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2026 HOUSE OF DELEGATES  

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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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#### KEY

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.

**ARTICLE XIII. INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL, SECTION 6**

Section 6. The Key Club International Board shall provide written minutes of all official meetings of the Key Club International Board, including in-person meetings and virtual meetings, to the members of the international council within two weeks following approval of the minutes of the Board, upon the conclusion of such meeting. Such minutes may include appropriate redactions for confidential, sensitive, personnel-related, or legally protected information, as determined by the Key Club International director.

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**Submitted by:** William Ellard

**District:** Alabama (D01)

**Who endorsed this amendment proposal?** District

**Describe the rationale behind this proposed change.**

Thirty-three District Governors are elected at their District Convention to not only serve as the chief executive but also represent their district on the Key Club International Council.

Rationale: The Key Club international board works throughout the year to create and promote initiatives that seek to better Key Club as a whole. In the past, Governors have been enabled to give input on the initiatives. However, governors broadly agree that access to meeting minutes would enable us to provide proactive, informed input to strengthen Key Club policies.

Amendment #2

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**ARTICLE XVII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS, SECTION 5**

**Section 5.** A district shall endorse no more than one candidate for the office of president or vice president and ~~two candidates~~ one candidate for the office of trustee.

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**Submitted by:** Abi Lee

**District:** New Jersey (D18)

**Who endorsed this amendment proposal?** District

**Describe the rationale behind this proposed change.**

The intention is to increase diversity and equity in districts and among candidates, and to prevent larger districts from monopolizing representation.

**ARTICLE XVII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS, SECTION 7**

**Section 7**

- D. Upon completion of the organization as above outlined, the conference shall proceed to select candidates for the offices of president, vice president and trustees of Key Club International to be submitted to the convention in the following provisions:
1. Each district shall submit the percentages obtained at the conclusion of its caucus. Percentage points will be totaled from all districts by the Committee on Elections. (10/25)
  2. From the nominations made by the convention, the conference shall select two candidates for each of the offices of president and vice president, as its recommendations for submission to the convention for voting. No person shall be submitted to the conference as a candidate for any office without the consent of such person being first obtained.
  3. The conference shall next proceed to the consideration of candidates for the office of Trustee. The number so selected shall not be less than the number to be elected plus one and not more than the number to be elected plus three. ~~If the nominating conference so desires, these selections of trustee candidates to be submitted to the House of Delegates may include either none or both of the presidential and vice presidential candidates previously selected by the nominating conference, or both of either the presidential or the vice presidential candidates previously selected by the nominating conference. Hence, these dually nominated candidates' names shall appear on the ballot twice. The conference shall determine the number of candidates to be selected by it and submitted to the convention, provided, however, the number so selected and submitted shall be in accordance with one of the following options:~~
    - a. ~~In the case that no presidential or vice presidential candidates become dually nominated, the number so selected shall not be less than the number to be elected plus one and not more than the number to be elected plus three; or~~
    - b. ~~In the case that either the presidential or vice presidential candidates become dually nominated, the number so selected and submitted shall not be less than or more than the number to be elected plus three, for a total of 14 nominees; or~~

- ~~c. In the case that all of the presidential and vice presidential candidates become dually nominated, the number so selected and submitted shall not be less than or more than the number to be elected plus five, for a total of 16 nominees.~~
- ~~4. If in the event that the candidates whose names appeared on the ballot more than once received at least a majority of votes in more than one office, the candidate would be elected to the highest office; and thereby forfeit their candidacy for the office of trustee.~~
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**Submitted by:** Abi Lee

**District:** New Jersey (D18)

**Who endorsed this amendment proposal?** District

**Describe the rationale behind this proposed change.**

The president/vice president candidate should not be allowed to run for trustee. If your intention is to run for President or VP, then that should be it, and you should not be dropping down for the sake of being elected to the international board.

While we recognize the need for a formal presentation of candidates at the House of Delegates, the New Jersey district also believes the dual-nomination process is unnecessary and counterproductive.

## **ARTICLE XIX. COMMITTEES**

~~Section 4. Other special committees shall consist of members of Key Clubs and adult advisors appointed by the president and confirmed by the Key Club International Board.~~ Key Club members shall be given the opportunity to apply for service on Key Club International committees. Applications submitted by members shall be reviewed by the international board.

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**Submitted by:** William Ellard

**District:** Alabama (D01)

**Who endorsed this amendment proposal?** District

**Describe the rationale behind this proposed change.**

This amendment creates a standardized process for identifying interested and qualified members for international committee service. It keeps the final review with the International Board while broadening the applicant pool beyond direct presidential appointments.

## **ARTICLE XX. 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. (2024)~~

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**Submitted by:** Jack Slaton

**District:** Kentucky-Tennessee (D10)

**Who endorsed this amendment proposal?** Local Key Club

**Describe the rationale behind this proposed change.**

A dues increase should be imposed only on members of Key Club International when there is a financial need. Inflation does not automatically mean we need to increase dues. Other measures, such as membership growth and improved financial management, can help address the need for a dues increase.

Any increase should be voted on by the present delegates who will be affected, not automatically increased by Key Club International. Automatic international dues increases make it much harder for districts and clubs to increase dues, knowing Key Club International dues will automatically increase. This can also lead to students being priced out of Key Club.

**ARTICLE XXII. MOTTO**

~~Caring: Our Way of Life~~ Serving Our Communities, Shaping Our Leaders

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**Submitted by:** Alabama District Board

**District:** Alabama (D01)

**Who endorsed this amendment proposal?** District

**Describe the rationale behind this proposed change.**

While Key Club International's current motto, "Caring—Our Way of Life," reflects the compassion at the heart of our organization, the proposed motto, "Serving Our Communities, Shaping Our Leaders," more fully communicates what Key Club does and why it matters. Around the world, communities face declining civic involvement, division, and a growing need for young people who know how to serve, lead, speak, listen, and work with others to solve problems.

Key Club is uniquely positioned to meet that need. Too often, students may view Key Club only as a way to earn service hours, but our organization's mission is greater: to perform service, build character, and develop leadership. This motto preserves Key Club's commitment to service while making clear that service is also how we shape civic-minded, servant leaders prepared to leave their schools, communities, nations, and world better than they found them.