

Constitutional review committee's proposed amendments for June / July / August 2021

Proposal #1:	Remove the responsibility of recommending “new additional music for the singers from the Club President and assign to the Chorus President.”
Current:	
ARTICLE VII Duties of Officers	
<i>Sec. 1 The President should be able to speak German and must be an Active Member. He shall have served successfully in an elected office prior to being a candidate for President. He shall preside over all regular and special meetings and preserve order. He shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie. He or the Financial Secretary must sign all vouchers for payment before the Treasurer may pay them. He may call a special meeting if the necessity arises or upon request and shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee hereinafter provided for. When new or additional music is necessary for the singers, the President shall recommend the purchase of the same to the Executive Committee who shall place the order for the same.</i>	
Proposed: part A – Remove from the Club President	
ARTICLE VII Duties of Officers	
<i>Sec. 1 The President should be able to speak German and must be an Active Member. He shall have served successfully in an elected office prior to being a candidate for President. He shall preside over all regular and special meetings and preserve order. He shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie. He or the Financial Secretary must sign all vouchers for payment before the Treasurer may pay them. He may call a special meeting if the necessity arises or upon request and shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee hereinafter provided for.</i>	
Proposed: part B – Add to Chorus President	
ARTICLE VII Duties of Officers	
<i>Sec. 5 The Chorus President shall be an Active Singer. He should be knowledgeable of German music and keep a record of the music and musical instruments of the Society and maintain same. He shall chair the Music Committee and prepare the schedule of music events for each concert 7 season. When new or additional music is necessary for the singers, the Chorus President shall recommend the purchase of the same to the Executive Committee who shall place the order for the same.</i>	
Rationale: Consistent with what is actually happening and Club President might not be familiar with music.	

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Proposal #2:	Add a method to address vacancies in elected positions.
Current:	
<p>ARTICLE VII Duties of Officers</p> <p><i>Sec. 1 The President should be able to speak German and must be an Active Member. He shall have served successfully in an elected office prior to being a candidate for President. He shall preside over all regular and special meetings and preserve order. He shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie. He or the Financial Secretary must sign all vouchers for payment before the Treasurer may pay them. He may call a special meeting if the necessity arises or upon request and shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee hereinafter provided for. When new or additional music is necessary for the singers, the President shall recommend the purchase of the same to the Executive Committee who shall place the order for the same.</i></p>	
Proposed: part A	– the section about music would be removed if Proposal #1 is approved.
<p>ARTICLE VII Duties of Officers</p> <p><i>Sec. 1 The President should be able to speak German and must be an Active Member. He shall have served successfully in an elected office prior to being a candidate for President. He shall preside over all regular and special meetings and preserve order. He shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie. He or the Financial Secretary must sign all vouchers for payment before the Treasurer may pay them. He may call a special meeting if the necessity arises or upon request and shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee hereinafter provided for. When new or additional music is necessary for the singers, the President shall recommend the purchase of the same to the Executive Committee who shall place the order for the same.</i></p>	
Proposed: part B	– add a sentence about filling vacancies.
<p>ARTICLE VII Duties of Officers</p> <p><i>Sec. 1 The President should be able to speak German and must be an Active Member. He shall have served successfully in an elected office prior to being a candidate for President. He shall preside over all regular and special meetings and preserve order. He shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie. He or the Financial Secretary must sign all vouchers for payment before the Treasurer may pay them. He may call a special meeting if the necessity arises or upon request and shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee hereinafter provided for. In the event a vacancy occurs for any other elected office, the President may appoint a member in good standing to fill the unexpired term subject to approval of the Executive Committee.</i></p>	
Rationale: To include a written process for filling vacancies.	

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Proposal #3:	Specify that the Director of the Chorus is appointed by the Chorus President.
Current:	
<i>ARTICLE VIII Director of the Chorus Sec. 1 The Director of the Chorus shall be appointed by the President upon consent of the Music Committee. He must be a qualified musician, of both education and experience. He shall direct all rehearsals and shall direct the chorus at all concerts participated in by the Society. During his services to the Society, the Director shall be regarded as an Active Member.</i>	
Proposed:	
<i>ARTICLE VIII Director of the Chorus Sec. 1 The Director of the Chorus shall be appointed by the Chorus President upon consent of the Music Committee. He must be a qualified musician, of both education and experience. He shall direct all rehearsals and shall direct the chorus at all concerts participated in by the Society. During his services to the Society, the Director shall be regarded as an Active Member.</i>	
Rationale: Clarify that the position is appointed by the Chorus President and not by the Liederkrantz President.	

Proposal #4:	Address issue of Dissolution
Current:	LLK would need to be dissolved if Active Singers falls below nine for over one year.
<p>ARTICLE XI Dissolution Sec. I The Society shall remain intact as long as nine Active Singers remain. Should the Active Singer Membership fall below nine, the remaining members shall take action concerning dissolution within one year, unless the Active Singer Membership increases within the said year. Upon the settlement of all debts, the remaining funds of the Society shall be distributed between the Lancaster County Historical Society and appropriate institutions of charity as designated by the remaining Active members.</p>	
Proposed:	<p>Change Active Singers to Active members / Active Membership; LLK would not dissolve unless all Active Members fell below twenty-one.</p>
<p>ARTICLE XI Dissolution Sec. I The Society shall remain intact as long as twenty-one Active Members remain. Should the Active Membership fall below twenty-one, the remaining members shall take action concerning dissolution within one year, unless the Active Membership increases within the said year. Upon the settlement of all debts, the remaining funds of the Society shall be distributed between the Lancaster County Historical Society and appropriate institutions of charity as designated by the remaining Active members.</p>	
<p>Rationale: At the formation of the LLK Constitution there were no other Active groups in existence; only the Chorus (Singers). Since then, there are other groups which were duly recognized and approved to be Active members by the general membership. These groups have proved to be vital for promoting the purpose of the organization and have helped to sustain the club itself. For that reason, the organization may continue to fulfill its purpose even in the event of the Active Singers dwindle. (Aside from this, the pandemic has exposed the vulnerability of relying on only one Active group to continue the existence of the organization).</p>	