

Summary of Changes to Chapter 47 By-Laws (rev. 062013)

DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION, NOTES, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS:
General	
Terminology: Fiscal Year changed to Business Year Officers changed to Directors Chairman changed to Chairperson Text reorganization to form Articles V, VI, VII Business year changes to July to June	To be consistent with II format guidelines.
Article III Section 2: Membership	
2.1 Honorary memberships	Specific identities replaced by general statement.
3.1 Charter memberships	Deleted: II Hdqtrs no longer recognizes this status
Article IV Business Year and Dues	
Section 1: Business year from July 1 to June 30	As required by new II Bylaws
Section 2: Dues for Regular Members shall be (a) equal to 6,000 yen as stated in the International Bylaws of Ikebana International	Per II Hdqtr: If using U.S. dollars to pay international dues, the dollar equivalent shall be calculated adopting the “Yen/Dollar Rate for Dues” announced by International Headquarters.
Article V Govt, Duties and Responsibilities	
Section 5: Elected Directors The nine positions, intact, but slightly renamed.	Dropped titles of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th VP in favor of clearly describing their roles: II Liaison Director, Program Director, Membership Director
Section 6. Duties of Committees	To be consistent with II format guidelines, Duties of Committees Chairpersons changed to Duties of Committees.
11 existing Committees reduced to five: Exhibition, Community Outreach, Ways and Means, Nominating and Publications	Reductions were possible by distributing and combining responsibilities amongst the Directors and Committees, with the understanding that participation by Chapter members will be solicited to assist.
Article VII Meetings and Quorums	
Section 1: Program Meetings	Minimum number changed from 7 to 4 meetings per year.
Section 2 : Power of the Annual Meeting Reinstated section per II requirement.	Addendum allows installation officers at the final meeting of the year and presentation of annual budget and plan at the Chapter's first meeting of the year.
Section 4: Quorum	Chapter quorum changed from two-thirds of voting members present to one-fourth of Chapter membership. Proxy voting may be conducted by email and/or in writing.