

Proposed Bylaw change, for consideration at October 31, 2022, Silicon Valley Young Democrats (SVYD) general meeting:

- In paragraph 2 (“two”) of Article II, Section 1 of the [SVYD bylaws](#), **replace** “SVYD Year” with “*calendar year*”
 - See proposed text amendment in **green** and ~~striketrough~~ below
 - This change will address confusion around the necessity of paying dues each SVYD Year, which could potentially occur twice in one calendar year.
- Those members who have paid dues twice this calendar year (2022), will have one of those dues payments credited to the next one – 2023.
 - This means that: so long as eligible individuals have also attended two or more SVYD meetings and/or events in the past 12 months (across 2023 and 2022), they will be SVYD members in good standing for the calendar year of 2023.

Relevant bylaw text

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

1. Section 1: Membership Types:
 1. SVYD shall have two types of membership: (1) Active Members; and (2) Associate Members.
 2. Active Member Identification Guidelines: Membership shall be open to persons who are at least 14 years old and not more than 35 years old who reside or work in Santa Clara County, and are registered with the Democratic Party, or if not eligible to vote, have pledged support to the Democratic Party. The term of Membership runs until the end of an SVYD Year. An Active Member shall be identified as members who have paid dues in the current SVYD Year, and have attended at least two SVYD Membership Meetings and/or SVYD Events in the past twelve months.
 3. Associate Member Identification Guidelines: An Associate Member shall be identified as those whom do not qualify as members, but live within California, are registered to vote, and have paid Associate Member dues. Associate Members do not have voting privileges.
2. Section 2: Dues
 1. SVYD shall have three types of dues: (1) Active Member; (2) Student/Low Income Active Member; (3) Associate Membership. Dues may be collected at any time and shall remain in effect for the duration of the calendar year paid. Dues shall not be pro-rated.
 2. Active Members shall pay annual dues of \$20.00.

3. The dues may be reduced by the President or Financial Director to \$10.00 for students and any others of limited financial means and will be considered Active Members.
 4. Associate Member dues are \$100.00 annually.
3. Section 3: Active Membership Privileges
 1. All Active Members are entitled to the following, without limitation:
 1. One vote on any issue being voted upon at any meeting of the membership. Active Members shall have the power to vote upon all matters of general interest to SVYD. Notably, Active Members are prohibited from voting by proxy at any meeting or in any election and only Active Members present at a meeting are entitled to vote.
 2. Eligibility to participate on any committee. Committees and subcommittees organized by officers may be composed solely of eligible individuals chosen by the organizing officer. Likewise, committees may also be open to all eligible members.
 3. Attendance at all meetings of the Membership and other activities. However, attendance at some activities may be contingent upon financial contributions, admission fees or space limitations.
4. Section 4: SVYD Year
 1. An SVYD Year shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of the following calendar year.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

1. Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended by a two thirds vote of the Active Membership present and voting at a meeting only upon two weeks written notice to the Active Members of language of the proposed Bylaw change as well as the time and place of the amendment vote.