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ITEM#	Bylaw or PnP	Title	Rationale	ACTION
2026-1	Bylaw	Membership and Voting Article 1.15 Termination/Suspension	This is added language back to the bylaws that was left out during the last revision.	Must be passed by GM, 2/3 majority
2026-2	P&P	Membership Article 1.3.C Listing required items to be submitted by tournaments within 30 days of completion	This provides guidance to tournaments as to the required items to be submitted.	If Board approved, this must be presented to the GM as new business --GM may motion to discuss and/or motion to reject
2026-3	Bylaw	Duties of the Board of Directors, Representatives, and Committees Article 3.08 Remove letter "g"	This allows an IGBO board member to continue or to become a league or tournament representative.	Must be passed by GM, 2/3 majority
2026-4	Bylaw	<b>NEW</b> <b>Membership and Voting</b> <b>Bylaw: Article 1.05.C</b> Required IGBO membership for all IGBO Member tournament participants	IGBO has never required bowler's to be a membership of it's regional tournament members. There have been several incidents	Bylaw requires GM to pass with 2/3 majority.

			in the past where non-members have come in and cleaned house. As IGBO grows and prize funds become larger more and more people want to bowl in our events, this is the first step to help protect our members.	
2026-5	P&P	<p><b>NEW</b></p> <p><b>Membership</b></p> <p><b>PnP: Article 1.3.C</b></p> <p>Required IGBO membership for all IGBO Member tournament participants</p>	IGBO has never required bowler membership of it's regional tournament members. There have been several incidents in the past where non-members have come in and cleaned house. As IGBO grows and prize funds become larger more and more people want to bowl in our events, this is the first step to help protect our members.	If Board approved, this must be presented to the GM as new business --GM may motion to discuss and/or motion to reject
2026-6	P&P	<p>Finances</p> <p>Reimbursements</p> <p>Article 4.6.A.1.a.1)</p> <p>NEW: Article 4.6.A.1.b/1)</p>	<p>Executive Board:</p> <p>Discretionary spending powers of up to \$5000. The entire Executive Committee must approve</p> <p>b. The entire board has discretionary spending limits not to exceed \$10,000. Full approval by the Board is needed.</p>	<p>The amounts should be reflected in the appropriate line items on the budget presented to GM for approval.</p> <p>--Budget requires a simple majority for approval</p> <p>_ALSO-</p> <p>GM may motion to</p>

				discuss and/or reject.
2027-7	P&P	Elections and Representation of Members Article 5.2.B	Increasing proxies held from 3 to 5 to ensure that proxies go to people in their own regions as opposed to giving them to another region	If Board approved, this must be presented to the GM as new business --GM may motion to discuss and/or motion to reject
2026-8	Bylaw	Membership and Voting Article 1.14.H and I Remove "or suspension"	This removes this duty from GM and places it in the hands of IGBO Board  Item #2026-1 addresses the process for this issue.	Must be passed by GM, 2/3 majority

## **Item 2026-1 - Bylaw**

### **Article I. Membership and Voting**

- 1.01 There shall be three (3) classifications of voting membership:
  - A. IGBO League
  - B. IGBO Tournament
  - C. Organization – An umbrella organization that sponsors bowling activities.
- 1.02 There shall be three (3) classifications of non-voting association with IGBO:
  - A. Direct Associate – An individual who pays IGBO an annual fee to be an associate within this classification; or
  - B. Lifetime Associate – An individual who is voted into permanent association as gratitude for service to IGBO, or is a recipient of the IGBO Fellowship Award or Tom Hack Award; or
  - C. League Associate – A participant contributing to any member league's normal playing strength.
- 1.03 To obtain membership in any classification, the prospective member shall submit a formal application in which the applicant declares to adhere to and promote the goals of IGBO.
- 1.04 The membership shall vote on all applications for new voting membership.
- 1.05 A voting member shall:
  - A. Appoint or elect a representative and alternate representative who will be authorized to exercise the voting rights of the membership, and
  - B. Pay the membership dues in the amount and by the date defined in the Policies & Procedures.
- 1.06 Individuals may apply as a direct associate. When both the complete application and payment are received, the applicant becomes a direct associate in good standing eligible for all privileges as such.
- 1.07 All IGBO business must be conducted under generally accepted and practiced rules of order.
- 1.08 A majority of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum for a General Membership meeting. The quorum will be determined by a roll call conducted by the IGBO Secretary. The Secretary shall announce the number of votes needed for simple and two-thirds (2/3) majorities.

- 1.09 At a Regional Meeting/Caucus, quorum shall be reached when simple majority (including proxies) has been established. If quorum is lost, then no regional new business may be voted upon.
- 1.10 Voting allotment per voting member:
- A. Tournaments: one (1) vote
  - B. Organization member: one (1) vote
  - C. Leagues:
    - (1) 1 – 150 Bowlers = 1 vote
    - (2) 151 – 250 = 1.5 votes
    - (3) 251 or more = 2 votes
- 1.11 Absentee voting is allowed for site selection only and must be received by the secretary no less than five (5) days prior to the meeting.
- 1.12 Members may designate a proxy as defined in the P&P.
- 1.13 Written ballots may be requested on any motion or resolution before the membership.
- 1.14 Actions taken by the general membership. This section lists actions that must be approved by a vote of the membership.
- A. Approval of an application for membership requires a simple majority.
  - B. Election of a member of the Executive Board.
    - (1) Election of a candidate who is not term-limited requires a simple majority.
    - (2) Election of a candidate who is term-limited and opposed for election requires a two thirds (2/3) majority.
  - C. Any change to the bylaws requires a two-thirds majority.
  - D. Policies and procedures.
    - (1) A motion to discuss a change to a policy and procedure requires a simple majority.
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  - E. Approval of the budget and amendments to an approved budget require a simple majority.
  - F. Selection of a proposal to host an IGBO Conference and Tournament requires a simple majority.

- G. Removal or censure of a director requires a two-thirds majority.
- H. Termination or suspension of membership requires a two-thirds majority.
- I. Termination or suspension of direct associate or lifetime associate requires a two-thirds majority.
- J. Any action or motion not listed above requires a simple majority.

#### 1.15 Termination or Suspension of Membership

- A. No action to terminate or suspend shall be taken until and unless a member of IGBO submits to the Board a written and signed complaint charging the member with conduct detrimental to the goals and policies of IGBO
- B. Upon receipt of any complaint(s), the Executive Officers shall send a written notice to the affected member within five (5) days of receipt via certified mail or electronic equivalent, and return receipt requested. The written notice shall include: a copy of the complaint, date of the hearing (not less than 20 days from notification). The hearing provides the member with an opportunity to respond to the complaint(s) before the Board.
- C. Within ten (10) days after the hearing, the Board shall prepare written findings and recommendation(s), if any, to present to the membership at the next regularly scheduled General Membership meeting. If warranted, the Board may temporarily suspend membership until the next General Membership meeting. The affected member shall be notified of the right to appear before the membership at the next General Membership meeting; and
- D. If the membership votes to terminate or suspend a member, a notice of decision shall be sent to the affected member. The notice shall include: the decision by membership, a copy of the written findings, and an explanation of the members' rights. The notice shall be mailed by certified mail or electronic equivalent, return receipt requested, to the affected member's last address recorded with the Secretary. The Secretary shall maintain a list of all members previously terminated or suspended.

## **Item 2026-2 - P&P**

### **I. Membership**

#### **I.1 Voting Members**

A. Each voting member must provide the name of the representative and the alternate representative.

B. Each voting member must annually submit the IGBO Renewal Form.

C. Tournament Members must also submit the following information to either the Board of Directors or the Tournament Average Database (TAD) Administrator within 30 days of the completion of the tournament. TAD Link: <http://tad.igbo.org>

- a. List of bowlers and scores, including any additional games played via scratch masters/roll-off event. (refer to TAD Template under “Tournament Directors” on TAD page).
- b. List of bowlers who paid their associate fee at the tournament (complete Columns A-M of the TAD Template and save as a separate document).
- c. The Associate fees collected at the tournament.
- d. The list of Associate and fees should be sent to the IGBO Treasurer.

## **ITEM 2026-3 - Bylaw**

### **Article III. Duties of the Board of Directors, Representatives, and Committees**

3.08 Duties of the League and Tournament Representatives shall be as follows:

- A. Promote the ideals of IGBO,
- B. Publicize and disseminate information regarding IGBO Tournaments to members,
- C. Attend all IGBO General Membership meetings, or arrange for an authorized representative to attend,
- D. Be responsible for the application or renewal of membership,
- E. Be responsible for the notification of changes to the membership voting authority on an annual basis,
- F. Be responsive to requests for assistance from IGBO, and
- ~~G. Resign the position of representative upon taking office on the Board.~~



## **Item 2026-4 - Bylaw**

## **Item 2026-5 - P&P**

### **Type of Change Requested**

Both

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(In 50 characters or less, please provide the subject or focus of this change request. We will use this name as reference in future communications.)

IGBO Membership -Tournaments

### **Current Bylaw/P&P**

(Please enter the page and section number of the Bylaw or P&P and a brief summary of the current language.)

There isn't one.

### **Suggested Change:**

(Briefly enter the Bylaw/P&P change you recommend.)

Effective 1/1/2027 IGBO will require IGBO membership for all bowlers who participate in any of their Member Tournaments.

**Rationale for Change:**

**(Tell us why you believe the change is necessary.)**

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  - A. Appoint or elect a representative and alternate representative who will be authorized to exercise the voting rights of the membership, and
  - B. Pay the membership dues in the amount and by the date defined in the Policies & Procedures.
  - C. Tournament members will require all participants to be a member of IGBO.

## **Item 2026-5 - P&P**

### **I. Membership**

#### **I.1 Voting Members**

- A. Each voting member must provide the name of the representative and the alternate representative.
- B. Each voting member must annually submit the IGBO Renewal Form.
- C. Tournament Members: All participants in IGBO member tournaments must be a member of IGBO by any of the classifications listed in Article 1.02 of the Bylaws.
- D. Tournament Members must also submit the following information to either the Board of Directors or the Tournament Average Database (TAD) Administrator within 30 days of the completion of the tournament. TAD Link: <http://tad.igbo.org>

## **Item 2026-6 - P&P**

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P&P

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Board Spending Limits

### **Current Bylaw/P&P**

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a. Executive Office, e.g., President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These positions have a higher degree of responsibility than the other positions described. They also have: 1) Discretionary spending powers.

### **Suggested Change:**

**(Briefly enter the Bylaw/P&P change you recommend.)**

a. Executive Office, e.g., President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These positions have a higher degree of responsibility than the other positions described. They

also have: 1) Discretionary spending powers of up to \$5000. The entire Executive Committee must approve

b. The entire board has discretionary spending limits not to exceed \$10,000. Full approval by the Board is needed.

**Rationale for Change:**

**(Tell us why you believe the change is necessary.)**

The amounts have never been increased and need to be set in writing.

**Additional Notes or Comments:**

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## **Item 2026-6 - P&P**

### **Article 4. Finances**

#### **4.6 Reimbursement**

##### **A. Authorization not Required – Reasonable and Customary**

1. The degree to which expense reimbursement is authorized varies depending on the duties mandated by the position held and whether it is reasonable and customary in the performance of the duties.
  - a. Executive Office, e.g., President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These positions have a higher degree of responsibility than the other positions described. They also have:
    - 1) Discretionary spending powers. Refer to “Executive Board Discretionary Line Item” in approved budget.
    - 2) Authority to authorize expense reimbursement.
  - b. IGBO Board (Executive, Regional Directors and Director-at-Large) has:
    - 1). Discretionary spending powers. Refer to “IGBO Board Discretionary Line Item” in approved budget.
  - b. Regional Directors have specific expenses that may be reimbursed. Regional Directors do not have:
    - 1) Discretionary spending powers.
    - 2) Authority to authorize expenses reimbursement.
  - c. Members of committees or individuals assigned specific tasks will be notified of the specific instructions for the expense reimbursement by the President directly, or through the Chair of the committee who received the instructions from the President.
2. Reasonable and customary expenses within current allocated budget will be reimbursed.

## **Item 2026-7 - P&P**

### **5. Elections and Representation of Members**

5.1 Election of a member of the Executive Board. A candidate for a position on the executive board shall:

- A. Provide a written statement (a maximum of 500 words or one printed 8.5" x11" page) summarizing their experience, qualifications, and reason(s) for running. The statement may be sent electronically to the secretary up to 45 days before the GMM for inclusion in the representative information package or distributed in hard copy onsite; and
- B. Will be allowed up to three minutes to address the membership before voting. After the candidates' presentations, up to 10 minutes will be allowed for questions and answers.

5.2 Representation by proxy. A member may designate a proxy to vote at a General Membership meeting, as follows:

- A. The member must submit to the Secretary, a Proxy Designation Form before the opening of the meeting. If a proxy is not named or the designated proxy is absent, the proxy is assigned by the Regional Director to a representative from that region, if available.
- B. An individual may represent no more than ~~three (3)~~ **five (5)** members as either representative or proxy.
- C. A proxy authorization expires upon adjournment of the meeting for which the proxy was issued.



## **Item 2026-8 - Bylaw**

### **Type of Change Requested**

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Suspension of IGBO Membership

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of the budget and amendments to an approved budget require a simple majority. F. Selection of a proposal to host an IGBO Conference and Tournament requires a simple majority. G. Removal or censure of a director requires a two-thirds majority. H. Termination or suspension of membership requires a two-thirds majority. I. J. Article II. Termination or suspension of direct associate or lifetime associate requires a two-thirds majority. Any action or motion not listed above requires a simple majority.

**Suggested Change:**

**(Briefly enter the Bylaw/P&P change you recommend.)**

Remove the word suspension

**Rationale for Change:**

**(Tell us why you believe the change is necessary.)**

The Board needs to be able to suspend membership in cases where the league or tournament does not abide by the IGBO clauses on their Membership renewals. The GM can vote on the Removal at the next GMM.

**Additional Notes or Comments:**

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Suspension is necessary to remove benefits from the member for violating membership agreement

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