



### Summary of WHNA Bylaw Changes (Spring 2025)

The proposed bylaw revisions aim to enhance the neighborhood association's effectiveness, ensure its longevity, and clarify roles and committee structures.

Current Bylaws	Proposed Changes for 2025	Explanation/Rationale
<b>Board Composition:</b> Area representatives from 9 areas, 7 at-large representatives and up to 4 appointed representatives	11 elected representatives and up to 4 appointed representatives	Reduces the number of elected representatives, makes it easier to ensure a quorum for board meetings and broadens the ability to recruit candidates to join the board.
<b>Representative Duties:</b> Area representatives required to hold annual area meetings and to communicate area concerns to the Board.	Removed area representative requirements and updated responsibilities to include Highlighter delivery and event volunteering.	Provides clearer expectations for representatives' roles.
<b>Board Term Limits:</b> Representatives limited to two terms.	Option to serve longer with board approval and member election	Allows for flexibility in board terms, potentially retaining experienced members.
<b>Past President Duties:</b> Duties not specified.	Added specific duties for the past president.	Formalizes the role of the past president.
<b>Check Signing:</b> Checks signed by the Treasurer and such other Officer or Officers	Checks prepared by the Treasurer and signed by 2 authorized signers	Improves financial oversight through effective internal controls.
<b>Committees:</b> Lists Executive, Housing and Appearance, Membership, Neighborhood Safety and Communications and Marketing committees.	Removed "Housing and Appearance" and "Neighborhood Safety" committees and added "Finance" committee with detailed responsibilities.	Revised to emphasize the committees crucial for the governance of the association (executive, finance, membership and communications and marketing), while additional committees may continue to convene or be established.
<b>Budget Timeline:</b> Budget due date in August.	Budget due date changed to November	Adjusts the budget timeline to better align with the fiscal year.