

Fair Elections Wisconsin Constitution

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Preamble Fair Elections Wisconsin is an independent organization working for elections that are accurate, fair, well-administered, transparent, and convenient for voters.

The process of voting should balance access and integrity; and should be as open as possible while maintaining ballot secrecy.

Voting is the foundation of democracy and deserves a high priority among citizens and government.

It is critical that there be a strong public trust concerning election procedures, and trust depends upon active citizens holding accountable legislators, administrators, and manufacturers.

Article I Memberships

A. Anyone may become a member by one of two methods:

1) Attending two meetings starting with summer 2005.

2) Paying \$10 for a one year membership

B. Members shall be eligible to vote at meetings 14 days after becoming a member.

C. Members are asked to contribute \$1 at each meeting for the cost of meeting space.

Article II Leadership

Elected officers shall be as follows:

A. Coordinator shall prepare meeting agendas, select meeting facilitators, establish committee as needed, and organize a schedule of meetings.

B. Membership coordinator shall keep a record of members and attendees at meetings

C. Treasurer shall propose an appropriate budget to the members for approval or amendment; process transactions as per the approved budget; shall maintain financial records; and present to all members a written annual summary of income, outgo, and cash on hand.

D. Secretary shall maintain a list of resolutions; and shall take meeting minutes and publish them to the email list.

E. Officers may delegate functions to willing volunteers.

Article III Elections

A. Elections of officers shall take place at a meeting and shall be announced at least one week in advance.

B. Officers shall be elected by a majority of the members present at a meeting. They shall assume office at the conclusion of the meeting at which they are elected.

C. Elections for one or more offices may be called by the Director or by a 2/3 majority of members (minimum of 6 members in favor) present at a meeting for the next meeting; or held annually at the first meeting after September 30.

Article IV Resolutions

A. CEW may by resolution establish specific positions on appropriate issues.

B. In order to be approved, resolutions need a favorable vote by a minimum of six members, and two-thirds of the members present at a meeting.

C. Under emergency circumstances, positions may be established using an email poll of all members, if two-thirds of the responses are favorable. This resolution is automatically placed on the agenda of the next meeting and expires unless affirmed by a two-thirds vote.

Article V Constitution

In order to be approved, this constitution and subsequent amendments need a favorable vote by a minimum of six members, and two-thirds of the members present at a meeting.