CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT FORM

NOTE: The proposed amendment must be submitted on this form. It may be prepared on a computer or by hand.

Part 1. This is an amendment to the (CONSTITUTION / BYLAWS) of the Japanese American Citizens League (ADDING/AMENDING) Article(s) II______, Section(s) 2______ relating to Chapters in Good Standing

Part 2. ARTICLE(S) II______, SECTION(S) 2______ of the (CONSTITUTION / BYLAWS) of the Japanese American Citizens League is (ADDED/AMENDED) to read as follows:

SECTION 2. Chapters in Good Standing

The chartered Chapters to be in good standing shall have:

a. A minimum of twenty-five (25) members unless the Chapter is operating under a special charter grant from the National Board; or a waiver is granted by 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 January 1, 2016 (State proposed date).

Part 5. Sponsor: Seattle JACL Chapter Name / Youth Rep Dated: 5/1/15

Optional

Sponsor by: Paul Tashima Printed Name (individual)

Signed: ___________________________ Signature

E-mail: paultashima@gmail.com

Title: Chapter President


Moved by: Sheldon Arakaki Printed Name (individual)

Signed: ___________________________ Title: PNWDC Governor

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Part 7. Name the designated contact person authorized to communicate with the Constitution & Bylaws Committee in order to discuss changes:

Person: Bill Tashima E-mail: buber@aol.com

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

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

1. Amendment provides greater flexibility to permit chapters of less than 25 members by way of a National Board “waiver.”

2. A chapter’s “good standing” and organizational legitimacy should not be based solely on a threshold membership number. A chapter might also be considered to be in good standing based on its legacy, its engagement, its programs, and its leaders.

3. The National JACL derives wherewithal by virtue of being a National grassroots organization with chapters throughout the US.

4. We have a changing demographic in the JACL. We no longer have the large chapters that we once had. We need to maintain our presence where we can with chapters in good standing who have a voice and a vote on the National Council.

5. We propose neither provision for a target number, nor a time limit for National Board waivers. Our thought was that rather than codify a standard, the National Board would have the flexibility to determine the procedure and criteria for waivers. It is hoped that the National Council will make waiver determinations on a chapter by chapter basis.
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.

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