

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

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National Council Meeting
Las Vegas, NV
July 14, 2015

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT FORM

NOTE: The proposed amendment must be submitted on this form. It may be prepared on a computer or by hand.

Part 1. This is an amendment to the (~~CONSTITUTION~~ / BYLAWS) of the Japanese American Citizens League (ADDING/AMENDING) Article(s) II, Section(s) 2 relating to Chapters in Good Standing

Part 2. ARTICLE(S) II, SECTION(S) 2 of the (~~CONSTITUTION~~ / BYLAWS) of the Japanese American Citizens League is (~~ADDED~~/AMENDED) to read as follows:

SECTION 2. Chapters in Good Standing

The chartered Chapters to be in good standing shall have:

- a. A minimum of twenty-five (25) members unless the Chapter is operating under a special charter grant from the National Board; or a waiver is granted by the National Board.

Note: Strike-through text to indicate any deletions to the current language; underline any new language.

Part 3. ARTICLE(S) _____ SECTION(S) _____ (IS/ARE) renumbered as _____ respectively.

Part 4. This amendment shall become effective (~~IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS ADOPTION~~ / AS OF January 1, 2016).

Part 5. Sponsor: Seattle JAACL
Optional Chapter Name / Youth Rep

Dated: 5/11/15
Month/Date/Year

Sponsor by: Paul Tashima
Printed Name (individual)

E-mail: paultashima@gmail.com

Signed: [Signature]
Signature

Title: Chapter President

Part 6. Moved: PNWDC
Required District Council - National Youth/Student Council - National Board

Dated: 5/12/15
Month/Date/Year

Moved by: Sheldon Arakaki
Printed Name (individual)

E-mail: Sheldon.arakaki@gmail.com

Signed: [Signature]

Title: PNWDC Governor

Part 7. Name the designated contact person authorized to communicate with the Constitution & Bylaws Committee in order to discuss changes:

Person: Bill Tashima E-mail: buber@aol.com

Part 8. Will there be any fiscal impact associated with implementation of this amendment? (YES / NO)
(indicate one)

Part 9. Rationale (Provide a concise explanation of the reasons/background for the proposed change)

1. Amendment provides greater flexibility to permit chapters of less than 25 members by way of a National Board "waiver."

2. A chapter's "good standing" and organizational legitimacy should not be based solely on a threshold membership number. A chapter might also be considered to be in good standing based on its legacy, its engagement, its programs, and its leaders.

3. The National JACL derives wherewithal by virtue of being a National grassroots organization with chapters throughout the US.

4. We have a changing demographic in the JACL. We no longer have the large chapters that we once had. We need to maintain our presence where we can with chapters in good standing who have a voice and a vote on the National Council.

5. We propose neither provision for a target number, nor a time limit for National Board waivers. Our thought was that rather than codify a standard, the National Board would have the flexibility to determine the procedure and criteria for waivers. It is hoped that the National Council will make waiver determinations on a chapter by chapter basis.

