

BRIDGE CENTER OF BUFFALO, INC.
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS -- PROPOSED KEY CHANGES FOR 2019

CONSTITUTION

GOVERNORS AND OFFICERS

- Revised term of officers.
- Revised disciplinary procedure.

MEETINGS

- Revised annual meeting date.
- Added and defined quorum.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP:

- Section 3. Membership Year: changed to a calendar year basis.
- Section 4. Membership Dues: Honorary Members and Junior Members are exempt from membership dues.
- Section 7. Zero Tolerance Policy: added as new section.

ARTICLE II – MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

- Section 1. Annual meeting: changed to “shall be held as determined by the President”.
- Section 4. Quorum: defined as all members in attendance.
- Section 5. Procedure: deleted the word “Charter”.
- Section 7. Reports: simplified reporting process.

ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 3. Conflict of interest: all members shall be eligible to serve (deleted “with the exception of head directors”).
- Section 4. Election and Term of Office: changed the limit to three (3) years (deleted “limited to two successive years”). Retiring directors shall be eligible for re-election.

ARTICLE IV – MEETING OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. Regular meetings: moved/combined notification process to Section 4.
- Section 7. Action without a meeting -- revised language.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

- Section 2: Designation of other committees -- revised.
- Section 4 : Meetings of Committees – revised language.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

- Section 1. Officers: first meeting -- revised language.
- Section 2. Term of Office: deleted the word ‘qualified’.
- Section 6. Vice-President: deleted responsibility for ACBL sanctions.

ARTICLE VIII – CORPORATE FINANCES

- Section 1. Corporate Funds: simplified language.
- Section 7. Ownership of the Corporation: added as new section.
- Section 8. Dissolution of the Corporation: changed to be by a unanimous vote of the board of directors, or else by at least two-thirds majority of Members.
Assets to be disposed of as directed by a majority vote of the board of directors.