

Proposed WBCCI Constitutional Amendment

I move to amend the Constitution to allow **Members through their Delegates or Units to adopt Bylaws and Policy.**

This amendment will require rewording in the four sections of the Constitution shown below. Each section of the Constitution follows with the simple amendment and insertions **underlined in bold** (nothing is deleted).

1. Constitution Article XV By Laws and Policy Section 1

By Laws and Policy not inconsistent with this Constitution embodying additional provisions for government of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. may be adopted by the Board of Trustees **or by the chartered units of the club.**

2. Constitution Article XVI Amendments Section 1

Proposed amendments to this Constitution **or Bylaws and Policy** may be submitted to Headquarters in writing by any chartered Unit of the club. Any such amendment(s) shall bear a certification by the Unit President that it has been approved by a majority vote conducted in accordance with the Unit's Constitution and Bylaws. The proposed amendment(s) shall also bear a certification by the President of the Region of which the originating Unit is a part, that the amendment has likewise been approved by a majority of the Units within that Region. Upon receipt of the proposed amendment(s) bearing the required certifications, Headquarters shall distribute copies to the Presidents of all other chartered units for ratification or rejection. When two thirds of the club's chartered Units have ratified the proposed amendment(s) by majority votes according to their Constitution and Bylaws and the Unit Presidents have so certified to Headquarters, such amendment(s) shall be deemed to be adopted. If two-thirds of the Club's Units do not ratify the proposed amendment(s) within one year following the distribution to the Unit Presidents, the proposed amendment(s) shall be deemed to have been rejected and to be of no further effect.

3. Constitution Article XVI Amendments Section 2

Amendments to this Constitution **or Bylaws and Policy** may also be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members represented by Delegates present and voting at the annual Delegates Meeting voting in accordance with Article XII of the Constitution. Such proposed amendment(s) may be submitted in writing by any chartered unit, by the Board of Trustees and by the International President. Any such amendment(s) submitted by a Unit shall bear a certification by the Unit President that it has been approved by a majority vote conducted in accordance with the Unit's Constitution and Bylaws. The proposed amendment(s) shall also bear a certification by the President of the Region of which the originating unit is a part, that the amendment has also been approved by a majority of the members of the Region Board of such region. Such proposed amendment(s) shall arrive at Headquarters by March 1. Headquarters shall distribute copies to the Presidents of all chartered Units by April 1 (90 days prior to the Delegates Meeting to which such proposed amendment(s) are to be presented, in order to give the units ample time to vote and instruct their Delegates.

4. Constitution Article XVI Amendments Section 3

A copy of any proposal to amend the Constitution **or Bylaws and Policy** pursuant to the provisions of this article shall be submitted by Headquarters to the Constitution and By Laws Committee prior to being submitted to the Unit Presidents. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall provide Headquarters with a written report containing its recommendations(s) regarding the proposed amendment(s) by March 20. Headquarters shall submit copies of this Constitution and By Laws Committee report to the Unit Presidents with the copies of the proposed amendment(s) distributed in accordance with Sections 1 and 2 of this article.

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Rationale:

Currently only the International Board of Trustees can amend the club's Bylaws and Policies.

Many members believe that one source of membership loss is the slow to non-existent pace that our club has been modernizing with the times. To modernize the club so that it is more attractive to non-member Airstream

owners, particularly those Airstream owners that are still working and have young families.

Our active membership base and our local unit leaders are the best qualified to recommend through the amendment process those changes that will both modernize the club and hopefully increase membership retention as well as new member applications.

By approving this amendment, WBCCI members will gain a voice in the WBCCI Bylaws and Policy

Typically an organization's constitution and bylaws are passed and subsequently amendable by the body (members/units) for the good of the organization. In WBCCI this is not the case since they are voted on exclusively by the Board of Trustees. Restating the WBCCI Constitution will give the membership due authority in these issues by establishing the member's right to amend Bylaws and Policy, thereby directing the Board of Trustees' efforts on members' behalf. Member amendments are a part of the checks and balances that characterize a democratic organization.

This motion will correct this oversight and allow members/units to adopt Bylaws and Policy while not changing the Board of Trustees' ability to also adopt Bylaws and Policy. Any Board of Trustees is subordinate to the member body that elects them and is usually appointed by organizations that meet only annually, as does WBCCI. Therefore, the WBCCI Board of Trustees authority is to be exercised between annual meetings of the delegates. Running the WBCCI is a responsibility that the board and the members share. Please note that a subordinate body (Board of Trustees) cannot subsequently modify any action taken by its superior (members/units).

WBCCI Members and Units should have representative input through amendments to the Bylaws and Policy. Member involvement is enhanced and the club is strengthened when member suggestions for improvement are given deliberation and a vote.

A vote to approve this amendment will accomplish the following:

1. Give all WBCCI voting members an increased voice in how WBCCI is run.
2. Allow WBCCI to be more responsive to members' input and to more closely reflect the wishes of the majority of the members.
3. Formalize appropriate checks and balances for the international club since both the Board of Trustees and the members will have the right to address Bylaws and Policy
4. Preserve the Board of Trustees' ability to adopt and implement Bylaws and Policy with a more enlightened understanding of members' desire
5. Increase Membership value.