by a majority vote of those delegates, officers and directors, present and voting from:**

1. A slate.
2. Nominations from the floor.

Qualifications must be submitted, in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the opening of the annual meeting.

At least 20% of the Board is elected by the Youth Delegates and officers and directors who hold youth membership.

Voting will be by ballot if there is more than one nominee for each position.

Proposal...to become effective immediately:

Change the voting process to plurality for Directors.

If adopted, the section will state:

Directors are elected by **plurality** vote, by the delegates representing adults, Youth Delegates and the Board. **Directors whose positions are subject to election by the delegates representing adults are elected by a **plurality** vote of those delegates, officers and directors, present and voting from:**

1. A slate.
2. Nominations from the floor.

Qualifications must be submitted, in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the opening of the annual meeting.

At least 20% of the Board is elected by the Youth Delegates and officers and directors who hold youth membership.

Voting will be by ballot if there is more than one nominee for each position.

Reason for Proposal...

Most associations allow the directors to be elected by plurality. It is more expedient and allows for only one vote count since all nominees are listed on a single ballot.

Recommended by Legislative Committee

Bylaws Amendment #3
VA State USBC Bylaws

PRESENT SECTION..

VA State USBC Bylaws
Article VII – Meetings
Section A. Annual Meeting

Current Bylaw:

An Annual Meeting of association delegates representing adult membership and Youth Delegates shall be held at a time and place approved by the Board of Directors. (See Article IX, Section C for the time frame for election of delegates and alternates to the USBC Annual Meeting.)

Attendance is open to all members. Voting officers, directors, delegates/alternates representing adult membership and Youth Delegates/alternates must be at least 14 years of age, unless state laws mandate a specific age.

1. The Association Invites All Associations Within Its Jurisdiction, As Follows:

a. Associations serving men, women and youth are entitled to delegates representing adult membership and Youth Delegates/alternates.

Delegates/alternates. Only adult membership will be used to determine the number of adult delegates/alternates to which an association is entitled.

Youth Delegates/alternates. Only youth membership will be used to determine the number of Youth Delegates/alternates to which an association is entitled.

Delegates in a non-merged association will be based on total membership of all three associations.

The number of delegates representing adult membership and Youth Delegates/alternates in a merged association is entitled to is as follows:

2,000 and under	3 delegates
2,001 – 6,000 members	4 delegates
6,001 – 10,000 members	5 delegates
10,001 – and above	6 delegates

A local association is not eligible to send delegates representing adult membership and/or Youth Delegates/alternates if it is declared delinquent or USBC has revoked its charter.

Note: An association that has not processed dues for the current season shall be considered delinquent.

b. **Credentials.** Credentials are forwarded to the state association **at least days prior** to the opening of the annual meeting.

Proposal...to become effective immediately:

Delete the entire current Section A, and insert the following:

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Attendance is open to all members. Voting officers, directors, delegates/alternates representing adult membership and Youth Delegates/alternates must be at least 14 years of age, unless state laws mandate a specific age.

1. The Association Invites All Associations Within Its Jurisdiction, As Follows:

Merged Associations:

a. Associations serving men, women and youth are entitled to delegates representing adult membership and youth membership, as follows, except youth delegates shall not be less than 20% of the total delegates allowed with a minimum of 1 youth delegate;

2,000 and under	3 delegates
2,001 – 6,000 members	4 delegates
6,001 – 10,000 members	5 delegates
10,001 – and above	6 delegates

Non-Merged Associations:

Bylaws Amendment #4
VA State USBC Bylaws

PRESENT SECTION..

VA State USBC Bylaws
Article VII – Meetings
Section A. Annual Meeting No. 6

Current Bylaw:

6. Quorum

- a. 25 Delegates representing adult membership constitute a quorum.
- b. 6 Youth Delegates constitute a quorum for youth related elections and activities (*See USBC Association Policy Manual, Chapter 5.*)

Proposal...to become effective immediately:

Change the number of youth delegates to constitute a quorum to 3.

If adopted, item No. 6 will read as follows:

6. Quorum

- a. 25 Delegates representing adult membership constitute a quorum.
- b. 3 Youth Delegates constitute a quorum for youth related elections and activities (*See USBC Association Policy Manual, Chapter 5.*)

Reason for Proposal...

The Youth Committee has recommended that this number be reduced to 3.

Recommended by Legislative Committee

Bylaws Amendment #5
VA State USBC Bylaws

PRESENT SECTION..

VA State USBC Bylaws
Article VIII – Committees
Section A. Standing Committees – No. 2

Current Bylaw:

2. Youth Committee. The Youth Committee is elected by majority vote, unless plurality vote is adopted by the Youth Delegates and officers and directors who hold youth membership. Youth Committee members whose positions are subject to election are elected by a vote of those Youth Delegates, officers and directors who hold youth membership, present and voting from:

- a. A slate provided by the Youth Committee.
 - b. Nominations from the floor.
- Qualifications must be submitted, in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the opening of the annual meeting.

The Youth Committee is responsible for:

- a. Developing eligibility requirements for Board members representing the youth to be approved by the delegates representing adult membership, Youth Delegates and Board.
- b. Developing eligibility requirements for the Youth Committee, subject to approval of the Youth Delegates and officers and directors who hold youth membership.
- c. Monitoring, promoting, reviewing and recommending youth programs conducted by the association.

Proposal...to become effective immediately:

Change the manner of voting to plurality.

If adopted, item No. 2 of Section A will read as follows:

2. Youth Committee. The Youth Committee is elected by plurality vote. Youth Committee members whose positions are subject to election are elected by a vote of those Youth Delegates, officers and directors who hold youth membership, present and voting from:

a. A slate provided by the Youth Committee.

b. Nominations from the floor.

Qualifications must be submitted, in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the opening of the annual meeting.

The Youth Committee is responsible for:

a. Developing eligibility requirements for Board members representing the youth to be approved by the delegates representing adult membership, Youth Delegates and Board.

b. Developing eligibility requirements for the Youth Committee, subject to approval of the Youth Delegates and officers and directors who hold youth membership.

c. Monitoring, promoting, reviewing and recommending youth programs conducted by the association.

Reason for proposal:

The Youth Committee has recommended that plurality be the voting process

Recommended by Legislative Committee