

1)VOTE 1 - TABLED FOR BALLOT VOTE:

Original language of Bylaws, unamended:

Section 5. Club Unity

- a. All members of the club, candidates for office, club officers, club committees and organizations, and elected Democratic officials shall support the principles of the Lakewood Democratic Club.
- b. All members of the club, candidates for office, club officers, club committees, organizations, and elected Democratic officials shall support the endorsed candidates and issues of the Democratic Club in General Elections.
- c. Any member of the club candidate for office, club officer, club committee, organization, or elected Democratic official who fails to support (a) and (b) above may be asked to resign from any elected or appointed party position club position or office upon affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee. Further, said members cannot seek a party office for one (1) year from the date of the vote of the Executive Committee. Failing the resignation of said member, the Executive Committee shall remove him from office upon affirmative vote of a majority of the members.

PROPOSED NEW AMENDMENT (in italics):

Section 4. Club Unity

The Lakewood Democratic Club shall support its endorsed candidates and issues.

- a. *All members of the club, are expected to support:*
 - i. *The principles of the Lakewood Democratic Club*
 - ii. *The endorsed candidates and issues of the Democratic Club in General Elections*
- b. *Any member of the club who fails to support (a) may be asked to resign from any club position or office upon affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee. Further, said member cannot seek club office or position for one year from the date of the vote of the Executive Committee. Failing the resignation of said member, the Executive Committee shall remove him or her from club position or office upon affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of the club at the next general meeting.*

VOTE HERE: OUTCOME – DID NOT PASS [TWO THIRDS REQUIRED FOR PASSAGE]

27 YES I VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CHANGE ABOVE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

18 NO I VOTE TO KEEP THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

VOTE 2 - TABLED FOR BALLOT VOTE:

Original language of Bylaws, unamended:

Section 3. Standing Committees

The standing Committees and positions shall be Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentarian, Membership, Hospitality, Membership, Elderly, Sunshine, Nominating, Publicity and Newsletter, Fundraising and those Committees designated by the President.

PROPOSED NEW AMENDMENT (in italics):

Section 2. Standing Committees

- a. *The standing committees shall be Membership, Hospitality, Communication (including web design), Fundraising, Sunshine, and those committees designated by the President. Any club member may join any standing committee. Each standing committee shall elect a chair who is a voting member of the club by a majority vote of said committee.*
- b. *Every September each standing committee shall elect its chair.*
- c. *The chair of each committee is responsible for submitting that committee’s records such as minutes, attendance, and expense reports of each meeting to the club secretary.*

VOTE HERE: OUTCOME: PASS

46 YES I VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CHANGE ABOVE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

0 NO I VOTE TO KEEP THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

VOTE 3: TABLED FOR BALLOT VOTE:

Original language of Bylaws, unamended:

Section 5. Endorsements

The membership shall have the sole right to make endorsements. It may endorse Democratic candidates upon the affirmative plurality vote of thirty-three percent (33%) of the members of the general voting membership present at a regular meeting at which the consideration of nominations were announced fourteen (14) days in advance. Due consideration shall be given to the recommendations of the Nominating and Executive Committees.

PROPOSED NEW AMENDMENT (in italics):

Section 4. Endorsements

- a. *To be considered for club endorsement a candidate must be a registered Democrat*
- b. *The membership shall have the sole right to make endorsements. It may endorse Democratic candidates upon the affirmative majority vote of fifty percent plus one of the general voting membership present at a regular meeting at which consideration of endorsements was announced fourteen days in advance.*
- c. *In the event that there are more than two candidates for the same office and no candidate receives fifty percent plus one of the vote, there shall be a runoff between the top two vote getters.*
- d. *All endorsed candidates shall be treated equally.*
- e. *Endorsements shall be communicated to the general public within seven days of the endorsement vote.*

VOTE HERE: OUTCOME: PASS

45 YES I VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CHANGE ABOVE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

1 NO I VOTE TO KEEP THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

VOTE 4 - TABLED FOR BALLOT VOTE:

Original language of Bylaws, unamended:

[There no provision in our current Club Bylaws limiting eligibility to hold Club Officer positions.]

PROPOSED NEW AMENDMENT (in italics):

Section 2. Club Officer Limitations

Any voting club member not holding an elected, paid public office, may be a club officer.

Any club officer must resign his/her club office upon taking a paid, elected public office position.

Any club officer running for an elected, paid public office must immediately step aside from his/her club office position during his/her campaign. If not elected, he/she will resume his/her club office for the remainder of the term.

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25 YES I VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CHANGE ABOVE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

21 NO I VOTE TO KEEP THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

VOTE 5 - TABLED FOR BALLOT VOTE:

Original language of Bylaws, unamended:

Section 1. President

a. The President's duties shall be those of chief executive officer, and shall be subject to the direction of, and responsible to the Executive Committee. The President may appoint such committees as he or she deems necessary and to call and preside at meetings.

b. The President of the club shall consult with and cooperate with the various Lakewood Democratic Ward leaders, Lakewood City leaders, the Democratic elected officials, and Precinct Committee people.

c. The President of the meeting or two-thirds of the voting members in attendance at the meeting may appoint such parliamentarians, sergeants-at-arms, and other assistants as he/she may deem necessary for the proper conduct of the meeting.

d. The President of the Executive Committee shall be authorized to act for and on behalf of such Committees and shall be empowered to conduct the business of the Lakewood Democratic Club to operate, expend monies for, and direct such offices and personnel as may be established or hired for the conduct of the activities of the Party and to administer the affairs of the Club.

Section 2. Vice-President

The Vice-President will, in the absence of the President, assume the duties and responsibilities of the President, as herein provided.

Section 3. Second Vice-President

The Second Vice-President will coordinate the Fundraising Committee and act on duties assigned by the President.

Section 4. Secretary

The Secretary shall be a voting member ex-officio of the Executive Committee and of all standing and special committees. He or she shall keep a true and accurate record of the minutes of all meetings of the main meetings and of the Executive Committee, keep the roll of members and the attendance at meetings of the committees, and shall perform generally all of the functions usually incumbent upon secretaries, together with such other duties as may be delegated to the position by the committee and as are prescribed by law.

Section 5. Treasurer

a. The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds of the party and shall render up-to-date financial reports to each meeting of the Executive Committee and general meeting. He/she and any other party officer or employee responsible for the handling of party funds shall be bonded if so required by the President of the Club.

b. Each calendar year the Treasurer shall make available a full and complete financial report in writing to the Executive Committee.

c. An audit of club financial records shall be conducted at least once a year, and upon the death, resignation, or replacement of either the President or the Treasurer.

Section 6. Ex-officio

The President, Vice President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be members ex-officio of all standing and special committees of the Executive Committee.

Section 7. Oath of Office, Prohibitions

a. All officers for the Executive Committee shall be required to take an oath of office to support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, the Constitution, By-Laws and the principles of the National and Ohio Democratic Parties, and the Constitution of the Lakewood Democratic Club.

PROPOSED NEW AMENDMENT (in italics):

Section 3. Offices

a. President

i. The President's duties shall be those of chief executive officer, and shall be subject to the direction of, and responsible to the Executive Committee and to the members of the club. The President shall call and preside at general membership and Executive Committee meetings.

ii. The President of the club shall consult with and cooperate with the various Lakewood Democratic Ward leaders, Lakewood City leader, the Lakewood Democratic elected officials, and Precinct Committee persons.

iii. The presiding officer of the meeting or two-thirds of the voting members in attendance at the meeting may appoint such parliamentarians, sergeants-at-arms, and other assistants as he/she/they may deem necessary for the proper conduct of the meeting.

iv. The President of the club shall be authorized to act for and on behalf of such club and shall be empowered to conduct the business of the Lakewood Democratic Club to operate, to arrange for the expenditure of monies for, and to administer the affairs of the Club.

b. First Vice President

The First Vice-President will, in the absence of the President, assume the duties and responsibilities of the President, as herein provided.

c. Second Vice President

The Second Vice President will, in the absence of the President and First Vice President, assume the duties and responsibilities of the President, as herein provided.

d. Secretary

The Secretary keep a true and accurate record of the minutes of the club general meetings and Executive Committee meetings, along with such other duties as may be delegated to the position by the Executive Committee and as are prescribed by law. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the records such as minutes and attendance of all committee meetings of the club.

e. Treasurer

- i. The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds of the club and shall render and distribute up-to-date written monthly financial reports at each general club meeting. . He/she and any other club officer responsible for the handling of club funds shall be bonded. All checks must be signed by the President and Treasurer.
- ii. At the end of the club's fiscal year the Treasurer shall make available a full and complete financial report in writing to the general membership. At this same meeting the Executive Committee shall have prepared and shall present the budget for the following year for an authorization vote by the majority of those voting members present. If any person or committee responsible for a line item of the budget spends more than twenty-five percent above the budgeted amount in the course of the club's fiscal year, he/she/they must gain approval of a majority of the Executive Committee for any further expenditures during that fiscal year.
- iii. The Club's fiscal year is defined as January 1 through December 31.
- iv. An independent audit of club financial records shall be conducted by-annually, immediately prior to the June election meeting by an outside certified public accountant.

NOTE: the bylaws committee noticed editorial typo errors specified below. These are grammatical changes that have been added to this ballot but DO NOT change the content.

- (1) All in ballot question 5 -- Section 3-- Offices
 - Underlining the subsection titles is unnecessary
 - In subsection (b) title and line 1-- "vice president" is two separate words, no hyphen.
 - Subsection (c) -- same thing about "vice president," noting that one of the current hyphens is misplaced besides.
 - Subsection (d) lines two and three -- Initial capital "S" for "Secretary." Also, indent the section text.
 - Subsection (e) -- Insert line spaces between subsections. Double indent the subsection texts. Delete the stray period that precedes (iv.)
- (2) Ballot question 9 -- "!st" could be spelled out "First."

VOTE HERE: OUTCOME: FAIL [TWO THIRDS REQUIRED FOR PASSAGE]

27 YES I VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CHANGE ABOVE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

18 NO I VOTE TO KEEP THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

VOTE 6 - TABLED FOR BALLOT VOTE:

Original language of Bylaws, unamended:

[There no provision in our current Club Bylaws limitations eligibility to hold Club Officer positions, so no grandfather clause currently exists.]

PROPOSED NEW AMENDMENT (in italics):

*Section 5. Grandfather Clause
Section 2 of article III shall not apply to any club officer until June 2010.*

VOTE HERE: OUTCOME: PASS

44 YES I VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CHANGE ABOVE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

2 NO I VOTE TO KEEP THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

VOTE 7 - TABLED FOR BALLOT VOTE:

Original language of Bylaws, unamended:

Section 1. Election Meeting
The members of the club's Nominating Committee shall meet biannually in April at a suitable place and time in Lakewood to be designated by the current President. Notice of such meeting, giving the place and time, shall be sent to each member of the committee by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee by mail. If the Chairman of the Nominating Committee does not issue the call within the time required, such meeting shall be called by any other officer. The meeting shall be called to order by the Chairman or if there is no such officer or if such officer is absent, then the President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.

PROPOSED NEW AMENDMENT (in italics):

Section 1. Election Procedure

- a. The election of new officers shall take place biannually at the general membership's June meeting. The candidates voted on for individual office shall be elected by a majority of fifty percent plus one of the general voting members present at the meeting.
- b. In the event that there are more than two candidates for the same office and no candidate receives fifty percent plus one of the vote, there shall be a runoff between the top two vote getters.
- c. In the event of any tie, the outcome will be determined by the flip of a coin.

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46 YES I VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CHANGE ABOVE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

0 NO I VOTE TO KEEP THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

VOTE 8 - TABLED FOR BALLOT VOTE:

Original language of Bylaws, unamended:

Section 5. Term
The officers shall serve a term of two (2) years from June until June.

PROPOSED NEW AMENDMENT (in italics):

Section 3. Term
Each officer shall serve a term of two years from June until June.

VOTE HERE: OUTCOME: PASS

46 YES I VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CHANGE ABOVE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

0 NO I VOTE TO KEEP THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

VOTE 9 - TABLED FOR BALLOT VOTE:

Original language of Bylaws, unamended:

Section 6. Vacancy
In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Executive Committee shall meet to choose a successor within thirty (30) days of the existence of such vacancy. In the event of a vacancy in the offices of Treasurer or Secretary, the Chairperson shall appoint a successor to serve until the next regular or special meeting of the Executive Committee.

PROPOSED NEW AMENDMENT (in italics):

Section 4. Vacancy
In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, Secretary, Treasurer, or 1st Vice-President, the Executive Committee shall meet to choose a successor or interim office holder within ten days of the existence of such vacancy.

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46 YES I VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CHANGE ABOVE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

0 NO I VOTE TO KEEP THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

VOTE 10 - TABLED FOR BALLOT VOTE:

Original language of Bylaws, unamended:

PREVIOUS CONSTITUTIONS AND BYLAWS
This Constitution and Bylaws supersede any and all other previous Constitutions and Bylaws of the Lakewood Democratic Club and shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PROPOSED NEW AMENDMENT (in italics):

ARTICLE V
AMENDMENTS
PREVIOUS CONSTITUTIONS AND BYLAWS
This Constitution and Bylaws supersedes any and all other previous Constitutions and Bylaws of the Lakewood Democratic Club and shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

VOTE HERE: OUTCOME: PASS

44 YES I VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CHANGE ABOVE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

1 NO I VOTE TO KEEP THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

VOTE 11 - TABLED FOR BALLOT VOTE:

Original language of Bylaws, unamended:

This Constitution and by-laws may be amended by a majority of the members of the membership of the Lakewood Democratic Club at any general membership meeting called for that purpose or by two-third (2/3) of the members present.

PROPOSED NEW AMENDMENT (in italics):

Section 3. Passage

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the voting members PRESENT at any general membership meeting, provided that advance notice above mentioned has been made.

NOTE: the Bylaws committee noticed an editorial omission specific to the word PRESENT. The word PRESENT was omitted from the document posted on the website and distributed to the members.

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31 YES I VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CHANGE ABOVE REGARDING CLUB UNITY

15 NO I VOTE TO KEEP THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE REGARDING CLUB UNITY
