

June 16 By-Law Amendment Vote

Frequently Asked Questions

Didn't we do this last January? Why are we doing it again?

Good question. Yes we did, but several actives objected to the procedure. There was at least one instance where the TWS by-laws were not strictly followed, which can nullify the results. (The by-laws specify that a "meeting" occur.) Rather than have the results questioned, we thought it best to have a do-over.

Where and when will the voting occur?

Sunday, June 16 in the Cattel lobby/theatre from 6-7 pm.

What's this business about a quorum?

We need a third of the eligible actives to either show up and fill out a ballot or submit a signed absentee ballot in advance of that date. That's over a hundred people, **so it's important that we have your participation.**

Where do I get an absentee ballot?

Absentee ballots, both for the by-law revisions and the BOG/BOT elections, are available in the office or you can download from the website at <http://theatreofwesternsprings.com/about-us/board-of-governors/>. Absentee ballots MUST be signed and deposited in the ballot box in the office by 4pm on Friday, June 14. There is a clearly marked, locked ballot box for your ballots, and the same ballot box will be used for by-law ballots and BOG/BOT ballots. Absentee ballots will **not** be accepted at the June 16 voting.

Is the by-law amendment ballot the same as it was in January?

Pretty much. There are the same 39 items, but the language of many has been clarified to avoid confusion.

So do I need to show up on June 16 if I can just vote by absentee ballot?

Not necessarily, but we're also holding elections for the Board of Governors nominees as well as Foundation trustees, so you can do both. The by-law review committee will be present and will answer any questions you have concerning individual items on the ballot.

If I show up to vote on June 16 at 6pm do I have to attend a boring meeting?

No. Per the TWS by-laws, a "meeting" will be called and any who have questions will have an opportunity to be heard. A quorum for meeting purposes consists of those that are present plus those who sent in signed absentee ballots. There is no particular agenda for the meeting other than answering questions.

Can I self-nominate for a seat on the TWS board of governors?

Yes. You should have read the bios of the BOG and Foundation BOT nominees in the newsletter. You should know that should you wish to self-nominate for the BOG by petition, you must have 15 signatures of actives and present the petition to the chair of elections prior to the end of business on May 24.

I'm confused about ballot item #7. It says "strike in total." What does that imply?

This pertains to the definition of what constitutes an "Active." (Item #3) This proposes to allow first year studio graduates to attain Active status as long as they volunteer in some capacity. A vote of "yes" will allow this. Previously, studio 1 graduates technically were not eligible to be Actives until the following year.