

Proposed Amendment to  
Article III – Membership, Section 1(b)  
and  
Article VI – Delegates and Voting

Purpose

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to align the number of delegates for each group of members belonging to the Texas Conference of Clubs equitably.

Situation

The current Articles of Agreement state that Independent Members will have one vote for every fifteen (15) members or portion of 15.

As a group, TCC Independents are the same as a member organization of the Texas Conference of Clubs. Several times over the years, the question has come up why TCC Independents are allowed more than one vote. The question has come up asking if TCC Independents get a delegate for every 15 members, or a portion of 15, why member organizations are not allowed the same proportioning of delegates.

History

The original Articles allowed for one delegate for TCC Independents.

Around 35 years ago, there were approximately 50 independent members. At the time, sharing information was by U. S. Mail and, in many cases, by long-distance phone calls. The Internet and e-mail were not yet available to the general public.

In an attempt to reduce the burden of time and expense on the single TCC Independent delegate, the Conference amended the Articles to allow for multiple delegates based on TCC Independent membership numbers.

Statement

The proposed Amendment change is to restore the Articles to their original intent. At this point, there is no valid reason any group of members needs more than one delegate. A single delegate will also eliminate confusion among TCC Independents about “which group” they belong in or which person is their delegate.

## Current Articles

### Article III - Membership

#### Section 1

(b) Independent members are individuals who do not belong to a member club or who are members of a non-conference club. No person will hold dual membership in TCC as an independent member and a member of a member club at the same time. Independent members will have one delegate vote for every fifteen (15) members, or portion of fifteen, as covered by Article VI.

### Article VI – Delegates and Voting

#### Section 1: Representation in TCC will be as follows:

- (a) Each member club will have one vote. Choosing a club delegate is the responsibility of the individual member clubs.
- (b) Independent Members will have one vote for every fifteen (15) members, or portion of 15, as will be on the rolls at the Fall Meeting each year. In no instance will Independent Members have more than forty nine percent (49%) of the total delegates.
- (c) Independent Members will elect their independent delegates at large. The Independent Members will vote for the same number of candidates as the number of delegates they will elect in a given year. As an example, if the independents have twenty seven (27) members of record at the Fall Meeting, then they will elect two delegates. The winners will be the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast.
- (d) Candidates for Independent Delegate will be Independent Members who volunteer or whom an Independent nominates.
- (e) The Secretary will help the independents choose their delegates by sending a request for volunteers or nominations immediately after the October quarterly meeting. The Secretary will send ballots containing the names of all candidates to all independent members of record a minimum of thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting each year. At least two officers or members at the Annual Meeting will verify and count the ballots
- (f) Honorary members will have no voting rights, other than such as they might hold as a representative of a member club or as an independent member.
- (g) Commercial members will have no voting rights, other than such as they might hold as a representative of a member club or as an independent member.

## Proposed Article

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  - (2) The Secretary will help the independents choose their delegates by sending a request for volunteers. The Secretary will send ballots containing the names of all candidates to all independent members of record.
- (c) Honorary members will have no voting rights, other than such as they might hold as a representative of a member club or as an independent member.
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