



South Woods Park Association

Established 1901

September 19, 2020

Proposed changes to the SWPA Bylaws:

Current Bylaws require that Annual Dues to be a member of the South Woods Park Association be paid at the October Annual Meeting. From this, the board infers that the period of annual membership begins at the October Annual Meeting when the dues are paid and ends the following year, one day prior to that year's October Annual Meeting.

To simplify things as we increase our on-line presence and grow membership, we are **proposing to change the membership year or period of annual membership to the calendar year. The membership year shall run from January 1 to December 31.** See the addition of Article III, Section 9 highlighted in yellow.

In addition, while annual members may renew their membership at the October Annual Meeting, we are proposing to delete the requirement. See the proposed deletion of the second sentence Article III, Section 8 highlighted in red.

Dues may be paid at any time during the year and must be current to be eligible to vote at a SWPA business meeting. See this proposed addition to the Bylaws in Article III, Section 10 highlighted in yellow.

These proposed changes to the SWPA Bylaws will be voted upon in a ballot that will sent out in early October with a return deadline of October 16.

Remember to renew your SWPA Membership so that you are eligible to vote on these changes.

In order for your vote to count, you will need to be a Member in good standing, with dues paid for the coming membership year beginning October 1. To renew online, visit the SWPA website **southwoodsparkassociation.org** or mail your check, made out to **SWPA**, to the PO Box listed below.



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PO Box 441, Ripon, WI 54971

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I-MEETINGS

SECTION 1. There shall be two business meetings each year; in October and April.

SECTION 2. The annual meeting at which officers are elected and assume office shall be held in October.

SECTION 3. A third meeting may be held at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. A special meeting of the Association may be called at any time provided members are notified in advance.

ARTICLE II-OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Officers of the South Woods Park Association will be President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and two elected Directors.

SECTION 2. Term of office shall be two years.

SECTION 3. The President, President-Elect, and one Director shall be elected in even years. The Secretary, Treasurer, and one Director shall be elected in uneven years.

SECTION 4. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate Past President, and one Director appointed by the President. In addition, two Directors may be appointed by the Board.

SECTION 5. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President or upon request by five members of the Association.

ARTICLE III-GENERAL DIRECTIVES

SECTION 1. The official seal of the Association shall be “South Woods Park Association, Inc. 1901.”

SECTION 2. Honorary Associate membership may be conferred on anyone who has given special service in the South Woods Park Association provided the person is nominated by the Board of Directors and elected by a majority vote of the membership present at a meeting. This designation carries all privilege of membership except the right to vote. An Honorary Associate shall be notified of their election by a letter from the Secretary and shall signify their acceptance by signing the Association’s Historical Record Book.

SECTION 3. The President shall name such committees as deemed necessary to carry on the business of the Association and may serve in an ex-officio capacity on all committees.

SECTION 4. At the first meeting following the election, the President shall name Auditing and Nominating Committees to serve for the duration of the term.

SECTION 5. An officer may be re-elected for one additional term.

SECTION 6. A majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 7. Membership dues will be established by vote of the membership at an annual meeting. **The annual dues shall be paid at the annual meeting in October.**

SECTION 8. The fiscal year shall be from October 1 through September 30.

SECTION 9. **The membership year shall be from January 1 through December 31.**

Section 10. **Dues may be paid at any time during the year and must be current to be eligible to vote at a SWPA business meeting.**

ARTICLE IV-AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. These By-Laws may be amended or repealed at any meeting by majority vote of the members present.

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