

Proposed Amendments to the 2010 Edition of USCA Bylaws, Rules and Regulations

Dear Delegate,

As a member of the 2011 USCA Board of Directors (Delegates), I would like to welcome each of you, whether you are new or returning for the second year of your term of office or have been selected to serve your club for another year as a Club Affiliate Delegate. One of the duties that you will have at the meeting to act on the proposed amendments listed below. The Delegates have the responsibility to represent their fellow paddlers in this Association, become informed about the USCA and be active in the decision making process of the Association. We do appreciate your interest to become involved with the inner workings of the USCA.

Only these amendments may be revised and brought to a vote. They will be accepted or rejected as presented and/or amended. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Delegates is required to pass any amendment.

The 2010 USCA Bylaws, Rules and Regulations document is on the USCA website at www.uscanoe.com If you cannot download this PDF document, let me know and I will mail you a copy of this document or supply a MSWord 2003 document to you. Please bring these Proposed Amendments as well as your copy of the Rules and Regulations with you to the meeting.

Questions or concerns? E-mail me at hjtheiss@juno.com before January 10 or contact me Friday afternoon at the Hospitality Room at the Charlotte-Airport Holiday Inn Conference Center, Charlotte, NC.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Joan Theiss Bylaws, Rules and Regulations Review Committee Chair

Members: Susan Williams, Penn-Jersey; Pat Denny-Diget, MI; Tave Lamperez, ENC and Janet Perry, President.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE NUMBERED AS FOLLOWS: *Page numbers refer to the page on which this item appears in the 2010 Edition.*

1. Page 3. ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP Section 3. Dues B Dues Differential -
Replace the current rule with the following:

- (1) Canada and Mexico – Dues to be paid in U.S. funds **plus**
 - “a. \$5.00 to include the USCA magazine obtainable as a download from the USCA Canoe News website OR**
 - b. \$10.00 to include the USCA magazine received by postal mail.”**
- (2) All other countries - Dues to be paid in U.S. funds **plus**
 - “a. \$10.00 to include USCA magazine obtainable as a download from the USCA Canoe News Website OR**
 - b. \$20.00 to include the USCA magazine received by postal mail.”**

Rationale: This proposed amendment offers two options for non-U.S. members. The application would permit this option. This came about through discussion at the 2010 Annual Meeting on proposed increase in differential dues.

2. Page 4. ARTICLE III OFFICERS Section 1 Elected Officers (5)
Add second sentence: **“Delegates present shall include those who have been assigned a proxy to represent a named Delegate who is unable to attend the meeting for which the proxy is given.”**

Rationale: The Parliamentarian who attended the 2010 Annual Meeting indicated that this clarification statement should be added.

3. Page 7. ARTICLE III OFFICERS Administrative – Executive Director Section 4. C
Current: Term of appointment or employment shall be at the discretion of the Delegates of the Association and may be terminated by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Delegates.
Add to the end of the sentence: **“Term of office shall be two (2) years from the time of appointment or employment and may be renewed at the end of each term with no limit of terms. The Executive Director shall be reviewed periodically and reported to the Delegates annually by the Executive Committee.”**

Rationale: The two year term of office was approved at the 2010 meeting for this position by the Delegates only as a motion, not as a rule. This proposed amendment provides more structure to the action of 2010 by the Delegates.

4. Page 7 ARTICLE III OFFICERS Section 4. Executive Director D. (12)
Current: Shall be responsible for policing the use of the USCA registered Trademarks

Substitute the word “policing” with “the supervision of”

To read: “Shall be responsible for **the supervision of** the use of the USCA registered Trademarks and for the renewal of all registered trademarks by the dates as required.”

Rationale: The word ‘policing’ did not appeal to some. Others had no problem with it. It is your choice to accept, amend or reject the proposed amendment.

5. Page 8. ARTICLE IV DELEGATES Section 1 Delegates – Elected or Appointed B (5)
Current: In even numbered years, Delegate apportionment must be updated and additional Delegates, if necessary, are elected.

Delete the second and third sentences and replace with the following two sentences:

“The procedure followed for election of additional Delegates shall be either ARTICLE IV Section 1 C or D or ARTICLE IV Section 3 A (1) or (2). During apportionment, there is never a decrease in the number of Delegates from any State or Regional Division.”

Rationale: Simplifies the procedure for election of additional Delegates. The number of Delegates never goes down even if membership declines during the even year.

- 6 Page 8 ARTICLE IV DELEGATES Section 1. Delegates –Elected or Appointed E. Affiliate Club Delegates
Current (5) The Delegate selected must be one of the individually paid governing status members of the Association in the Affiliated Club.

(1) Substitute: “may” for must

Insert between “members” and “of”: **“or the Affiliated Club Representative”**

To read: The Delegate selected may be one of the individually paid governing status members **or the Affiliated Club Representative** of the Association in the Affiliated Club.

(2) OR: Delete all of (5) in its entirety.

Rationale: Membership Chair, Paula Thiel, has requested that this proposed amendment to delete (5) in its entirety be submitted since the Club Representative is a Governing Member of the Club and eligible to serve as a Delegate. Option (1) indicates that club has the option to select another governing member to serve as the Club Delegate.

7. Page 10. ARTICLE IV DELEGATES Duties of Delegates Section 2 H.
Current : An Executive Director may be employed or appointedThe term of employment or appointment shall be at the discretion of the Delegates.

Add after last sentence: **“Term of office of the Executive Director shall be two (2) years from the time of appointment or employment and may be renewed at the end of each term with no limit of terms. The Executive Director appointment or employment shall be reviewed and reported to the Delegates annually by the Executive Committee. In addition, the term of office may be terminated at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Delegates Present at either an Annual Meeting or Semiannual Meeting provided the notice of the respective agenda item is disclosed in writing by the President to all Delegates at least thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.”**

Rationale: Establishes the two year term for the ED but if something untoward would occur, there could be termination following review and notice.

- 8 Page 10. ARTICLE IV DELEGATES Section 3 Vacancies and Removal of Delegates A.
Current A. Vacancies shall be the result of removal, resignation, incapacity, death or moving out of their State or Region.

Add at end of sentence: **“or as a result of an apportionment increase”.**

To Read: Vacancies shall be the result of removal, resignation, incapacity, death or moving out of their State or Region **or as a result of an apportionment increase.**

Rationale: Clarifies that apportionment is a reason to use these procedures.

9. Page 10. ARTICLE IV DELEGATES Section 3. Vacancies and Removal of Delegates A (1)
Current: Should a Delegate vacancy occur in a Non-organized State or Regional Division, such vacancy shall be filled immediately by the Executive Committee.

Delete: “State or”

Add at the end of the sentence: **of the Association.**

To read: Should a Delegate vacancy occur in a Non-organized Regional Division, such vacancy shall be filled immediately by the Executive Committee **of the Association**.

Rationale: There is no non-organized State. There are only non-organized Regional Divisions. 'Of the Association' clarifies it is the National Executive Committee that fulfills this vacancy.

10. Page 10 ARTICLE IV DELEGATES Section 3. Vacancies and Removal of Delegates A (2)
Current: Should an organized State or Regional Division or Club Delegate Club Delegate vacancy occur, such vacancy shall be filled immediately through elections of the remaining Delegates within such State or Division or appointment of a Club Delegate.
Replace current with new (2) "Should a Delegate vacancy occur in an organized State or organized Regional Division, such vacancy shall be filled immediately by the Executive Committee of said organized State or organized Regional Division."

Rationale: To clarify how Delegate vacancies are to be filled within an organized State or organized Regional Division, rather than the statement that they are to be filled through elections of the remaining Delegates of such State or Regional Division.

11. Page 10 ARTICLE IV DELEGATES Section 3. Vacancies and Removal of Delegates A
Add (3): "Should a Club Delegate vacancy occur, such vacancy shall be filled immediately by the appointment from among the Affiliated Club Governing members."

Rationale: Separates the responsibility filling a vacancy of organized State or Regional Division from those of the Affiliate Clubs.

12. Page 14. ARTICLE V COMMITTEES AND DUTIES Section 2 COMPETITION
Add: "Stand up Paddleboard as a Competition Subcommittee
Duties to be: Establish rules and regulations for conducting Stand up Paddle Board competition at USCA Nationals and local area competitions events; establish classes for this event; develop and maintain (USCA) SUP rules, specifications, method of measurement, safety requirements; work with Nationals Race Sponsor and the USCA Competition Chairman in any SUP related matter; with the other SUP associations and report activities as related to USCA members."

Rationale: At the 2010 Semiannual Meeting, a Competition sub-committee chairman for SUP was appointed. Events that offer SUP and use USCA insurance need to include this type of craft supervision within the Rules/Regulations..

13. Page 13. ARTICLE V COMMITTEES AND DUTIES COMPETITION (12)
Amend to (12) if the above proposed amendment is approved.
Insert between Outrigger Boats and Swan Boats. "Stand up Paddleboard"

Rationale: Required to be included in the list.

14. Page 20. ARTICLE VII VOTING Section 1
First sentence – Current: A majority vote of the Delegates present shall be required for passage of any matters before the Board of Directors
Add to the end of first sentence: "which includes those who have been assigned a proxy to represent a named Delegate who is unable to attend the meeting for which the proxy is given"

Rationale: "Delegates Present" shall be include those approved to be assigned a proxy from the eligible Delegates.

15. The seven Proposed Amendments related to increases in Membership Dues and Dues Differential that were sent out separately by Gareth Stevens, Delegate from WCRA, will be presented at this time for the Delegate's consideration and action. Please be sure to bring these Proposed Amendments with you to the meeting, also.

