

# Proposed amendments to the By-laws (for AGM 2016)

## Part 2 — Membership

### CHANGE FROM:

6 The amount of the first annual membership dues must be determined by the directors and after that the annual membership dues must be determined at the annual general meeting of the society.

### CHANGE TO:

6 The amount of the annual membership fee shall be TWO (\$2.00) DOLLARS, unless otherwise determined at an annual general meeting.

### ADD NEW BYLAW:

10 Any person in the employ of the society may become a member, but shall be a non-voting member.

### ADD NEW BYLAW:

11 Membership shall extend from one annual general meeting until the next annual general meeting the following year.

### CHANGE FROM:

9 All members are in good standing except a member who has failed to pay his or her current annual membership fee, or any other subscription or debt due and owing by the member to the society, and the member is not in good standing so long as the debt remains unpaid.

### CHANGE TO:

9 All members are in good standing except a member who has failed to pay his or her current membership fees, or any debt due owing by the member, or when he/she has been expelled from the society.

## **Part 3 – Meetings of Members**

### **CHANGE FROM:**

14 The first annual general meeting of the society must be held not more than 15 months after the date of incorporation and after that an annual general meeting must be held at least once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the holding of the last preceding annual general meeting.

### **CHANGE TO:**

14 The Annual General Meetings of the society shall be held once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the holding of the last preceding annual general meeting.

(1) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of June each year unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, but not more than 15 months after the previous years' Annual General Meeting.

### **ADD NEW BYLAW:**

15 Members must pay their membership fees at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting to be eligible to vote at the AGM. A registrar of members shall be brought to the AGM.

## **Part 4 — Proceedings at General Meetings**

22 (1) A member in good standing present at a meeting of members is entitled to one vote.

(2) Voting is by show of hands.

(3) Voting by proxy is not permitted.

**ADD: (4) Nominations by members from the floor may not be accepted.**

## **Part 5 — Directors and Officers**

### **CHANGE FROM:**

24 (2) The number of directors must be 5 or a greater number determined from time to time at a general meeting.

### **CHANGE TO:**

24 (2) The number of directors shall be a minimum of 7 and not greater than 9 persons, or as determined from time to time at a general meeting.

**ADD NEW BYLAW:**

25 (3)

The society shall have no more than two members of the same family reside on the board of directors at any time.

**CHANGE FROM:**

28 (1) If a director resigns his or her office or otherwise ceases to hold office, the remaining directors must appoint a member to take the place of the former director.

**CHANGE TO:**

28 (1) If a director resigns his or her office or otherwise ceases to hold office, the remaining directors may appoint a member to take the place of the former director.

**Recommendations by Cindy Fairs, MA (Consultant) – June 17/15**