

CENTERS FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING
Annual Meeting — Proposed Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 3.5 OF THE BYLAWS OF
CENTERS FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING TO REDUCE THE QUORUM REQUIREMENT
FROM SIXTY PERCENT (60%) TO FIFTY-ONE PERCENT (51%) OF CERTIFIED
VOTING DELEGATES

Submitted by:	Rev. Dr. Alice Reid, Spiritual Director Center for Spiritual Living Capistrano Valley
Date Submitted:	June 2, 2026
Governing Document:	CSL Bylaws, Article III, Section 3.5
Type:	Binding Bylaw Amendment — Requires 2/3 Vote of Voting Delegates

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3.5 of the Bylaws of Centers for Spiritual Living currently provides that a quorum for any meeting of the voting delegates is established when sixty percent (60%) of the delegates certified to vote in a meeting are present either electronically or in person; and

WHEREAS, Centers for Spiritual Living conducts its delegate voting digitally, allowing participation without the need for physical presence; and

WHEREAS, despite the accessibility of digital voting, delegate participation rates have repeatedly failed to meet the current 60% quorum threshold, thereby invalidating votes on matters of importance to the Organization and its Member Communities — not due to opposition, but due to non-response; and

WHEREAS, the failure to achieve quorum creates an organizational impasse that does not reflect the will of engaged and participating delegates, undermines the ability of Centers for Spiritual Living to conduct its governance effectively, and is contrary to the Organization's values of accountability, open communication, and continuous improvement as expressed in the Organizational Design Model, Section 6; and

WHEREAS, nonprofit governance best practices widely recognize quorum thresholds of 20% to 51% as sufficient for democratic legitimacy; the current 60% threshold is substantially higher than that employed by the vast majority of comparable Member Communities within the CSL family and the broader nonprofit sector; and

WHEREAS, a quorum of fifty-one percent (51%) still represents a clear majority of the certified voting delegates and thus preserves robust democratic legitimacy and meaningful representation of the Member Communities; and

WHEREAS, this amendment is consistent with the spirit and vision of the Organizational Design Model, which calls for an organization that is effective, participatory, and guided by shared leadership; and

WHEREAS, this proposal has been submitted by Rev. Dr. Alice Reid in accordance with Article XVI, Section 16.1 of the Bylaws, which authorizes any Member Community to propose an amendment to the Bylaws for consideration by the voting delegates at the Annual Meeting.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the voting delegates of Centers for Spiritual Living, duly assembled at the Annual Meeting, hereby approve the following amendment to the Bylaws:

ARTICLE III — ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 3.5. Quorum. — PROPOSED AMENDED TEXT:

"A quorum for a meeting is established when fifty-one percent (51%) of the delegates certified to vote in a meeting are present either electronically or in person."

CURRENT TEXT (to be replaced):

"A quorum for a meeting is established when sixty percent (60%) of the delegates certified to vote in a meeting are present either electronically or in person."

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT

If adopted, this amendment shall take effect immediately upon certification of the vote at the Annual Meeting at which it is approved. No other provisions of the Bylaws, the Organizational Design Model, the Policies & Procedures Manual, or the Affiliation Agreement are affected by this amendment. The separate quorum requirement for meetings of the Leadership Council (Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 8.4) — which requires a majority of the voting Members of the Leadership Council — is not altered by this resolution.

STATEMENT OF RATIONALE

This resolution arises from a practical governance challenge experienced across the Organization. In recent years, important matters put before the voting delegates have failed to be decided — not because delegates voted against them, but because insufficient numbers of delegates participated to meet the current 60% quorum threshold, even with digital voting available.

The consequence is not organizational caution — it is organizational paralysis. The will of engaged delegates goes unrecorded. Engaged delegates are asked to revisit issues they have already taken the time to consider. Issues important to the health and direction of Member Communities remain unresolved. This outcome is inconsistent with the Organizational Design Model's call for "open communication," "accountability and teamwork" (ODM, Section 7), and an organization that is "effective for, and reflective of, a 21st century spiritual movement." (ODM Introduction; .)

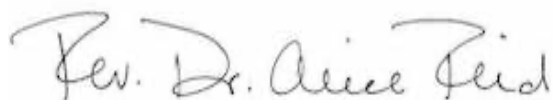
A quorum of 51% — a clear majority — maintains meaningful democratic legitimacy while making it realistically achievable for the Organization to conduct its business. For context, many Member Communities within the CSL family operate with quorum thresholds between 20% and 33%. National nonprofit governance standards similarly recognize majorities far below 60% as sufficient. This amendment lowers only the quorum needed to conduct business and hold a vote; it does not lower the bar for actually passing a resolution — a two-thirds (2/3) supermajority of the voting delegates is still required to amend the Bylaws or the ODM (Bylaws, Article XVI, Section 16.4.1). It simply ensures that the vote of engaged and participating delegates can be registered.

This resolution is offered in the spirit of the Organizational Design Model's vision: an organization that is prayerful, principled, and practical — able to move forward together.

Required Vote to Adopt This Amendment

Pursuant to Article XVI, Section 16.4.1 of the Bylaws, an amendment to the Bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) or greater vote of the voting delegates of the Organization.

Submitted By



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Duly authorized to submit this resolution in accordance with Article XVI, Section 16.1 of the Bylaws of Centers for Spiritual Living.