BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Bylaws Committee conferred on March 19, 2017, with the following members participating: Kathie Davidson, Earlene Cox, Lisa Stenson Desamours, Javette Hines, and Sandi Grannum, Chair.

The Chair advised the members of an error made with the scheduling of our election of officers. We changed the date for the election from May to April to be in alignment with the schedule put forth in the Links 2016-17 National Calendar which indicates that officers are elected in April. Unfortunately, the requirement in our bylaws that candidates for office be presented at least 2 months prior to the vote was overlooked when I confirmed the schedule. In order to be in compliance with National and our bylaws, we must amend our bylaws to allow for the presentation of candidates one (1) month prior to the April elections —at the March meeting. See below:

Current
Art. VI. Officers
Section 1.

Nominees for elected chapter offices must be active, financial members of the chapter who are in good standing. Nominees for elected office must be introduced to the membership at least two (2) months prior to the voting date, following the procedures established by the Nominating Committee.

Proposed Amendment
Section 1.
Nominees for elected chapter offices must be active, financial members of the chapter who are in good standing. Nominees for elected office must be introduced to the membership at least ~~two (2) months~~ one (1) month prior to the voting date, following the procedures established by the Nominating Committee. Rationale: To allow our elections to go forward in April as required by National Calendar. One month is sufficient time to consider the candidates for office.

The members of the Bylaws committed approved this proposed amendment and its presentation to the Chapter at the March meeting. The Chapter would vote on the proposed amendment at the April meeting so that we would be in compliance with National and our bylaws. If passed, the election of officers would then move forward.

Respectfully submitted.

Sandi Grannum
Parliamentarian
March 20, 2017