

West Los Angeles Obedience Training Club, Inc. ("WLAOTC")
Standing Rules
(As of September 2015 for election processes. Other amendments
in process)

WLAOTC is a member club of the United Kennel Club ("UKC") and will abide by its rules (1/97).

WLAOTC is a member club of the Southern California Dog Obedience Council ("SCDOC")

WLAOTC is a member club of the American Dog Owners Association ("ADOA")

WLAOTC is a member of the National Animal Interest Alliance ("NAIA") (11/01)

WLAOTC is a member of Canine Performance Events (CPE) (01/04)

WLAOTC is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under IRS Code Section 501(c) (7) effective July 29, 1997. Approval received from the California Franchise Tax Board for tax-exempt status on September 11, 1997.

WLAOTC endorses responsible pet ownership and compliance with animal regulation laws. (3/00).

MEETINGS & PROGRAMS POLICIES

1. Membership meetings shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month (10/03) except when that date conflicts with a holiday or special event or unless changed by the membership. Written notice of any change in scheduled dates must be sent to the members.
2. The November meeting shall not have a program so a membership discussion may be held after elections.
3. The membership meetings shall start at 7:00 p.m. or 8 p.m. depending on whether the program will precede or follow the business meeting. (6/09)
4. Members must sign the meeting attendance sheet and be present during the meeting to receive meeting attendance credit toward eligibility and awards.
5. An honorarium shall be presented to Program speakers who represent non-profit organizations, in the form of a \$25 donation to their group. If the speaker is not affiliated with a non-profit group to which a donation can be made, the speaker may decide to choose from a list of Board-approved charities, and a donation of \$25 will be made in his/her name. (3/10)
6. A summary of the minutes of the most recent Board meeting shall be published in the newsletter ..
7. Raffles have been suspended due to lack of membership interest (9/09).
8. Dogs--other than those used in program demonstrations--are not allowed at meetings which are held in meeting rooms (9/99)

9. Hospitality. The Club will pay for and provide refreshments for membership meetings. Members are asked to bring their own beverages. (1/04).

MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

1. New member applications are reviewed for approval by the Board. Membership becomes effective as of the date the application is approved (6/08).
2. New Member Packets shall consist of: 1) Welcome Letter, 2) Description of Events and Activities, 3) Directory of Who to Call, 4) By-Laws, (4/ 10)
3. The New Member Packets will be e-mailed and the new member invited to the next membership meeting. (3/10)
4. February newsletters to un-renewed members will be stamped "LAST ISSUE, RENEW NOW" and e-mail reminders may be sent. (01/09)
5. The information listed in the membership roster is the exclusive property of the Club. Copying, sale or distribution to third parties, or use for purposes other than legitimate Club business is strictly prohibited. (3/10)
6. The Club does not provide Gift Membership Packages or Gift Certificates for memberships. Persons must apply for, and receive Board approval, for membership in the Club. (05/04)
7. Family memberships may include any members of a family whether or not at the same residence; however, only one monthly newsletter will be mailed -- to the membership address on record.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

1. Board Members may spend up to \$25 per month for miscellaneous items and supplies, to be reimbursed upon submission to the treasurer of appropriate receipts.(12/00)
2. Recommendations from members for Charitable Donations will be considered annually in November. These donations will be separate from any donations proposed by the Board itself for programs/ speakers or other special reasons. The recommendations must be for animal welfare or service dog organizations that are non-profit and not breed specific. (01/04). No organization that supports MSN or BSL will be considered for a donation (10/08).
3. Reservations and payments for Club dinners shall be made prior to the dinner. (4/99)
4. Flowers or a gift will be sent to club members hospitalized for any non-elective procedures; approximate cost of flowers/gift will be \$50. (02/03)
5. Bills may be paid on-line. (02/07)
6. Directors will be reimbursed up to \$15 to cover expenses for meals at Board meetings. (1/08).

EQUIPMENT POLICIES

1. Equipment lockers. There are lock boxes on the Obedience lockers. All trainers, the Sunday Workout coordinator and Obedience Director have the combination, which will be changed annually. (3/10)
2. Club equipment may not be loaned out to members for personal use. (2/08)

3. Upon request by a member, the Club may loan its equipment to breed clubs for use at obedience trials or matches. These types of requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis on the following conditions: (1) the Club member and the organization using the equipment are liable for any damage, (2) the payment of a refundable security deposit, and (3) courtesy recognition in the catalogue, and (3) an insurance certificate naming the Club as an additional insured. (5/02, revised 2/08).
4. Agility equipment may be rented out at the customary going rate but not allowed to be used outside of Ranc4o Park. The Board will consider each request on a case-by-case basis. (11/08)

POLICIES REGARDING TRAINING CLASSES AND TRAINERS

1. Trainers must be members of the Club. (5/99 & 2/00)
2. Persons who wish to train for WLAOTC should submit a letter of application and resume of training experience to the Board of Directors for consideration. The board may also request a demonstration or audition. If someone wishes to teach a class which has been offered in the past, the opportunity may first be offered to the club's regular training staff. As a general principle, the number of trainers should be limited. There should also be evidence of interest before a new class is offered. (3/01) Current trainers should be consulted for recommendation of the applicant. The applicants for obedience classes should have earned a CD title and trained at all levels of obedience. Applicants for agility classes must have earned an AX title (or its equivalent) in agility. (8/01 revised 4/07)
3. Trainers shall be paid on a per class basis. Obedience trainers are paid monthly and Agility trainers are paid bi-monthly. (01/09)
4. WLAOTC will reimburse regular, on-going trainers of the Club up to \$250 per year for training-related seminars and related materials (e.g., books, videos upon presentation of the applicable receipts. Continuing ed funds must be used within the calendar year and can not be carried over to the following year. Trainers are responsible for keeping track of what they are submitting for continuing ed reimbursement.(10/01)
5. Trainer evaluations shall be solicited periodically from students. Information received on the evaluations shall be communicated to the instructors from the appropriate board member – Obedience Director or Agility Director. Any informal feedback which might come to an individual board member's attention should be reported to the Training Director or Agility Director for follow-up at their discretion. (3/01)
6. Only trainers approved by the Board may substitute for our regular trainers.
7. Trainers may use an assistant to help teach their classes, provided he/she is a Club member and has been approved by the Board. Trainers are responsible for the payment of the assistant. (4/02)

GENERAL CLASS POLICIES:

1. Obedience and Agility classes will be offered to Club Members on a priority basis. Working Members will have priority over non-working Members. A Working Member is defined as someone who has earned at least one service credit during the Eligible Year (e.g. August 1, 2009-July 31, 2010). Members with the most credits will have the highest priority. Empty slots can be filled with non-members.(9/10)

2. Class students must have their dogs on leash on their way to and from our classes (1/01)
3. Vaccinations. As stated in the class application, dogs must be current in their vaccinations (or blood titer tests) while participating in classes. Puppies would be required to have started their initial series of vaccinations. (4/02)
4. Class cancellation messages should be on the club phone message system by 3p.m. of the day of cancellation for evening classes, 8:30 a.m. for daytime Obedience classes and 6:30 a.m. for morning Agility classes. (2/10)
5. Information and flyers on other dog activities may be passed out at WLAOTC classes as long as the activity does not compete with club classes (i.e., trainers may pass out flyers for Love on Four Paws) (8/00)
6. Class sign-up waivers/forms must be kept for 2 years after the end of the class (03/10).

DISMISSALS:

1. Dogs will be tested prior to admission to the Beginning Agility class. Dogs must be able to perform basic commands of come, sit, down, and stay and handlers must have control of the dogs while off leash; dogs with excessive uncontrolled barking will be excused until the barking is under control. (02/03)
2. Incident Reports. Instructors should report to the appropriate training director any injuries (to both humans and dogs) and serious incidents involving dogs or humans.
3. If a dog attacks and bites another dog or human, either during a WLAOTC class or while coming to or leaving a class, it is subject to immediate dismissal by the trainer. The dog is further subject to permanent dismissal from ALL WLAOTC classes, at the discretion of the Board. Once permanently dismissed, the dog will not be permitted back into any WLAOTC classes. (10/09)
4. Class Conduct. If an instructor feels that either a student and/or dog and doesn't exhibit the appropriate conduct in either obedience or agility classes, the instructor will contact the Obedience or Agility Director, who will explain the Club's policy to the student regarding class conduct and the reason why they are being dismissed. If appropriate, they will be referred to an outside trainer for further training. The student may be allowed back into class at the discretion of the Board. Club instructors will also be asked to enforce the requirement that students keep their dogs separated by a minimum distance of 6' from other dogs in the class. (1/10)
5. The trainer, on behalf of the Board of Directors, reserves the right to excuse from class any person who, in the opinion of the trainer, is abusing a dog. (1/10)

CLASS FEES

1. Training Class fees in Puppy, Novice and Advance Novice shall not be pro-rated (1/99).
2. Agility class fees may not be pro-rated (4/07)

MAKE-UPS

1. Agility makeup policy will be: Handler and dog teams who have completed two consecutive sessions with WLAOTC are entitled to take make-up classes under the following conditions: Students are limited to two make-ups per session. Make-ups are to be taken within two months of the missed classes. Make-ups are allowed in appropriate classes. Students must sign in when taking a make-up. Make-ups are not allowed for rain-outs or other cancellations. Make-ups may not be done in advance of an anticipated missed class. A student may reserve a make-up spot by emailing the Agility Director at least one day in advance. .
2. Make-ups are not permitted for obedience classes.

REFUNDS

1. Ongoing policy states that there are no refunds of unused classes and unused classes may not be sold or traded with other students. (3/10)
2. At the discretion of the Obedience or Agility Director, a handler may be allowed to attend classes with another of his/her dogs, especially in the case of illness or injury to the enrolled dog. (4/07)
3. Refunds to students may be allowed on a "case-by-case" basis. Refunds will not be given except in extreme situations (e.g. death of a dog, serious extended illness of dog or handler, or dismissal from class) (03/03)

NEWSLETTER

1. The newsletter Editor shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board. The Editor shall screen all submitted material and at his/her discretion judge it acceptable or unacceptable for inclusion in the Newsletter. If any material is perceived by the Editor to be controversial, he/she will confer with the President, who, if necessary, will present the material to the Board for discussion regarding its inclusion or exclusion. (4/84)
2. Part or all of page two or three of the newsletter will be devoted to the "President's Message" to be written by the President and to contain any timely message, comments on club activities, or notice to members of Board decision which may be of general interest. (4/84)
3. The newsletter is an instrument to provide enjoyment to Club members through publication of membership news, dog items of interest and reports of Club activities and to serve as a forum for members. The newsletter shall not be used as a vehicle for members to present personal views about club business or policies which could result in internal or external strife in the Club. The proper time and place for such opinions to be expressed is at the monthly Board of Directors meeting. While meetings are always open to the membership, any member desiring to place an issue before the Board must contact the President in advance in order to be placed on the agenda. (610)
4. A draft of the General Membership Meeting minutes will be published in the newsletter for approval at the following month's meeting. The financial information from the Treasurer's report will be deleted. (1/99)

5. Minutes from each Board of Directors' meeting shall be published in the newsletter after they have been approved by the Board. The financial information from the Treasurer's report will be deleted. (3/10)
6. Advertising of dog-related items in the WLA News shall be free to members. Ads will be published on a space-available basis. Training ads will not be allowed . The acceptance of business advertisements shall be at the discretion of the Editor. (9/10)
7. Litter "announcements" are permitted in News of You-but not as advertisements. (8/01)
8. It is understood that material printed in the newsletter remains the property of its author.
9. The deadline for the submission of articles to the editor is set each month by the editor.. (3/ 10)
10. There will be no newsletter published in the month of December. (11/09).

WEBSITE / INTERNET / EMAIL

1. The Board must approve all requests for website links prior to being posted. Each request will be considered on an individual basis. (8/01)
2. The website will adhere to a privacy policy so that no addresses, email addresses or phone numbers will be posted on the website without permission of the party. A request for permission will be made by email or telephone by the website master. People may opt out of having their names posted by special request.(3/10)
3. Training directors, membership directors, secretary and trial secretaries who do not want to use their home addresses may use the club mailbox.(3/10)
4. The website domain name should be WLAOTC:com. (3/ 10)
5. The website will enable students to reserve a place in classes online; although they will have to print out the form and mail it with a check to guarantee a space. (3/10).
6. Yahoo Groups -a general Announcements Group will be established from which Board members can send announcements to members who subscribe. In addition, a WLAOTC Discussion Group will be established.(03/10)
7. The Board may discuss Club business via email, at their discretion. All decisions made in this manner will be recorded in the Board Minutes. (03/10)

ADVERTISING

1. The Club shall consider the purchase of an ad in Front and Finish at the beginning of each year and shall gather information from members.
2. As the "WLA Puppy" is a highly recognized symbol of WLAOTC in the obedience community, it is to be used on all obedience class and event flyers. (8/01)

VIDEO BORROWING POLICES

1. Videotapes and DVD's belong to the Club and are provided for the use of members only. (6/10)
2. Names and signatures are to be completed on the forms provided at the time of borrowing. (6/10)
3. Videotapes are to be borrowed for not more than one month at a time, and are to be returned at

- the next monthly meeting. (6/10)
4. A member who borrows a video is solely responsible for returning it. If it is not returned, that member is expected to replace it or pay the Club for the cost of replacement. In addition, if the video is damaged or destroyed, other than through normal wear and tear, the member is responsible for replacing it. (6/10)
 5. If a video is not available, a member may place their name and the title of the video they wish to borrow on a wait list. (6/10)
 6. A video may be borrowed for two consecutive months only if it is not listed on the wait list. (6/10)

ANNUAL AWARDS & AWARDS DINNER

1. Criteria for Awards Eligibility effective November 2003: 1) A total of 6 Credits must be earned during the Awards Year and they may be any combination of meeting and service credits. However, at least 2 of the credits must be service credits. 2) One Service Credit can be earned for each shift working an assignment at our Annual Match, UKC Trial, CPE Agility Trials, Agility Show & Go or like event; judging the Saturday Obedience Show & Go; serving as Top Dog Team Captain, monthly contributors to the newsletter including proofreading and distribution, or on-going service throughout the year at Workouts or Practices and General Equipment Maintenance. A service credit may also be given for special assignments requested by the President. 3) Two Service Credits may be earned for the following duties: Board of Directors, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Event Chair and Event Secretary, obedience class registrars. An Event Chair, Newsletter Editor, or Webmaster may recommend to the Board for approval other members on their committee who may be eligible for a second Service Credit due to the scope of their duties or assignment.
2. Meeting and Service Credits shall be posted periodically in the newsletter so members can check their status towards awards eligibility.
3. The application for annual awards shall be made available on the website and a link shall be provided to all members in September. (6/10)

UKC TRIAL

1. As the UKC trial application must be submitted to UKC seven months prior to the trial, confirmation of date and judges must begin at least nine months prior to the trial.
2. Trial Entry fee shall be \$20 per dog; and \$18 for the same dog entered a second time in the same trial. (6/10)

MATCH

1. The following statements must be printed on our annual Match flyer: "No abusive training will be permitted on the grounds." "Training Aids Allowed in Non-Trophy Rings: Toys, Food, Pinch Collars, etc. No Electronic Collars Allowed in Rings". (2/01)
2. Entry fees shall be \$6 for the first class entered and \$4 for the second class entered for the same dog. CGC entry fee shall be \$10 (4/00)
3. The Cost of Trophy Sponsorship shall be \$15 or less (03/03).

MONTHLY SATURDAY SHOW & ASSIST {formerly known as the "Challenge"}(09/03)

- 1 . The monthly Show & Assist shall be held once per month, except August due to the annual match. Set up will begin at 8:30 a.m. and judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. (7/00 & 12/03)
- 2 The Show & Assist and workouts are limited to Club members and class students (associate members). (3/99)
- 3 WLAOTC members who judge the Show & Assist receive one service credit.(6/1
- 4 Dogs participating in the monthly Show & Assist must be on leash except when working an obedience training exercise. (11/00

AGILITY PRACTICE

1. Agility run-throughs are available to dogs who have taken at least 12 weeks of classes at any venue, current students who have completed two series of classes, and experienced handlers. (6/10).

TOP DOG

1. The Top Dog Team Captain shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Board.
2. Any member is eligible to tryout for the team provided he/she meets the eligibility requirements set by SCDOC. All eligible members are encouraged to try out for the Top Dog Team. (6/10)
3. Two or three tryout sessions (at different locations if possible).
4. Selecting the dogs and handlers with the top combined scores is the most objective method of selection. Only scores received at formal trials (but not matches) may be submitted in lieu of some of the tryout scores, if it is not feasible for the dog and handler to attend any of the Club tryouts. (6/10) All trial scores within the past year (all trials entered must be included-non-qualifying scores can not be withheld) must be submitted to the Top Dog Captain.
5. Each prospective team member should be required to fill out and return a form to the team captain if they wish to be considered for the team. (2/01)

GENERAL POLICIES

1. Members must keep their dogs on leash at all times unless working their dogs in training classes, Challenges, workouts or other Club events. (1/02)

NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS AND ELECTED OFFICERS

1. Nominations shall be in writing. Nominations may be made by electronic mail.
2. The Governance Committee shall consult with the nominee and check membership records to ensure the nominee is willing to serve and is eligible to serve per the requirements of the Bylaws in effect at the time of the election.
3. If the Governance Committee finds any nominee ineligible per the Bylaws, or if the nominee is unwilling to serve, then the Governance Committee shall inform, in writing, both nominee and nominator of the reasons.
4. All eligible and willing nominees shall be listed as candidates on the appropriate ballot for the consideration of the membership.
5. Nominations shall close on the second Tuesday of October. As per the Bylaws, ballots for Directors and Officers shall be presented to the membership no later than the October general membership meeting.
6. Should lack of nominations, candidate withdrawal, or resignation of Director(s)-Elect or Officer(s)-Elect result in any vacancy in any position-elect, then the vacancy shall be treated as a vacancy effective January 1 of the year that position's term was to begin (that is, the vacancy begins with the beginning of the term of office in question). The vacancy shall then be filled in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws—Sections 4.06 and 4.07 for Directors, and Sections 6.05 and 6.06 for Officers.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS--SUMMARIZED

Names of all candidates shall appear on the ballot in a single list. Voters may vote for up to X candidates, where X is the number of seats on the Board up for election. The X candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall win seats on the Board.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS--DETAILED

1. The ballot for the Board of Directors shall list the names of all qualified candidates in random-draw order. A vote for a candidate shall be indicated by marking a box by that candidate's name.
2. Votes for write-in candidates shall not be counted, but shall not otherwise render a ballot ineligible.
3. Ballots shall clearly state the number of seats on the Board of Directors that are up for election. Voters may vote for up to, but no more than, that number of candidates.
4. Ballots with marks for more than the allowed number of candidates shall be ruled ineligible and shall not be counted.

Example, if the number of seats up for election is three, then a voter may vote for zero, one, two, or three candidates, but a ballot marking four candidates would be ruled ineligible and would not be counted.

5. Each candidate receiving a vote on an eligible ballot shall be credited with one vote on the election tally regardless of the number of other candidates receiving votes on that particular ballot (provided the ballot does not mark more than the maximum number of candidates allowed).

Example: if the number of seats up for election is three, and:

Ballot A marks Candidate X only

Ballot B marks Candidates X and Y

Ballot C marks Candidates X, Y, and Z

Then, after counting Ballots A, B, and C, the vote count would be:

Candidate X 3 Votes

Candidate Y 2 Votes

Candidate Z 1 Vote

6. After all eligible ballots have been counted, the candidates with the highest number of votes shall, in descending order, be declared winners of seats on the Board until all seats up for election have been filled.

Example, if the number of seats up for election is three, there are five candidates, and the final vote count is:

<i>Candidate V</i>	<i>35 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate W</i>	<i>22 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate X</i>	<i>17 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate Y</i>	<i>16 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate Z</i>	<i>11 Votes</i>

Then Candidates V, W, and X would win the three seats.

7. If there is a tie for the last remaining seat (or seats), then tie-breaking procedures shall be followed as shall be placed elsewhere in the Standing Rules.

SPECIAL RULES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

New Bylaws approved in 2015 provided Directors with two-year terms and divided the Board into approximate halves to be elected in alternate years. The following special rules shall apply to the election of the 2016 Board of Directors.

- (1) The 2015 Board having decided that the number of Directors in 2016 shall be seven, seven Directors shall be elected.
- (2) The candidates receiving the four highest vote totals shall win two-year terms.
- (3) The three candidates receiving the next three highest vote totals shall win one-year terms.
- (4) Ties for last seat on the Board (seventh place) and for the last two-year seat (fourth place) shall be resolved as per rules to be provided elsewhere in the Standing Rules.
- (5) Otherwise, Standing Rules approved for election of Directors shall apply.

Example 1: if nine candidates stand for election and the vote totals are:

<i>Candidate A</i>	<i>61 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate B</i>	<i>53 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate C</i>	<i>51 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate D</i>	<i>47 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate E</i>	<i>45 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate F</i>	<i>36 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate G</i>	<i>31 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate H</i>	<i>30 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate I</i>	<i>29 Votes</i>

Then:

Two-Year Terms: Candidates A, B, C, and D

One-Year Terms: Candidates E, F, and G

Not Elected: Candidates H and I

Example 2: if eight candidates stand for election and the vote totals are:

<i>Candidate J</i>	<i>72 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate K</i>	<i>72 Votes</i>

<i>Candidate L</i>	<i>59 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate M</i>	<i>53 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate N</i>	<i>53 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate O</i>	<i>47 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate P</i>	<i>40 Votes</i>
<i>Candidate Q</i>	<i>40 Votes</i>

Then:

Candidates J, K, and L would win two-year terms. (The tie between J and K would not need to be resolved.)

The tie between Candidates M and N would need to be resolved. The winner of the tie-break would win a two-year term, the other would win a one-year term.

Candidate O would win a one-year term.

The tie between Candidates P and Q would need to be resolved. The winner of the tie-break would receive a one-year term, the other would not serve on the Board.

If, in this example, Candidate M won the tie-break over Candidate N, and Candidate P won the tie-break over Candidate Q, then:

Two-Year Terms: Candidates J, K, L, and M

One-Year Terms: Candidates N, O, and P

Not Elected: Candidate Q

These Special Rules for the Election of the 2016 Board of Directors shall be deleted from the Standing Rules on January 1, 2018.

STANDING RULES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – SUMMARIZED

Names of all candidates for each office shall appear on the ballot in a single list. Each voter may vote for only one candidate per office. The candidate for each office receiving the most votes shall be declared winner of that office.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – DETAILED

1. Officers required to be elected per the Bylaws (as of September 2015, these officers are the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, Agility Coordinator, Obedience Coordinator, and Programs and Hospitality Coordinator) shall be elected by vote of the membership.
2. A separate ballot shall be prepared for each office. The ballot shall list the names of all qualified candidates in random-draw order. A vote for a candidate shall be indicated by marking a box by that candidate's name.
3. Each voter may vote for one candidate per office. Ballots marking more than one candidate per office shall be ruled ineligible and shall not be counted. Ballots with write-in candidates shall be ruled ineligible and shall not be counted.

Example: If in an election for President:

Ballot A marks Candidate X only

Ballot B marks Candidates X and Y

Ballot C marks Candidate X and writes-in Member Z

Then, after examining Ballots A, B, and C, the vote count would be:

Candidate X 1 Vote

(Ballots B and C would be ruled ineligible and would be neither counted nor recorded.)

4. After all eligible ballots have been counted, the candidate with the highest number of votes shall be declared winner of the office. Ties shall be resolved as described elsewhere in the Standing Rules.

RESOLVING ELECTORAL TIES

1. Resolution of ties, when necessary, shall be by the vote of the President, who shall not vote in elections except to resolve ties.
2. This rule shall apply to all votes by the general membership including, but not limited to, election of elected Officers and Directors.
3. This rule shall also apply to elections in which the President is a candidate involved in the tie.
4. When resolution of a tie is necessary, the President's vote shall be announced as soon as possible after the existence of the tie is determined (typically after a count and re-count).
5. If there is no President at the time of the election, or if the President is absent, then these duties and voting restrictions shall be undertaken by the Vice President, or the person designated to have the powers of the President at the time.