




Voting Instructions, March 2014

1. Review the attached Articles changes.
2. Fill out the Ballot Certification form, the second page of this document. This will be separated from your ballot in order to certify that you are a member in good standing. (Your member number is on your membership card. If you do not have your card, and do not know your number, send email to membership@theexiles.org)
3. Fill out the ballot by clicking the box next to the candidates you wish to vote for, or fill in a write-in. For the Articles change, click Yes or No. Note that the details of the Articles change are on the last page.
4. Decide how you will submit your ballot:
 - a. *If you will vote online*, do the following:
 - i. Save the ballot file by clicking the Save button () in Acrobat Reader.
 - ii. Remember what you name the file and where it is, and save it.
 - iii. Open your email and compose a new message to membership@theexiles.org
 - iv. Put "Ballot" in the subject field.
 - v. Attach the saved ballot file to the email.
 - vi. Send the email.

If you have any problems with this, either email marilyn@marilynj.com for assistance, or feel free to send the paper ballot, as described below.

Your email must be received by 5pm on Wednesday, March 19th.

- b. *If you will vote by paper ballot*, print out the ballot and mail it to:

The Exiles
PO Box 14338
San Francisco, CA 94114

The ballot must be received no later than Wednesday, March 19th, so be sure you mail it early enough to be received on time.



Ballot Certification, March 2014

This page will be removed from your ballot before the ballot is viewed or counted, to allow anonymity.

Your Member Number:

(required, contact membership@theexiles.org if you don't know it):

YOU MUST ALSO ENTER YOUR MEMBER NUMBER ON THE TOP OF THE BALLOT TO ALLOW FOR HANDLING AT THE PROGRAM.

Your Legal Name

<p>Member Number (will be removed before ballots are reviewed):</p> <p>_____</p>
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Election Ballot, March 2014

OFFICERS

Vote for one person for each office

Co-Coordinator		Treasurer	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in Candidate: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in Candidate: _____
Membership Officer		Recorder	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marilyn	<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in Candidate: _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in Candidate: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/>	None of the Above		

ARTICLES CHANGE:

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p>Any eligible person wishing to join the Exiles may provide proof of membership in a reciprocal organization in lieu of attending the Exiles Orientation.</p> <p><i>(See the next page for details.)</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Proposal for an Articles Change

The item to be voted on is regarding how one becomes a member. Currently everyone must go through the Exiles Orientation. This requirement is there because we want to make sure everyone has the same basic instruction before becoming a member.

The Exiles has the concept of a *Reciprocal Organization*. Our Articles state that “The Exiles may enter into agreements with other organizations through which we recognize each other's members and treat them as our own at our functions. These other organizations must require a safety workshop and issue membership cards.” So we know that someone coming from one of these organizations has gone through a safety orientation. When we grant reciprocity to an organization, we verify that their “safety workshop” has similar content to our orientation.

The argument in favor of approving this amendment is that we have already reviewed and granted reciprocity, so agree that the other organization’s safety workshop is sufficiently like ours to allow their members the privileges of our membership.

The argument opposing this amendment is that we cannot guarantee the material covered is exactly the same, and could change without our knowledge.