

The following five proposed amendments to the existing CFBPW Bylaws and the Resolution on CPR as presented by Northern District are to be voted on at the upcoming meeting of the State Federation to be in May. Please review these items and be prepared to discuss, debate and vote on each. Thank you.

# **California Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.**

## **BYLAWS AMENDMENTS - PROPOSED**

Article V Membership, Section 7, currently reads:

Members, members-at-large and student members shall have the right to vote and to hold office at the state level; and vote electronically or via paper ballot on issues which affect all members, i.e., election of officers, proposed bylaw amendments, and proposed budget.

Proposed Amendment – to strike all the words after level.

It would then read:

Members, members-at-large and student members shall have the right to vote and to hold office at the state level.

Rationale: This states that all members can vote; the means by which that vote is conducted is not critical.

Article X Officers, Section 2, currently reads:

Officers shall take office at the close of the Annual Conference and shall serve a term of two years or four years if elected for a second term.

Proposed Amendment – Change two years to one year and four to two.

It would then read: Officers shall take office at the close of the Annual Conference and shall serve a term of one year or two years if elected for a second term.

Rationale: It has been hard to get members to commit to serving two years or in the case of President-Elect four years including the time as President. Going back to one-year-terms may get members to run for State Office.

Article XII Elections, Section 1, currently reads:

Officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

Proposed Amendment – Change two (2) years to one (1) year.

It would then read: Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year.

Rationale: It has been hard to get members to commit to serving two years or in the case of President-Elect four years including the time as President. Going back to one-year-terms may get members to run for State Office.

Article XV Board of Directors, Section 1. D, currently reads:

Past CFBPW Presidents who are not already a voting member of the Board.

Proposed Amendment – to insert the words “in attendance” after Presidents.

It would then read:

Past CFBPW Presidents, in attendance, who are not already a voting member of the Board.

Rationale: The quorum at a Board meeting is based on the attendance of all officers, Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Standing Committees, District Presidents, two delegates from each District and all Past Presidents who are not already a voting member of the Board. There are Past Presidents who cannot for various reasons including health reasons attend the Board meetings; yet they are in the numbers needed for a quorum. Winter Board had such a problem.

Article XVI Board of Directors, Section 2 A, currently reads:

Committee Chairs, Standing Chairs, Vice Chairs, Special Chairs and Team members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years. No CFBPW appointee shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on the same committee.

Proposed Amendment – Change two (2) years to one (1) year.

It would then read:

Committee Chairs, Standing Chairs, Vice Chairs, Special Chairs and Team members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year. No CFBPW appointee shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on the same committee.

Rationale: This would make this section consistent with Officers being elected for one-year-terms.

## RESOLUTION

Whereas, California Federation of Business & Professional Women considers the health and well being of all citizens to be important;

Whereas, Cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death in the United States of America however when more people are trained in CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) a victim's survival rate can double or triple;

Whereas, A woman in the United States has a heart attack every minute of every day;

Whereas, CPR training at the high school level may add thousands of trained responders to our communities;

Whereas, Ten states now require CPR training for high school graduation and eight more states require some life saving training in their "health classes"; and

Whereas, The benefit to cost ratio is negligible (as an example - \$400 for everything needed to train ten students with reusable kits); therefore be it

**Resolved,** That California Federation of Business & Professional Women promote legislation to declare CPR training as a mandatory requirement for graduation from California High Schools for all capable students; and

**Resolved,** To refer this resolution to the California Federation of Business & Professional Women's Bylaws Committee to present for consideration and action at the 2015 Annual Meeting; and

**Resolved,** CFBPW will search for a state legislator to sponsor the Resolution.

Jeanne Simmons  
Northern District President

Pat Long  
Northern District Secretary

Northern District voted at their Fall Meeting held on September 6, 2014 to adopt this Resolution submitted by the Weaverville BPW Club.