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## **EMAIL BALLOT BY THE KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**December 10, 2024**

The following email ballot was sent to the 2024-25 Kiwanis International Board on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, with responses due by Wednesday, December 18, 2024. Responses were received from: Katrina J. Baranko, Immediate Past President; Michael Mulhaul, President-elect; Hope Markes, Vice President; Trustees Dennis G. Baugh, Matthew Cantrall, Filip Delanote, Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges, Steven R. Ingram, Gary Jander, Maura Magni, Jackie Sue McFarlin, Jo Schwartz, Scott Sims, Cathy Tutty.

With quorum present, the motion was unanimously approved by the voting members.

## **CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL BYLAW WAIVER REQUEST**

Circle K International President Taylor DiCicco on behalf of the Circle K International Board submitted a request to temporarily waive Article 12 Section 9 of the Circle K International bylaws.

**That the Kiwanis International Board approves the Circle K International request to temporarily waive Article 12 Section 9 of the Circle K International Bylaws requiring the Circle K International Board to immediately fill the vacancy in the trustee position.**

## KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BOARD BALLOT

Issued December 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Circle K International Bylaw Waiver Request

The following request was submitted by Circle K International President Taylor DiCicco on behalf of the Circle K International Board:

Kiwanis International Board,

On behalf of the Circle K International board, I am reaching out to request approval to temporarily waive Article 12 Section 9 of our bylaws. At the November 19, 2024, CKI Board meeting, trustees voted 6-3 to forego filling this current vacancy.

Earlier this month, trustee KC Crusoe resigned from his position effective immediately. This is the second trustee resignation we have had this year. Following the first resignation of trustee Petrecia Morrison, we immediately filled that vacancy with current trustee Srishti Khadilkar.

Our rationale to not fill the vacancy includes multiple factors:

- At the 2024 House of Delegates, CKI modified its bylaws to lower the number of international trustees, that change was ratified by the KI board. Although that amendment will not go into effect until 2025, this provides an opportunity to begin implementing that change now.
- Reducing the number of trustees would modestly cut costs for this administrative year.
- Following the first resignation of trustee Petrecia Morrison, we received **one** application to fill that role (Srishti Khadilkar). We are concerned that we will not have a robust applicant pool at this time in the CKI year. Instead, we prefer to redistribute the districts to current strong trustees rather than risk appointing someone who may not yet be as effective in the role.
- Bringing a new trustee on board would require CKI President Taylor and CKI Vice President Madison to take on additional work as they would need to train the new trustee on all things CKI and all things related to the role--work that would take them away from the critical task of growth and retention.
- We have already identified three trustees that are willing to take on the three districts that were formerly served by trustee KC Crusoe.

For these reasons, we hope that you will consider our request to approve our decision. Should you have any questions, please feel free to email CKI President Taylor at [president@circlek.org](mailto:president@circlek.org). We appreciate your time and consideration.

Taylor DiCicco

2024-2025 CKI International President

## **ARTICLE 12. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **Section 9. Vacancy in Office of Trustee or Vice-President.**

In the event of a vacancy in one of the offices of trustees or the office of vice-president between conventions and before April 1, the CKI Board of Trustees shall elect an active member in good standing of a club within a district as soon as possible after the creation of the vacancy, to serve in that capacity for the unexpired term. In the event a vacancy occurs after April 1, the CKI Board of Trustees may vote to leave the office vacant until the next succeeding convention of Circle K International or International Council meeting should an International Convention not be held that year.

TO REGISTER YOUR VOTE, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND HIT SUBMIT NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 18, 2024. (There is no need to email any response to K.I.)

**RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BOARD APPROVES THE CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE ARTICLE 12 SECTION 9 OF THE CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL BYLAWS REQUIRING THE CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL BOARD TO IMMEDIATELY FILL THE VACANCY IN THE TRUSTEE POSITION.**