

**Western Pennsylvania Linux Users Group
March 2007 OFFICIAL BALLOT - Bylaws Amendment Proposal**

The Western Pennsylvania Linux Users Group is conducting a vote by absentee ballot for a bylaws amendment proposal. Votes will be counted at the GUM on March 10, 2007 at 10:00am, at CMU. You may cast your votes at the meeting or by mail.

Bylaws Amendment Proposals - How to Vote

Read the proposal below, then indicate your votes by marking an X in the box next to YES or NO after the questions.

Current Bylaws	Proposed Substitute
<p>3 MEMBERS</p> <p>3.1 Definition</p> <p>A natural person becomes a Member of WPLUG by completing and signing an application for membership and paying dues. The identifying and contact information to be provided on the application shall be set by the Board of Directors. Dues shall be recommended by the Board and approved by the membership. The term of membership shall be one year.</p> <p>3.2 Voting Rights</p> <p>During the first 56 days (8 weeks) of membership, Members are not permitted to vote, be nominated for office, or hold a position on the Board.</p> <p>Any Member whose dues are 28 or more days (4 or more weeks) in arrears shall not be permitted to vote.</p> <p>3.3 Lapsed Membership</p> <p>Any Member whose dues are 182 or more days (26 or more weeks) in arrears shall be automatically dropped from membership. Members in arrears but not yet dropped have the automatic right to reinstate a lapsed membership by paying back dues. The Board shall have the power to reinstate a former Member dropped for nonpayment and may elect to waive past dues.</p>	<p>3 MEMBERS</p> <p>3.1 Definition</p> <p>A natural person becomes a Member of WPLUG by completing and signing an application for membership and paying dues.</p> <p>3.2 Terms of Membership</p> <p>The term of membership shall last for one calendar year from the reception by the WPLUG Board of the payment of dues and application for membership. Renewal of membership shall be accomplished by filling out a membership renewal form not more than 91 days (13 weeks) before the end of the membership term and by paying the membership dues. Membership renewal shall add an additional year to the member's term of membership.</p> <p>The identifying and contact information to be provided on the application shall be set by the Board of Directors. Dues shall be approved by the membership.</p> <p>3.3 Voting Rights</p> <p>All members in good standing shall be allowed to vote. Voting rights shall commence one week after certification of initial membership. This restriction can be waived by unanimous consent of Members present at the meeting.</p>

Effects of Adopting the Proposal: New members can vote almost immediately, and lapsed members have no grace period but can renew immediately. Members can set the dues without a Board recommendation, though the Board can still recommend the dues amount. In addition, the membership terms are spelled out more clearly.

Shall the Membership amendment be adopted? [] - YES [] - NO

To Vote at the Meeting

Bring your signed envelope to the meeting or have another person bring it for you and cast it before the polls close.

To Vote by Mail

Place the signed envelope into another envelope and mail it to the WPLUG mailbox.

When your letter is received, an e-mail confirmation will be sent to you from the Secretary or one of his designees. Your ballot must be received by March 9 to be counted.

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If you have any Questions

You may contact the WPLUG Secretary with any questions by e-mail at <wmoran@potentialtech.com>.