

# Bylaws Executive Summary

## Newport Beach Women's Democratic Club

Respectfully submitted on March 24, 2021 by the Bylaws Committee  
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The main purpose for this revision of our Bylaws is to ensure we have clearly identified our Members in Good Standing ("MIGS") which is the basis for both our DPOC Charter Renewal and CADEM Pre-Endorsement delegate allocation determination. The Bylaw Committee has also taken the opportunity to update some of the language for consistency with current practices and for alignment with CDP and DPOC mandates. Only the significant revisions will be addressed in this summary.

### IV MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Recognizing the confusion between having too many membership types (Regular, Associate, Members in Good Standing, Vote-Entitled Members, etc.) and adopting the new CDP and DPOC standards, we have now condensed Member types to two categories:

**Regular Member:** Anyone (any gender, any party affiliation) can be a "Regular" member. They have paid all Club dues in the prior calendar month (based on their status as a student or veteran or other), regardless of gender, and will be bound by the Code of Conduct.

**Member in Good Standing (MIGS: members who are entitled to vote):** **Regular Member** who

1. is a registered Democrat **AND**
2. has attended at least one meeting as a paid member in the three months prior to voting **AND**
3. has paid all Club dues (or has had them waived) at least three months prior to voting.

### VI MEETINGS (see VI for additional details)

**Executive Board** shall consist of the elected Club officers, appointed Officers and Committee Chairs. Executive Board voting procedures shall be by majority votes by voice, email or ballots.

**Notice of Meetings:** Regular Club and Executive Board Meetings shall be given at least two weeks' notice; special meetings may be called by the Chair at any time with three days' notice.

### VIII OFFICERS (see VIII for additional details)

**Club Officers:** only self-identified female MIGS can run for or hold Elected Office in the NBWDC. Appointed assistant officers and committee chairs on the Executive Board may be any gender but must be a MIGS.

### CDP PRE-ENDORSEMENT & DPOC ENDORSEMENT (see X and XI for additional details)

We recommend you read these brand new sections in their entirety. Section X.G. sets out requirements and qualifications for being a Club Representative. The NBWDC Executive Board will make the selection from the list of qualified members. Section X.G-H states that Representatives will be bound by the voice of the majority of the Club to vote for the candidate selected by the club. Representatives have responsibility to the Club, not a candidate. If no candidate receives the Club's endorsement, then the Club should take a "No Endorsement" position. Club Representatives must agree to adhere to and represent the Club's official positions on endorsements and other matters.