PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BYLAWS

The Kiwanis District of the Pacific Northwest proposes to amend the Kiwanis International Bylaws Article VIII by adding a new Section as per attached:

**Purpose/Intention:** To add the membership status of “Family Membership”

**Effective Date:** September 30, 2021

Amend Article VIII by adding a new Section 7 and re-numbering Sections 7, 8, and 9 to become Sections 8, 9, and 10

**Current wording:** Article VIII Club Members (add new Section 7 per attached)

**Proposed new wording:** Article VIII Club Members (add new Section 7 Family Membership)

The District advocates this amendment for the following reasons:

- This change will provide one more tool for attracting new members.
- This change will provide financial incentive for family members to join Kiwanis Clubs.
- Kiwanis Clubs will benefit by strengthening membership and providing more service.
- It will also benefit Kiwanis by strengthening the promotion of Kiwanis Family and increasing the value of the Kiwanis experience to individual members and their families.
- This change will likely cause a temporary loss in revenues by existing family members who convert to family membership; but will be offset by increased participation over time of new family members joining who are not currently members. The first-year phase in will soften the initial financial impact caused by conversions.

We certify that this proposed amendment was approved by a unanimous vote of our District 2019-2020 Board at a meeting which included a quorum on August 21, 2020.

We also certify that this proposed amendment was approved by a unanimous vote of our District 2020-2021 Board at a meeting which included a quorum on August 21, 2020.

We further certify that this proposed amendment was approved by a unanimous vote of our District House of Delegates at a meeting which included a quorum on August 23, 2020.

We also certify that Roger Bell is authorized to make changes to this proposal, on behalf of the District as may be recommended by Kiwanis International, provided such changes are in keeping with the District’s original intention.

Kiwanis District of the Pacific Northwest

Past Governor Roger Bell  __________________  ____________________________

Governor Melanie Bozak  __________________  ____________________________

District Secretary Ed Luttrell  _____________  ____________________________
ATTACHMENT TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII SECTION 7

ADD NEW:

Section 7. Family Membership Status

a. Family Membership status may be granted by a club to members who have the same shared residence as an active member and who are members of the same club. Each shared residence must include at least one active member who pays full Kiwanis International and District dues (known as the primary member) and may include up to three members with family membership status. The club will be responsible for verifying the legitimacy of the residency requirement.

b. Before clubs may grant Family Membership status their District must first amend its bylaws to also provide a 50 percent discount of district dues and new member enrollment fees for family members.

c. Family Members shall pay 75% of the Kiwanis International and District dues in the 2021-2022 administrative year and 50% thereafter. All other applicable fees remain payable, including insurance, as well as the financial obligations to the member’s club. Family member status shall not apply to any members forming new clubs. After the club is formally organized, members may apply for Family Membership status.

This amendment also requires an amendment to ARTICLE XXI. OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS Sec 4 and 6

Section 4. Each club in the United States and Canada, excluding the French-speaking clubs in Canada, shall make it a condition of membership that each member, except those with family membership status, shall be a subscriber to the official publications of Kiwanis International and shall continue as such while a member. However, if spouses are both members of a club, one spouse may choose not to subscribe. (6/2012)

Section 6. Each club in the United States and Canada, excluding the French-speaking clubs in Canada, shall collect from each of its members, except those with family membership status, the subscription price of the official publications together with the regular membership dues. Such subscription shall be duly entered upon the books of the club in a special subscription account, and the subscriptions for official publications shall be forwarded to the Executive Director of Kiwanis International. However, clubs shall not collect the subscription price from both spouses who are members of a club if one spouse has chosen to not subscribe. (6/2012) (see also interpretations)

This amendment also requires an amendment to ARTICLE XXII. REVENUE Sec 1.

Section 1. Subject to Sections 2 and 3 of this Article, each club shall pay to Kiwanis International for each member, with the exception of those holding life member status, the sum of fifty-two dollars (US $52) per annum. However, members holding family member status shall pay dues as provided in Article VIII. Such sum shall be based on each club’s annual membership report as of September 30 of each year and shall be due annually on October 1 and payable by November 30. (6/2015)