

## PROPOSED SPNW BYLAWS CHANGES - 2025

Proposed new wording in red.

### V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Add paragraph:

- #1** **The Board of Directors, when meeting together with two or more representative Regional Helpers, shall be known as the Regional Council.**

**Rationale:** Integrated governance inclusive and non-hierarchical model.

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- #2** V-A. MEMBERS — The members of the Regional Board of Directors shall be the current officers of the Corporation (Chairperson, **Co-Chair or** Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer), the current Chairperson or **Center** delegate **of each current Center**, and ~~one~~ **up to (5)** representatives for regional members not at Centers.

**Rationale:** More representative governance reflecting regional membership.

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- #3** 3c. **Proceeds of Sale** — If a regional property is sold, the proceeds shall be distributed in the following manner:
1. repayment of all mortgages and/or lines of credit associated with that property;
  2. repayment of all loans from Subud USA trust fund associated with that property;
    - iii. repayment of all private loans, debts or liens against the property;
  1. any grants from the Regional Housing fund shall be returned to the region;
  2. the residual shall be held in reserve for a period of five years in the Regional Housing Fund for the use of that center in obtaining another regional house **unless the members of the center approve by a majority vote to release the funds for other use**. After five years, the money will become part of the general regional housing fund unless that center requests and the board approves an extension of the deadline.

**Rationale:** Allow release of sale funds for maintenance of existing properties.

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### VI-F. REGIONAL HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE

- #4** The Board of Directors of the Subud Pacific Northwest Region shall **may** establish a Regional Housing Subcommittee to oversee property management in the region. This subcommittee is accountable to the Board and reports directly to the Regional Committee and the Board of the Region. This subcommittee will consist of three to five Subud member volunteers with expertise in the area of financial management, real estate law, property management, real estate transactions, and other appropriate areas of expertise. Each member will serve terms of three years, with overlapping terms so that at least one- third of the subcommittee is replaced annually, though any one member may serve up to three consecutive terms. These members will be chosen by the Regional Committee and confirmed by a majority vote of the Regional Board of Directors. Travel and expenses shall be approved by the Regional Chair. A line item for the Regional Housing Subcommittee will be in the regional budget for reasonable expenses in the performance of their duties, including the hiring of outside expertise where appropriate.

**Rationale:** Remove *requirement* to form this separate committee to manage Housing Fund