

Initiating a Petition

An AAW member wishing to initiate a petition should download the official Member-Initiated Petition form from the AAW website, accessible in the Members Only area. Complete the Member-Initiated Petition form with a clear and concise statement of the issue, including any arguments supporting the issue to be presented for a vote. Attach additional documentation if necessary.

For general issues collect signatures from at least 5% of the general members with voting rights. For the removal of a Director or changes to the AAW's Bylaws, or other governing provisions, collect signatures from at least 10% of the general members with voting rights.

Signatures must be collected within a three-month period from the date the petition is initiated. Each signature must include the date signed and the AAW member number. Signatures must be on a page that clearly states the issue being petitioned.

Submit the signed petition, with supporting signatures, to the AAW's main office in Saint Paul, MN. The petition is considered officially received on the date it arrives at the office via mail or email.

Petition Verification, Member Notice and Voting

Upon receipt of a petition, the Board will review the submission. Within 30 days of receipt, the Board and AAW Staff will verify and count the signatures and will prepare a written notice to be sent to all members, that includes:

- An outline of the issue to be considered.
- A discussion about the item in the petition and copy of the petition without signatures.
- A ballot for members to vote for or against the question presented.
- Clear directions for voting members to cast electronic ballot. Ballots will be due 20 days from Member Notice.
- Link and instructions to a members-only discussion forum on the AAW website.

The Notice will be sent via email and posted in the Members Only area of the AAW website. Additional methods may be used as determined by the Board.

Members with voting rights may vote electronically on the AAW website.

All ballots must be received by the due date on the ballot to be counted.

Adoption of the Petition

The petition will pass if a majority of the membership at the end of the vote deadline, vote in favor of the issue. The Board will communicate the results of the membership vote to the membership within ten business days after the vote concludes.

*AAW Bylaws **Section 4.02 Member-Initiated Petition***

MEMBER-INITIATED PETITION

Petition Initiated Date _____ Petitioner Member Number _____

Petitioner Name _____

City, State _____ Petitioner Chapter _____

In the space below present a clear and concise statement of the issue being petitioned for a membership vote. Attach additional documentation if necessary.

Petitioner signatures must be on a page that clearly states the issue being petitioned. Valid signatures need to include the date signed and AAW Member number. Member Number can be found on your profile page after signing in to the AAW website at woodturner.org or by calling the AAW headquarters at 651-484-9094. Use additional forms as needed.

AAW MEMBER #	NAME (PRINT CLEARLY)	SIGNATURE	DATE
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