

March 23rd, 2021

WAI Members,

Thank you to all of you who tuned into our Special Meeting on February 10, 2021 with Attorney Catherine Marrion and the two follow up Informational Sessions that occurred on February 28 and March 7, 2021. We especially appreciate the effort people made to engage in these discussions during the off season via zoom for the first time ever.

If you were not able to participate in these meetings, please check out the videos posted to the [Pleasure Beach YouTube Channel](#) or on the website at: <https://www.pleasurebeachct.org>.

This year, the Bylaws Committee is focusing on the topic of Membership so that the bylaws can provide a framework and guidance for the Association in 2021 and beyond. We all need to understand what rights members have and don't have and how the bylaws can help protect and enhance our membership going forward. Because we have reached the maximum capacity of 200 members, it is now necessary that the bylaws be updated to address new challenges and to clarify the legal implications of outdated language. Our goal is to include you, the membership, in the discussion as we strive to make the rules governing the Association clearer, up to date, and more relevant to our membership. To that end, we recommend the following four (4) amendments in Article II & Article VII:

ARTICLE II - Membership

Section 1. "The 1974 Rule" - The Bylaws Committee recommends deleting this rule since it no longer affects any of our current members.

Section 1. "The 10-Year Rule" - The Bylaws Committee recommends deleting this rule to maintain a local and engaged membership within our Pleasure Beach boundaries.

Section 4, (2) "The Original Boundaries Clause" - The Bylaws Committee recommends deleting the last part of Article II, Section 4, (2) which refers to "original boundaries" in very vague language. The WAI attorney explained that this current language allows the potential for unlimited exceptions to the 200-member maximum.

Section 5 "Change of Assessment Due Dates" - The Bylaws Committee recommends moving the dates when members pay dues and assessments to 2 months earlier in the year. In response to a member suggestion, this revision was then incorporated more appropriately into Article VII - Assessments.

A copy of the proposed amendments as approved by the Board has also been posted to the Pleasure Beach website under *Association -> Governance & Bylaws*.

The meeting will take place on April 24th at 10AM, immediately following the Budget meeting at the Goshen Firehouse. Voting will be allowed electronically, via proxy, or in person. Ballots will become available prior to that date. Thank you in advance for your participation in this process.

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