

## **Bylaws Amendment: Regular UAWD General Membership Meetings**

### **Whereas:**

- There are often key decisions regarding UAWD strategy, especially in advance of elections or Conventions, that need to be proposed and considered by the membership.
- Currently, UAWD only has one regularly scheduled membership meeting per year, the Annual Meeting - though we end up having ad hoc meetings at least quarterly.
- It is challenging to schedule Special Membership Meetings and makes it more difficult for UAWD members to attend when they don't know the regular pace of key meetings.
- Having regular quarterly meetings would balance these concerns while still having a manageable number of key meetings per year.

**Be it resolved:** In Article IV, the following language be added as a new Section 5, with current Section 5 renumbered Section 6:

### Section 5: General Membership Meetings

- a. UAWD will hold three (3) General Membership Meetings, one per quarter, between each Annual National Meeting. These should generally occur at intervals of approximately three months and the Steering Committee will set the exact dates at least one month prior. The Steering Committee or the membership at the Annual or a General Meeting may postpone these meetings to a specifically stated date.
- b. In addition to any business brought by the Steering Committee, each General Membership Meeting must consider New Business brought by any UAWD member.
- c. Any resolution a member would like considered shall be submitted at least fourteen (14) days prior to the convening of the meeting.
- d. The Steering Committee should circulate all resolutions that have been submitted for consideration to the membership at least three (3) days prior to the convening of the meeting.
- e. Bylaws amendments may be proposed at a General Membership Meeting following the procedure in Article VIII.

**Be it further resolved:** The first paragraph of Article VIII be replaced with the following language:

"The UAWD Bylaws shall be amended through one of the two following methods: 1) By UAWD Annual National Meeting action. In this method, suggested amendments shall be submitted to the "attention of the UAWD Steering Committee Co-Chairs" at least fourteen (14) days prior to the convening of the next Annual National Meeting, unless there are "unforeseen circumstances" that mandate otherwise. 2) By General Membership Meeting (GMM) action. In this method, suggested amendments must be introduced at a membership meeting, either a GMM or Annual National Meeting, and must receive a second at that meeting. Such proposals are then eligible to be considered at the following GMM and should be distributed with other resolutions being considered at that meeting."