Article XI- Elections

1. Nomination procedures. At least 120 days before each annual meeting the Chairperson of the Board of Directors will appoint a nominating committee of three or more members. It is the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate at least one (1) member for each vacancy, including any unexpired term vacancy, for which elections are being held, and to determine that the members nominated are agreeable to the placing of their names in nomination and will accept office if elected. The Nominating Committee files its nominations with the Secretary of the Credit Union at least 90 days before the annual meeting, and the Secretary notifies in writing all members eligible to vote at least seventy-five (75) days before the annual meeting that nominations for vacancies may also be made by petition signed by 1% of the members with a minimum of twenty (20) and a maximum of five-hundred (500). The Secretary may use electronic mail to notify members who have opted to receive notices or statements electronically.

The written notice must indicate that the election will not be conducted by ballot and there will be no nominations from the floor when the number of nominees equals the number of positions to be filled. A brief statement of qualifications and biographical data in a form approved by the Board of Directors will be included for each nominee submitted by the Nominating Committee with the written notice to all eligible members. Each nominee by petition must submit a similar statement of qualifications and biographical data with the petition. The written notice must state the closing date for receiving nominations by petition. In all cases, the period for receiving nominations by petition must extend at least thirty (30) days from the date that the petition requirement and the list of Nominating Committee’s nominees are mailed to all members. To be effective, nominations by petition must be accompanied by a signed certificate from the nominee or nominees stating that they are agreeable to nomination and will serve if elected to office. Nominations by petition must be filed with the Secretary of the Credit Union at least forty (40) days before the annual meeting and the Secretary will ensure that nominations by petition, along with those of the Nominating Committee, are posted in a conspicuous place in each Credit Union office at least thirty-five (35) days before the annual meeting.

All nominees shall be qualified members as defined in ARTICLE VI Section 1 and shall be required to have had three years consecutive membership in this Credit Union, which must be continuous up to the date of the member’s election, in order to be eligible for nomination and election as a member of the Board of Directors.

A “qualified voting member” is defined as a person who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years and has been a member of the Credit Union for more than three (3) months and is not in default on any loan or obligation to the Credit Union.

2. Election procedures. All persons nominated by either the Nominating Committee or by petition must be placed before the members. When nominations are closed, the Chairperson appoints the tellers, ballots are distributed, the vote is taken and tallied by the tellers, and the results announced. All elections are determined by plurality vote and will be by ballot except where there is only one nominee for each position to be filled.

If sufficient nominations are made by the nominating committee or by petition to provide at least as many nominees as positions to be filled, nominations cannot be made from the floor. In the event nominations from the floor are permitted and result in more nominees than positions to be filled, when nominations have been closed, the Chairperson appoints the tellers, ballots are distributed, the vote is taken and tallied by the tellers, and the results announced. When the number of nominees equals the number of positions to be filled, the Chairperson may take a voice vote or declare each nominee elected by general consent or acclamation at the annual meeting.

In Accordance with the Westerly Community Credit Union bylaws, a copy of the Article XI Election bylaws is shown.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, 2017.
The closing date for receiving nominations by petition is February 10, 2017.

If you have any questions, please call the WCCU at (401) 596-7000.

Pete Stefanski, Secretary
Dawn Smith
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David Sayles
David has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2007. He currently is a member of the following committees: Board Compensation, Investment, Board Development, Building, Donations, Teacher Grant, and Policy Review. David holds several positions in the community including: Past President of the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Association; and President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, New England Division. He is a graduate of Rhode Island College with Bachelors and Masters Degrees and has retired having served the Rhode Island community as Fire Chief of the Westerly Fire District for 12 years.

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