

JPC Bylaws Amendment Proposals Spring 2026

Amendment to Elections to add online voting

Officers and Board members at-large will be elected by a majority of the **total** votes counted for **members** present at the annual membership meeting **plus members who vote online**. If more than one member is nominated for any elective position, voting shall be by secret ballot **at the meeting and online**. Anyone nominated must be willing to serve in the position prior to the election. **The list of nominees on the online ballot will be identical to those nominated at the annual meeting and on the secret ballot (if needed). Online voting will take place for the five days immediately following the annual meeting. All election results will be announced exactly one week after the annual meeting.** All Officers and Board members at large will serve without compensation.

Rationale:

- Increase overall participation of members in Club elections;
- Members could have the opportunity to provide input about Club issues/ideas that could be included on a ballot
- Sends a message to members that their voice and opinion matters as the Club moves forward

Amendment to Terms of Office

The proposed amendment below replaces the current Bylaw statement which is as follows: All Officers and Board members at-large will be elected for a one-year term and can succeed themselves provided they receive a majority vote of those present at the annual meeting.

All Officers and Board members-at-large will be elected at the annual membership meeting. Those elected to the offices of Vice-president and Treasurer will be elected for two-year terms, while those elected to the offices of President and Secretary will be elected to one-year terms. The following year, those elected to the offices of President and Secretary will be elected to two-year terms. In the following years, all Officers will be elected for two-year terms on a rotating basis. The three Board members at-large will be elected for one-year terms. One of the Board members at-large will be in charge of the website and all club technology issues.

Rationale:

- Provide better continuity and strategic planning for the Club
- Allow board members more time to learn and contribute
- Results in less disruption and fewer elections
- Helps maintain Club memory