



MEMBER VOTING BALLOT

Proposed Bylaw Revisions/Amendments 2020

PLEASE VOTE either "YES" or "NO" for each of three items.

Your VOTE is needed!

We are including a ballot for each member (one vote per household membership) as an insert with the August 2020 issue of *The GLOW*. This option allows for all Glow members to have a voice and vote on these proposed Bylaw amendments and revisions. Your ballot must be postmarked by **Sept 15, 2020** and sent to:

Triantos and Delp, CPA
Attn: Golden Glow
645 S. Main Road
Vineland, NJ 08360

1. Mail-in ballots and Electronic Voting vs Mail-in ballots for Amendments (Bylaw revision)

BACKGROUND Currently the GGCP Bylaws allow voting for amendments to the Bylaws to be voted on at the membership meeting at the annual convention or, at the Board of Directors' (BOD) discretion, via mail-in ballots. The Board is asking the membership to approve an amendment adding the option of electronic voting. If approved, phases of the Glow's new website may include secure, independently verified and confidential electronic voting. The BOD expects electronic voting to promote greater participation. The last Board of Directors' election was decided with only 402 ballots received. Membership at that time was 2,214. Mail-in ballots will continue to be used as well.

CURRENT ARTICLE XVI —DISSOLUTION OF ASSETS

FINAL PARAGRAPH: *Any regular member of the GGCP may request an amendment to the Bylaws by submitting that change in writing to the BOD. The BOD will consider all requests, but all proposed amendments to the Bylaws must be approved by majority vote of the BOD before being submitted to the membership for majority approval. Notice of the intent to amend the Bylaws, along with the proposed Bylaw changes, must be printed in the magazine or sent to all regular members via a special mailing prior to voting by the general membership. The Bylaw changes will normally be voted on at the membership meeting at the annual convention unless the BOD chooses to present the amendment(s) to the membership via mail-in ballots. Each amendment will be voted on separately, and those approved will become effective after the vote is completed.*

PROPOSED CHANGE ARTICLE XVII —AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Any regular member of the GGCP may request an amendment to the Bylaws by submitting that change in writing to the BOD. The BOD will consider all requests, but all proposed amendments to the Bylaws must be approved by majority vote of the BOD before being submitted to the membership for majority approval. Notice of the intent to amend the Bylaws, along with the proposed Bylaw changes, must be printed in the magazine or sent to all regular members via a special mailing prior to voting by the general membership. Each household membership is entitled to one vote. The Bylaw changes will normally be voted on at the membership meeting at the annual convention unless the BOD chooses to present the amendment(s) to the membership via mail-in and electronic ballots. In order to participate in voting, members must turn in his/her vote electronically or may mail a paper ballot to be received by the date set forth in the notice. All voting, whether by electronic means or a paper ballot shall be verified and counted by an independent, qualified third party, who has been approved by majority vote of the BOD. Each amendment will be voted on separately. Approved amendments will become effective upon tabulation and verification of the votes by an official announcement.

VOTE Please check "YES" to approve or check "NO" to disapprove this proposed Bylaw revision.

YES NO

2. Mail-in ballots and Electronic Voting vs Mail-in ballots for BOD elections (Bylaw revision)

BACKGROUND Currently the GGCP Bylaws allow BOD elections to be voted on via a mail-in ballot included in the April issue of *The GLOW*. The Board is asking the membership to approve an amendment adding the option of electronic voting. Future phases of the Glow's new website may include electronic voting if approved. The BOD expects electronic voting to increase participation in the number of votes. The last Board of Director election was decided with only 402 ballots received. Membership at that time was 2,214. Mail-in ballots will continue to be used as well.

CURRENT ARTICLE VII —ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS—

PARAGRAPH E: *The ballots shall be sent to and counted by an outside agency not affiliated with the GGCP, approved by majority vote of the BOD. Applicants shall be notified of the results within ten days of the close of balloting, which shall then be published in the June issue of the magazine. Newly elected directors shall assume their positions upon adjournment of the convention.*

PROPOSED CHANGE

ARTICLE VII —ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS — PARAGRAPH E:

The Board of Directors will be elected by the members each May, with each household membership to be entitled to one vote. Members may vote electronically or may send paper ballots to be verified and counted by an independent, qualified third party, approved by majority vote of the BOD. Applicants shall be notified of the results within ten days of the close of balloting, which shall then be published in the June issue of the magazine. Newly elected directors shall assume their positions upon adjournment of the Convention.

VOTE Please check "YES" to approve or check "NO" to disapprove this proposed Bylaw revision.

YES NO

3. Add Additional Holidays (Bylaw amendment)

BACKGROUND The Board recognizes the popularity of Halloween, Easter, and Patriotic items and realizes many members collect, buy, and sell other holidays in addition to Christmas. The Board's priority is to sustain and grow a healthy organization. The addition of Halloween, Easter, and Patriotic items are expected to increase the Glow's footprint, attract new collectors, and sustain and grow the organization while still maintaining our image as the premier **antique Christmas collectors' group**.

Benefits of the inclusion of Halloween, Easter and Patriotic items are expected to be as follows:

- Increase membership and attract a new segment of collectors to the antique and vintage Christmas and collectible category.
- Give Glow members the opportunity to expand their collecting horizons.
- Increase the number of buyers and sellers at the Glow's annual convention with the introduction of a wider variety of items.
- Attract members from other Halloween, Easter, and Patriotic collector groups who are not able to offer a **financially stable organization, an annual convention, a published full-color magazine, a disciplined Facebook group monitored around the clock, and a mission whose sole purpose is to document the history of their holiday.**
- Increased attendance at The Glow's Annual Convention, allowing us to tap into a higher tier of hotel incentives.

There will be a cautious and phased approach to integrating Halloween, Easter, and the Patriotic holidays. This will include separate Facebook groups, including a separate Facebook Marketplace Group, segregation of Museum Room exhibits at our convention, and a sensitive integration into *The Glow* magazine.

CURRENT ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the GGCP shall be to promote, develop and stimulate interest in the historical and educational background of antique and vintage Christmas items and to arouse interest to the enjoyment of collecting and sharing information about Christmas memorabilia through The GLOW magazine, exhibits and conventions. The GGCP shall apply a sliding 40-year rule to homemade, handmade, produced and manufactured Christmas items. (Sliding 40-year rule is defined as with each new year and each new year thereafter, the acceptable date of items to the GGCP "slides" by one year, for example, in 2014 items made in 1974 and before are acceptable; 2015, 1975 and before is acceptable and so on.)

PROPOSED CHANGE ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the GGCP shall be to promote, develop and stimulate interest in the historical and educational background of antique and vintage Christmas, Halloween, Easter, and Patriotic items and to arouse interest to the enjoyment of collecting and sharing information about Christmas, Halloween, Easter, and Patriotic items through *The GLOW* magazine, exhibits and conventions. The GGCP shall apply a sliding 40-year rule to homemade, handmade, produced, and manufactured Christmas, Halloween, Easter, and Patriotic items. (Sliding 40-year rule is defined as with each new year and each new year thereafter, the acceptable date of items to the GGCP "slides" by one year.) The following chart highlights the application of the sliding 40-year rule.

CALENDAR YEAR	ORNAMENTS & DECORATIONS MUST BE MADE BEFORE
2020	— 1981
2021	— 1982
2022	— 1983
2023	— 1984
2024	— 1985
2025	— 1986

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YES NO

THIS BALLOT MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED.

PLEASE RETURN THIS ORIGINAL BALLOT TO:

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