

**Proposed Amendments to NCNA Bylaws for January 26, 2013 Annual Meeting**

Yes to all amendments

No to all amendments

Vote	Proposed Amendment
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No	1. Rewrite Article II – Geographic Boundaries. The existing language is sloppy. Replace with clear language. Proposed language: Article II – Geographic Boundaries The boundaries of the Northwest Carbondale Neighborhood Association shall be West Main Street, North Illinois Avenue, Little Crab Orchard Creek, and the northern boundary of the City of Carbondale.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No	2. Amend Article III – Purpose. We borrowed this language from the Arbor District and it is less relevant to the northwest neighborhoods than to the Arbor District. Propose replacing “preserving the historic heritage of” to “improving.” This is a more accurate description of our aims.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No	3. Change annual meeting from January to September. Change all references to a January annual meeting to instead refer to a September annual meeting.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No	3b. Amend Article IV – Membership, Dues, and Voting. <b>Vote yes on this amendment <u>only</u> if you also vote yes on Amendment 3.</b> Proposed change:  Insert the words “at the General Meeting” in the second sentence of the first paragraph between the words “payable” and “in.” Insert a comma after “individuals.” The amended sentence would read “Membership dues are \$10 for household and \$5 for individuals, payable at the General Meeting in September of each year.”
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No	4. Amend Article VII – Meetings. Add a new clause four establishing parliamentary rules. Proposed language: 4. The rules contained in the current edition of <i>Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised</i> shall govern board and general meetings in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt, unless an alternative set of rules be approved by a two thirds vote eligible voters present. (The above was modified from the Robert’s Rules website.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No	5. Amend Article IX – Communications. Clean up language and empower the board to designate a board member as a Communications Officer. This person will be responsible for maintaining communication with the membership. Proposed language: 1. Insert the following new sentences at the beginning of Article IX: “The board shall designate a board member as Communications Officer. The board may replace the Communications Officer at its discretion.” 2. Change the existing sentence 1. The new sentence would read: “The Communications Officer shall oversee regular communications through a newsletter, email list, Website, social media presence, and any other methods of communication as directed by the Board.”
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No	6. Through an oversight, the word “Carbondale” was left out of the association’s name. If approved, this amendment would change all references to the association’s name to read “Northwest Carbondale Neighborhood Association.”
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No	7. Amend Article V – Board and Officers, Clause 4 – change the word “shall” to “may.” The amended sentence would read: “Board members who have three unexcused absences within a six month period may be removed from the Board.”
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No	8. Amend Article VII – Meetings, Clause 2 – Define quorum for board meetings as a majority of current board members. Amended clause would read:  “Board meetings shall be held at least eight times a year. Quorum for board meetings shall be a majority of current Board members and decisions shall be made by a majority of Board members attending. Any member of the Northwest Carbondale Neighborhood Association may attend any meeting of the Board. Notice of Board meetings shall be sent to all members one week prior to the meeting.”