

KEY CLUB[®] CONVENTION

2024 HOUSE OF DELEGATES PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

**Standing Rules for the House of Delegates
Key Club International Convention**

- Rule 1: The official language of this convention shall be English.
- Rule 2: Only delegates with official delegate credentials may be present or speak on motions and vote.
- Rule 3: Only delegates may be seated in the area designated for delegates. Access by non-delegates shall be limited to those designated by the director of Key Club International.
- Rule 4: The House of Delegates shall remain open. Delegates shall be allowed to leave and re-enter; however, ballots and/or electronic keypads shall not leave the House.
- Rule 5: Delegates may not leave or enter the House of Delegates while any vote is being taken.
- Rule 6: The maker of a motion shall be entitled to speak first in support of such motion or may immediately yield the floor to another delegate.
- Rule 7: No delegate may speak in debate more than three minutes at a time unless allowed to do so by a majority vote of the delegates.
- Rule 8: No delegate may address the assembly a second time in the same question until all delegates who desire to speak on the topic have spoken.
- Rule 9: Debate shall alternate between those speaking for and those speaking against a motion.
- Rule 10: Microphones shall be designated by number. Speakers for the main motion shall use the odd-numbered microphones, and speakers against the motion shall use the even-numbered microphones. The chair will recognize microphones in rotating order.
- Rule 11: A delegate shall not speak for or against a motion and move to close debate on the same recognition.
- Rule 12: Debate on any proposed resolution or amendment to the Bylaws, including all amendments thereto, shall not exceed 20 minutes.
- Rule 13: A motion to move the previous question shall not be in order until 10 minutes or debate has taken place.
- Rule 14: Any main motion or amendment shall be written in English, signed by the maker, and presented to the director before it is moved.

- Rule 15: A member of the Sergeant-at-Arms Committee shall be positioned at each microphone to relay to the chair priority motions, such as a point of order, a request for information, etc.
- Rule 16: Candidates for the offices of president, Vice President, trustee shall be allowed to address the House of Delegates as set forth: President - 3 minutes; and Vice President and trustee - 1 minute.
- Rule 17: Any of the above rules may be suspended by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote.
- Rule 18: Robert's Rules of Orders Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the Constitution and Bylaws of Key Club International, the Board Policies and these standing rules.
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Text that would be added by the proposed amendment is underlined (underlined), and text that would be deleted is lined out (~~lined out~~).

Example:

Original wording: Each club may hold a program.

Proposed changes: Each club ~~may~~ shall hold ~~a~~ an annual program.

New wording: Each club shall hold an annual program.

Amendment 1:

ARTICLE VI. CLUB OPERATIONS

Section 3. The directors of the club shall be elected from and by the classes they represent at the first meeting of the club following the opening of school ~~in the fall~~ and shall serve for one year or until their successors are duly elected.

Rationale:

Many countries (ex. Brazil, Australia, South Korea) are primarily composed of schools beginning in a season of the year other than fall, such as winter or spring. The proposed change seeks to make this section more logical around the world and help make the bylaws and Key Club International "truly international."

Endorsed by International Board of Trustees

Amendment 2:

Article XXI. Revenue

Section 1. Each Key Club shall pay to Key Club International or its designated fiscal agent annual dues of ~~seven dollars (US\$7)~~ ten dollars (US\$10), ~~being membership dues and subscription to the Key Club International publication~~ for every member, but not including honorary members.

Rationale:

INFLATION: Key Club International is operating at a budgeted deficit of US\$123,405 — meaning it costs more to run the organization than it brings in through membership fees each year. Key Club has cut costs, but rising costs over time have outpaced what we bring in. We need to even the scales.

INSURANCE FEE: Key Club is part of the Kiwanis International family. Next year, Kiwanis International is considering assessing a fee on each Key Club member to help pay for rising insurance costs. This will create a new expense of approximately US\$225,000 per year for Key Club. If a dues increase does not pass, our annual operating deficit could grow to almost US\$350,000.

INVESTMENT: Key Club has savings, which we've been using to cover our budgeted deficit, but that money should be for emergencies, not for daily operations. Increasing dues would allow Key Club to replenish money from savings spent during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Note: If an increase of at least US\$3 passes, a subsidy program will be implemented for members who live in districts outside the United States that have higher economic needs. See the final page of this document for the subsidy policy passed by the International Board this year.

Endorsed by International Board of Trustees

Amendment 3:

Article XXI. Revenue

Section 4. Beginning October 1, 2029, and every four (4) years thereafter, an automatic inflation adjustment (hereafter referred to as “adjustment”) shall be made to the Key Club International dues. The adjustment shall be based on the inflation rate for the prior four-year period and will follow the guidelines stated in the Key Club International Bylaws and Policies.

Rationale:

An incremental increase once every four years that keeps Key Club dues in line with inflation will ensure that Key Club’s funding is more sustainable while also reducing tension around budget discussions. Instead of the House of Delegates approving large increases to ‘catch up’ and make our dues current, adjustments will happen automatically once every four years. Each student should see their dues adjusted once during their time in Key Club at a smaller amount than is proposed this year.

Endorsed by International Board of Trustees

Amendment #4:

ARTICLE VII. DISCIPLINE OF CLUBS

Section 1. Any member club more than 60 days in arrears for any indebtedness shall be considered not in good standing and may have its charter and membership herein suspended or revoked by action of the Key Club International Board, provided that notice of said indebtedness shall have been duly sent ~~by mail~~ by the Key Club International director to the ~~official club address~~ and the sponsoring organization. The Key Club International Board may restore such club to membership in Key Club International upon payment of its indebtedness.

Rationale:

This change allows the director of Key Club International to electronically contact member clubs in question for efficient and timely communication.

Endorsed by International Board of Trustees

Amendment #5:

Article X – Officers

Section 9: Any Key Club International Board Member who is removed from office shall not be eligible to hold or be a candidate for any future Key Club international office. Any Key Club International Board Member who resigns from office may be declared by the Kiwanis Youth Program Board to be ineligible to hold or be a candidate for any future Key Club International office.

Rationale:

This proposed addition to the bylaws ensures integrity and accountability by making sure that individuals who have been removed from office for any reason are held accountable throughout the organization. This proposal also safeguards the integrity and reputation of Key Club International by preventing individuals who have previously demonstrated behavior or performance issues from holding office again. This proposal aligns with best practices of our organization's bylaws.

Endorsed by Mountain View High School Key Club (GA)

Amendment #6:

~~ARTICLE XX. OFFICIAL PUBLICATION (1/15)~~

~~Section 1. The Kiwanis Youth Programs Board of Directors shall have full control of all questions of policy of the official publication. (1/15)~~

~~Section 2. The Key Club International director shall serve as the editor of the official publication. (1/15)~~

~~Section 3. Each club shall collect from each of its members the subscription price of the official publication as part of the regular membership dues.~~

~~Section 4. The official publication shall be published at least two times a year.~~

Rationale:

The official publication, a printed magazine, no longer exists and has been replaced by more frequent Key Club International electronic newsletters.

Endorsed by International Board of Trustees

Policy: Key Club International Dues Relief

Note: This policy was passed by the International Board of Trustees on June 4, 2024 and the International Council was given 30 days to review in accordance with the bylaws. Assuming no changes from the I-Council, this policy is in effect as presented here as of July 4, 2024 and will be implemented immediately should a dues increase of at least \$3 be approved during the 2024 Key Club International Convention. This policy was passed in advance of convention to demonstrate the organization's commitment to the subsidy program.

Policy language

If a dues increase of at least US\$3 passes at the International Convention in July 2024 to begin with the 2024-25 service year, Key Club International will offer the opportunity for **Districts to request dues relief to members who are in countries with a Gross National Income of US\$35,000 or less a year as reported by the [World Bank GNI Atlas Method annual report](#)**. The total dues relief amount will be determined during the budget process annually.

The process to request the subsidy is as follows:

1. June 15, 2024- Applications available, however dues relief only available pending House of Delegates action.
2. July 15, 2024- Application due to Key Club International staff.
3. July 22, 2024- Decisions regarding relief application communicated.
4. July 23-August 30- Member Update Center updated and subsidized rate applied.
5. Sept 1- 2024- MUC opens for new year.

The request is good for one year only, each year districts/clubs would need to reapply.

The application will collect the following information:

- Date
- District Name
- District Administrator Name
- DA contact: Cell phone, email and mailing address
- Reason for requesting dues relief
- Signature line