

Summary of Proposed Changes to the Bylaws: submitted by Bonnie Poulos and Joan Hall, with input from the *TRRG* Board.

1. Modify Article III, Section 5:

The current edition of the Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws and any special rules of order the Organization may adopt. The "relaxed" or "informal" Robert's Rules of Order (as described in <https://www.kidlink.org/docs/RobertRules/chap16.html>) may be used for small group meetings of the Board and committees.

Rationale: There is no need to stand on formality when *TRRG* members meet in small groups. The informal or relaxed Rules are much more conducive to discussion and agreement of items that do not require a formal motion.

2. Modify Article IV, Section 3:

Special meetings of the Board may be called at the request of the Chair; by the majority of the Board; or by a petition signed by no fewer than five percent of voting members and submitted to the Board. When quick action is needed for Board response on an urgent matter, the Chair may convene electronic "meetings" via email notification, asking for a 24-hour response virtual meetings to be held via a video conferencing platform of the Chair's selection. Notice of these meetings will be done via email notification, asking for a 24-hour response.

Rationale: *TRRG* has had numerous occasions when meeting in person cannot be accomplished in a timely manner. Email communication that involves "discussion" is difficult to administer fairly. As an alternative to "decision by email", virtual meetings can be called with very limited notice.

3. Modify Article IV, Section 4:

Board members shall be elected or re-elected by the members present at the Annual Meeting. The Nominations Committee is responsible should seek to nominate a slate of prospective Board members who represent the diversity of the City of Tucson community. All candidates for the Board must be *TRRG* members in good standing.

Rationale: The primary criteria for becoming a Board member should be current membership in *TRRG* and a stated willingness to advance the Purpose of *TRRG* (as stated in our brochure). A desire for the Board composition "represent a diversity of City of Tucson community" sounds good but should not be the responsibility of the Nominations Committee. It is really the membership from which we draw the Board candidates that needs to represent the City's diversity.

4. Modify Article V, Section 1:

The Board of Directors shall elect their officers for the coming year within 30 days of its election at the Annual Meeting. Directors elected as Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve no more than 3 consecutive years in that respective office. Directors elected as Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian have no term limits.

Rationale: The continuity of leadership is necessary for long-term organizational survival when unpredictable events impact it. The Board can exert its prerogative to elect new leadership when it perceives change is needed.

5. Modify Article V, Section 1a:

Only the Chair or her/his designee shall be the media contact and public spokesperson on behalf of TRRG. Comments must be in accord with positions taken by the majority of the Board or, if response time is limited, agreed upon by its officers. No other officer or Director may respond to a reporter or request from a reporter, mayor/council member, or city staff as representing TRRG. This policy in no way limits any TRRG member from expressing personal opinions to others, but s/he should be clear that he or she represents only himself or herself at the time, ~~not the organization~~ making no mention of TRRG. All email communications as Board members are considered internal communications not to be forwarded for public scrutiny.

Rationale: As an organization, TRRG has established a reputation in the community and with City government. By making no mention of TRRG in speaking or writing when expressing one's personal opinion, any misunderstanding will be avoided. Emails are subject to misinterpretation by others who are not members of the Board.

Alternative proposed change for Article V, Section 1a: All email communications as Board members are considered internal TRRG communications not to be forwarded for public scrutiny. All email communications as Board members are available to TRRG members.

Rationale: Transparency should be honored by the TRRG Board and TRRG members should be allowed to know what discussions about TRRG business have taken place via email.