

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE  
 40th Biennial National Convention  
 National Council Meeting  
 Salt Lake City, UT  
 July 16-20, 2008

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT FORM**

*NOTE: The proposed amendment must be presented utilizing this format. It may be prepared on a computer. It does not need to be typed directly onto this original form.*

**Part 1.** This is an amendment to the (CONSTITUTION / BYLAWS) of the Japanese American Citizens League (ADDING/AMENDING) Article(s) IV, Section(s) 2 relating to \_\_\_\_\_ (underline one)

The individual members shall be organized into chapters of ~~25~~ 10 or more members each

**Part 2.** ARTICLE(S) II, SECTION(S) 2a of the (CONSTITUTION / BYLAWS) of the Japanese American Citizens League is (ADDED/AMENDED) to read as follows:  
 A minimum of ~~twenty-five (25)~~ ten (10) members unless the Chapter is operating under a special charter grant from the National Board;

*Note: ~~Strike through~~ text to indicate any deletions to the current language; underline any new language.*

**Part 3.** ARTICLE(S) \_\_\_\_\_, SECTION(S) \_\_\_\_\_ (IS/ARE) renumbered as \_\_\_\_\_ respectively.

**Part 4.** This amendment shall become effective (IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS ADOPTION / AS OF) July 21, 2008 (State proposed date).

**Part 5.** Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Name / Youth Rep (optional) Month/Date/Year  
 Sponsor by: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please Print) (optional)  
 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (optional)

**Part 6.** Moved: Intermountain District Council Dated: 04/30/2008  
District Council / National Youth Student Council / National Board (required) Month/Date/Year  
 Moved by: Brian Morishita E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please Print) (required)

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Signed:

Brian Morishita  
Signature (required)

Title: IDC Governor

**Part 7.** Indicate the designated contact person who has the authority to communicate with the Constitution & Bylaws Committee in order to discuss changes:

Person: Brian Morishita E-mail: bkm@srv.net

**Part 8.** Will there be any fiscal impact associated with implementation of this amendment? (YES / NO)  
(indicate one)

**Part 9.** Rationale (Provide a concise explanation of the reasons/background for the proposed change)

59 The proposed amendment acknowledges the need for a minimum membership level that a chapter must  
60 adhere to. To maintain voting and representation integrity among the chapters at both the district and  
61 national levels it is essential that some type of minimum chapter membership requirement is retained.  
62 Also, this proposal would not alter the minimum membership requirement of twenty-five (25) members  
63 currently in place for the formation of a new chapter. The benefits of the proposed amendment to reduce  
64 the current chapter minimum membership level from 25 to 10 are as follows.

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66 (1) It mitigates the threat of disenfranchisement and deactivation of the smaller chapters. Because of the  
67 current requirement at least one chapter (Sawtooth) is unable to cast votes or formally express their  
68 chapter opinion during the National Council sessions.

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70 (2) It helps stem the loss of members that would occur should a chapter be deactivated. Without the good  
71 standing status this chapter is in danger of becoming deactivated with the subsequent loss of members.  
72 Given the current membership landscape of our organization it is imperative that we be cognizant of all  
73 situations that might adversely impact our membership causing a reduction to it.

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75 (3) The reduction of the minimum level to 10 places that requirement at a more realistic level. Again, with  
76 the struggles to retain current JACL members and to generate new memberships it is self-defeating to  
77 adhere to requirements that could cause a loss of membership.  
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**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

- ✓ This form must be accompanied by a completed Fiscal Impact Statement when submitted for *formal* review unless you indicate in Part 8 that there will be no fiscal impact.
- ✓ This form cannot be used to propose a bylaw amendment without notice.
- ✓ Please review your completed proposal to ensure that it *strictly* complies with all procedures in the Constitution & Bylaws Committee memo.
- ✓ Please ensure that Parts 5 and 6 of electronic copies conform exactly to any hard copy which is filed. Enter “/s/” on signature lines to signify that the hard copy bears a signature.