

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws of the Center for Spiritual Living Santa Rosa.

The following changes to the bylaws are being proposed by the Board of Trustees of the Center For Spiritual Living Santa Rosa to the voting membership at the 2021 Annual Meeting. If you have questions or comments please address them to Bob Hart, Treasurer, at rihart9@gmail.com. Please put BYLAWS in your subject line.

Proposed amendment of Article XII, Amendments

Reason for the proposed change:

The current wording in the Bylaws does not provide sufficient guidance regarding the process for changing these bylaws. The proposed wording comes primarily from Robert's Rules of Order, Revised. In particular the process of how a change to the Bylaws gets before the membership for consideration and the majority vote required to approve needed to be spelled out in more detail

Delete the following wording in Article XII, Amendments:

~~Recommended new Bylaws or Amendments to the existing Bylaws may be acted upon by the voting members of his Center at either a special meeting of the members duly called for that purpose or at an annual meeting.~~

Replace the above with the following:

Any proposed change or amendment to the Bylaws must first be submitted to the Board of Trustees for their review. Upon approval of the proposed amendment, The Board of Trustees will submit the proposed change(s) to the membership.

The notice of proposed changes will include a) who is proposing the change, b) the reason for the change, c) the current language being changed, indicated with strike outs, if applicable, and d) the new proposed language or addition. This notice will be made available to the membership for review and comment at least 21 days prior to the proposed special meeting or annual meeting.

Amendments must be approved by a minimum two thirds vote of the quorum in attendance at the special meeting or annual meeting.

Proposed change to Article IV, Section 7, paragraph 2

Reason for proposed change: The current wording refers to Section 4V which does not exist and the guidance referred to in the language is found in Section 5 of Article V.

Delete the following as indicated by strikeouts:

~~At any election of Trustees, nominations shall be received as provided in Article V, Section 4V of these Bylaws.~~

Replace this wording with:

At any election of Trustees, nominations shall be received as provided in Article V, Section 5 of these Bylaws.

Proposed change to Article V, Section 5

Reason for the proposed change:

Article IV, Section 6 addresses “Adjourned Meeting and Notice thereof”. The appropriate reference is to Article IV, Section 7, which addresses the voting powers of the membership.

Delete the following as indicated by strikeouts:

Voting for Trustees shall proceed as provided in Article IV, ~~Section 6~~ of these Bylaws.

Replace this wording with the following:

Voting for Trustees shall proceed as provided in Article IV, Section 7 of these Bylaws.

Proposed change to Article X, Section 2, Prohibited Practices

This wording is antiquated and out of step with our belief in emphasizing what we are for rather than what we are against.

Delete the following

~~SECTION 2 PROHIBITED PRACTICES~~

~~This Center shall not support, encourage, promote, endorse, or teach the practice or use of astrology, spiritualism, hypnotism, channeling, fortune telling, or other philosophy, practice, or ceremony not within the principles of Religious Science, provided that the foregoing shall not be construed to prohibit educational discussion which may related to such matters.~~