

Bylaws Committee Minutes
April 23, 2026

1. Call to Order.
5:02pm

2. Roll Call -

Patti Szot – Chair	Sandee Maeda-absent
Jeanette Baysa	Trudie Andrews
Al Yax	Susan Hawkes-5:05pm
Julie Rice	Danae Marin-absent
Lanell Lua	

3. Approval of April 23, 2026 agenda.
Trudie approved the agenda with some additions to new business, Julie seconded, unanimous approval.

4. Review and Approve meeting Minutes for April 9, 2025.
Lanell approved minutes with minor corrections, Jeanette seconded, unanimous approval.

5. Old Business
 - a) Review pro/con statements to proxy representation statement.
Discussed potential pros and cons for Proxy representation. The committee hopes to have it approved to present to the June Membership meeting.
 - b) Review research done on validation of Article XIII Section 2.
Patti sent out material to the members of the Bylaws committee indicating Article XIII Section 2 is invalid because:
 1. Section 2 is stated in the Bylaws that it was “adopted on July 30, 2009”. Our Bylaws then and even at the present time require 2/3 majority vote of at least 600 members to be considered valid and approved changes to the Bylaws. Indicating this portion of the Bylaws is invalid. There is no record on the HPPOA website of minutes of any kind of a committee meeting being held on July 30, 2009.
 2. The original Bylaws to HPPOA was stated in 2001, and this version of the Bylaws does not contain this particular Article.
 3. According to minutes and the motion log of the Membership meeting held on Feb 22, 2009 the Bylaws committee presented to the members Article XIII with 3 sections. Section 1 presented at that time is exactly as seen in the Aug 2025 amended and restated Bylaws. However, Section 2 of this article presented at the Feb 2009 Membership committee is very different from the adopted July 30, 2009 version. This version of Section 2 was approved by 2/3 vote of the membership as required by the Bylaws at that time to move to be voted on by the whole Association to make it valid. Section 3 at this membership is slightly different from the 2010, also making this portion of Article XIII invalid.
 4. There is no mention of a further change to Article XIII, section 2. There are no minutes for the October, 2009 General Membership meeting (the ones on the website are for October 2010), indicating that there was no record of a membership meeting, after this supposed “adoption meeting”, that voted on the altered language.

5. The February 2010 Membership meeting does discuss all the amendments made to the 2001 Bylaws to be reviewed and voted on by that Membership meeting. However, Article XIII had no further changes made, so the motion that was carried at the February 2009 meeting holds.

6. A ballot with amendments was mailed to the entire membership for a vote and it was amended and reinstated on July 22, 2010 with the adopted language.

There was discussion on whether to fight to get this portion of Article XIII invalidated or to work to complete the task of revising it. The pros and cons for each were discussed. Patti made the motion to perform the task of reviewing and amending Article XIII, Section 2, Trudie seconded, 5 approved and 2 abstained (Julie and Suzie). Motion carried.

6. New Business

a. Review initial redrafting of Section 1 of Article X-Committees

Patti handed out a revised portion of Section 1 to members to look over and be ready to discuss at the next meeting.

b. Danae's request for a proxy.

Danae sent a text to all committee members discussing a change in her work schedule that would prevent her from attending the next 5 months of Bylaws committee meetings. She was requesting if her partner could the meeting in her place and vote on issues. Discussion ensued. Trudie made the motion that Danae is more than welcome to remain on the committee and give her input on the issues through emails and texts to the whole committee. Danae's partner is more than welcome to come to meetings as a guest and give her input; however, there are no proxy representation for committee members. If Danae's situation does not change by the June membership meeting, Danae can resign and her partner can request to be a member of the committee. Patti seconded, unanimous vote.

c. Rules everyone agreed upon.

On March 11, 2026 at the Bylaws committee after the Feb General Membership committee where a large number of people signed up, Patti as the newly voted Chair presented 3 rules that all members attending agreed to. One of the issues was to not discuss anything outside the committee meetings that was not voted on or in approved minutes, because things could change. Patti noted that an issue that was discussed at the April 9, 2026 Bylaws committee, but not voted on, concerning starting a Membership meeting committee was present on the website on April, 9th, but when she checked on April 23rd, the listing was gone. Only these minutes, which were only approved at this meeting discussed this issue. It appears that someone on the committee talked about this to individuals outside this meeting (potentially a partner) who discussed with potential Board individuals that then changed the website. There is not solid evidence to indicate a particular member but it was made if done again, this is grounds to remove a person from the committee by a majority vote.

7. Next Meeting

May 14, 2026

8. Adjourn Meeting

Patti made the motion to adjourn, Lanell seconded, unanimous vote.

Patricia Szot prepared minutes as acting Secretary.