



MARCH 2021 – MEMBERS ONLY

USS Indy Legacy Organization: Important Members-Only Business

Hello Legacy Members!

This email is very important to the future of the USS Indianapolis Legacy Organization. Please read to the end, where I will be asking you to vote on a critical change to our bylaws.

Term Limits

As I mentioned in the last 3-Minute Update, the bylaws committee recently identified an issue with our officer term limits. In short, the terms of office as stated in the current bylaws create high, simultaneous officer turnover in future years—often as many as four or five officers in a single year.

While the intent of the founding bylaws was to avoid stagnation in leadership roles, we now realize the need to balance that intent with continuity of leadership. To that end, the bylaws committee is proposing a change that would ensure no more than two officers turn over in any given year.

The bylaws committee is proposing that Legacy amend the bylaws to adopt the following terms of office:

- Chairperson (2 years) – **unchanged**.
- Vice Chairperson (2 years) – **changed from 3 years**.

- Treasurer (3 years) – **changed** from 4 years.
- Secretary (3 years) – **unchanged**.
- Member at Large (3 years) – **changed** from 2 years.

Effective Date

The amended term lengths would take effect immediately and apply to all *future* officers, beginning with those up for election this year—Vice Chair and Secretary.

Also, in order to realign the proposed new terms with those of currently serving officers and immediately reduce officer turnover, we asked our current Member-at-Large, Karen Corby, if she would be willing to serve for one additional year. Karen graciously agreed!

Since Karen is already serving, her additional service would not affect the bylaws per se, but since she was originally elected to a two-year term, we are asking the membership to approve her term extension. Therefore, a "yes" vote on the proposed amendment would extend Karen's current term by one year, so that the reduction in officer turnover would have immediate effect.

Under the proposed change, all other current officers would serve the terms to which they were originally elected.

And Now for Your Vote

We need your vote on this proposed bylaws amendment!

To vote, [please click here](#), or on the link below. Voting will take you less than a minute, so I'm



asking you to please jump on it now and get it over with!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LegacyBylaws2021>



The deadline to vote is Wednesday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day.



Thank you,

Lynn :-)

Lynn Vincent

Legacy Chair

Honorary Survivor