

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Proposed TWDC Code of Regulations and Proposed Articles of Incorporation

Will eligibility for membership change at all?

Yes. Residents or those who own a business or property in the neighborhood are still eligible to be voting members. However, employees of neighborhood business, who do not reside in the neighborhood are no longer eligible.

This change increases the influence of neighborhood residents and business owners. It also insures that large corporations, such as box stores, cannot stack the vote against the best wishes and well being of the residents and business owners.

Will the process for becoming a member change?

Slightly. Anyone who lives, owns property or a business in the neighborhood and wishes to become a member may do so. All they need to do is fill out a simple card which verifies their residence or business ownership.

Membership will be valid until the member moves out of the neighborhood or dies.

This will help the office to keep track of membership and verify if a person actually wants to be a member, rather than keeping folks on the rolls who don't have an interest.

Membership cards will be mailed, available through block clubs, local organizations and businesses or by calling or stopping by the TWDC office.

Why is TWDC recommending moving the Annual Meeting from January to May?

COLD!

January in Cleveland can be miserable, dark and downright Arctic. The month of May will be a much more pleasant time to meet. It will also be easier for members to attend if they don't have to navigate mountains of snow and hobble along sidewalks of ice.

What is the purpose of the proposed second membership meeting each year?

This meeting will be informational and social. The meeting will be a way for members hear about the activities, programs and special projects TWDC is engaged in and catch up with one another.

Will any member be able to sit on TWDC committees?

All the committees (except the Executive Committee) may have non board members. Any members wishing to sit on a committee may do so by committing to the time, work and conduct required to accomplish the committee's goals.

Members interested can contact the committee chair, the TWDC office or a board member.

Why is TWDC recommending changes to the Articles of Incorporation?

The By-Law Committee found that the current language is out-of-date and obsolete and do not reflect the current IRS regulations for governing documents for non-profits. Therefore the committee is recommending the enclosed updated version.