

The text in this section of the Bylaws that is in **red** should be deleted. The text in **green** should be added. Text in **blue** has been changed from the original.

- **Article Four**, Delegates, Section 2: Eligibility; Nomination of Delegates

A. ELIGIBILITY

Any Listener **-Sponsor** Member in good standing, except radio station management personnel or Foundation management personnel or staff members, may nominate her/his self or be nominated for the position of Listener **-Sponsor** Delegate for the Foundation radio station with which s/he is affiliated **by another member in good standing of that radio station the signatures of fifteen (15) Listener-Sponsor Members in good standing who are also affiliated with that radio station**, provided, however, that no person who holds any elected or appointed public **office position, even if only advisory**, at any level of government, federal, state, or local, or is a candidate for such office shall be eligible for election to the position of Delegate. A Delegate shall be deemed to have resigned the position of Delegate if s/he becomes a candidate for public office or accepts a political appointment during his or her term as a Delegate. This restriction shall not apply to civil service employment by governmental agencies.

Any Staff Member in good standing may **nominate her/himself** or be nominated for the position of Staff Delegate for the Foundation radio station with which s/he is affiliated **by another Staff Member in good standing of that radio station** provided, however, that no person who holds any elected or appointed public **office position, even if only advisory**, at any level of government, federal, state, or local, or is a candidate for such office shall be eligible for election to the position of Delegate. A Delegate shall be deemed to have resigned the position of Delegate if s/he becomes a candidate for public office or accepts a political appointment, **even if only advisory**, during his or her term as a Delegate. This restriction shall not apply to civil service employment by governmental agencies.

B. NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Each Member seeking to be a nominee shall submit: (1) **his/her self nomination** or the signature of **one** other required **number of nominating signature s** on the form provided by the local elections supervisor; (2) a statement of whether the candidate is running for election as a Listener **-Sponsor** Delegate or a Staff Delegate; (3) a written statement of up to 500 words in length by the candidate introducing himself/herself and his/her interest in, or qualifications for, serving as a Delegate, which statement shall be distributed, or otherwise made available, to the Members entitled to vote along with the written ballot; and (4) a statement acknowledging that s/he has read and understood the "Fair Campaign Provisions" set forth in Section 6 of this Article of the Bylaws. The names of up to five (5) of the candidate's nominators may be listed at the end of a candidate's statement. Each candidate also may, but is not required to, for informational purposes indicate his/her gender and racial or ethnic heritage.

The reasons for changing the number of Signatures:

1) Reducing the number of signatures from 15 to 1 greatly decreases the amount of work the local elections supervisor has to do, thus reducing election costs. At times here at KPFK we have had 60 or more candidates. Multiply that by 15 signatures per candidate. It is very time consuming to verify each signer's membership status. It also adds complexity to the process, such as what does the LES do if a signature isn't legible? Sometimes people sign thinking they are members when, actually, their membership has lapsed. Then the candidate may fall under the required 15 signatures and this causes upset and requires even more time for the LES to resolve.

2) Next, requiring 15 signatures has the intention of ensuring that the candidate is qualified. However, it may discourage potential candidates who don't know other members but still care about their station and are avid listeners, thus depriving the local boards of potentially competent, caring members. As those with 'faction' affiliations have better access to the required 15 signatures, this requirement also supports the continued factionalization of our boards by discouraging people who are not part of one faction or another. It also discourages people from varying geographic areas and of diverse interests, ethnicities, races, etc. who may not be easily able to acquire the needed signatures.

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