

Executive Summary

PROPOSED CHANGES TO:
THE BY-LAWS OF THE WHITEHALL CLUB

The following is a summary of each of the proposed changes to our By-Laws. Unless listed below all existing sections will remain as written today in the Whitehall Club By-Laws, dated February 20, 2015. There are **thirteen** proposed modifications to articles “II”, “V” and “VI”, as well as one additional sub section* and the elimination of one sub-section** . These changes will be present for a vote at the End of Year Business Meeting in January 2025. See below:

Article II **Members**

Proposals #1 through #3 are modifications to **Article 2.01 - General Qualifications for Membership:**

Proposal #1:

Member’s Professional Classification: New language to define the classification and exclusivity of this classification.

Proposal #2:

This changes the maximum age of the Professional Classification exclusivity from 65 to 70 years of age.

Proposal #3*: (Addition to 2.01 – (e))

This allows a member who resigned to rejoin the club.

Proposals #4 through #9 are modifications to **Article 2.02 - Election of New Members:**

Proposal #4:

This outlines the process required by the sponsoring member of a new member candidate and describes the documents and information required for new members to join the club.

Proposal #5:

This outlines the requirements for a new member candidate first-round membership approval

Proposal #6:

This outlines next steps in the membership process – attending two breakfasts after the first-round membership approval.

Proposal #7:

This outlines addition processes for the membership candidate to meet with the club’s members and identification of any professional classification conflicts.

Proposal #8:

This summarizes the above requirements and the process for submitting the membership candidate

Proposal #9:

This outlines the Second Round or Final Vote for the membership process and requirements. Then the post vote process and requirements to notification, dues payment, and first meeting introduction.

Proposals #10 and #11 are modifications to:

Article 2.04 - Termination of Membership:

Proposal #10*:

This eliminates section (a) that requires that members' business must be in the Houston Metropolitan area.

Proposal #11:

This more clearly defines the period during which the 50% minimum attendance requirement is measured to keep a member's professional category exclusivity.

Proposals #12 and #13 are modifications to:

Article 2.07 and 2.08 - Member Emeritus Status

Proposal #12:

This outlines the process for a member to assume Emeritus Status after seven years of active membership status.

Proposal #13:**

This adds a clause to encourage that Emeritus Members make clear their professional history and expertise to the membership at the next meeting.

Article V

Officers

5.05, 5.06, 5.07, 5.08

Proposal #14

This lists the full slate of Whitehall Officers as they are today, in the By-Laws. We are changing the VP of Membership *Retention* to VP-Membership II, also adding VP-Program II and VP-Social II

Article VI

Committees

Article 6.01 – Membership Committee.

Proposal #15:

This is outlines the members of the Membership Committee using the VP titles changed in Proposal #14 above.