

RESOLUTION AMENDMENTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING 2023

RESOLUTIONS - Substantive Bylaw Changes

Resolution #1 - Amending Article VII - Board of Directors

Be it resolved that Article VII - Board of Directors Section 2 - Composition, line b) “Six Regional Directors to represent the following designated regions of the Province of Ontario: Eastern, Western, Northern, Central East, Central West and Toronto.” be replaced by “*Five Directors with job-based titles: Director of Future Directions, Director of Communications, Director of Professional Development and Resources, Director of Membership, and Director of Conference and Special Events.*”

Rationale: Due to the changing needs of the board and the increased use of digital communication methods, a role-based model for Directors is better able to meet the needs of the Board and the Association membership. The new roles reflect areas of the Association where more direct responsibility is needed.

Resolution #2 - Amending Article VII - Board of Directors

Be it resolved that Article VII - Board of Directors Section 2 - Composition, line c) “A maximum of three Directors-at-Large according to the needs, for a two year term” be replaced with c) “A maximum of two Directors-at-Large according to the needs of the Association, for a term of up to two years.”

Rationale: Because the new Director roles replacing the Regional Directors are geared towards the ongoing needs of the Association, fewer Directors-at-Large are needed. However, the flexibility of the Director-at-Large positions may be useful as the needs of the Association continue to change.

Resolution #3 - Amending Article VII - Board of Directors

Be it resolved that Article VII - Board of Directors Section 3 - Elections and Appointments, line b) “in odd years, the Eastern, Western, and Northern, Regional Directors shall be elected. and line c) “In the even years, the Central East, Central West, and Toronto, Regional Directors shall be elected” be replaced by “*b) in odd years, the Director of Professional Development and Resources, Director of Membership, and Director of Conference and Special Events will be elected. c) in even years, the Director of Future Directions and Director of Communications will be elected.*”

Rationale: Electing Directors in alternate years helps to spread out the work of elections. Having elections in alternate years enables continuity in the work of the board, while still providing opportunities for members to join the board if they are interested in doing so.

Resolution #4 - Amending Article VII - Board of Directors

Be it resolved that Article VII - Board of Directors Section 4 - Executive Committee, line a) “The Board of Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee consisting of seven members who shall be the: President, Vice-President, Past President, Treasurer, Secretary, one Regional Director and one other member of the Board of Directors.” be replaced with a) *“The Board of Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee consisting of seven members who shall be the: President, Vice-President, Past President, Treasurer, Secretary, and two other Directors selected by the consensus of the board.”*

Rationale: Under the new non-geographical model, there will be no Regional Director, therefore another way of selecting additional executive committee members needs to be put in place. The Regional Director has historically been selected by consensus.

Resolution #5 - Amending Article XIII

Be it resolved that Article XIII - Elections Section 2 - Voting Procedures, line b) “The ballot and biographical material for each candidate for Regional Director_of the Association shall be sent to each member in the candidate’s region by March 1st. Where there is only one nominee for a Regional Director, the nominee shall be declared elected by acclamation.” be replaced with *“Information about candidates wishing to stand for election for a director position will be made available to all members at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Where there is only one nominee for a Director, the nominee shall be declared elected by acclamation.”*

Rationale: There will no longer be Regional Directors based on geographic areas,, which means that all members should be aware of the candidates for director positions. This amendment also updated the bylaws to reflect that our elections happen at the Annual Meeting.

Resolution #6 - Amending Article XIII

Be it resolved that Article XIII - Elections Section 2 - Voting Procedures, line c) “The deadline for the return of ballots shall be established each year, but shall not be later than March 30th” be replaced with *“The deadline for the return of ballots shall be established each year, but shall not be later than 1 week before the General Meeting”*.

Rationale: This amendment also updates the bylaws to reflect that our elections happen at the Annual Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS - Housekeeping

These motions require ½ majority vote.

Resolution #7 - Housekeeping

Be it resolved that a re-formatting of the Bylaws, including headers, footers, spacing, and renumbering of lines and sections be carried out to make the constitution a more polished readable document for the next Annual Meeting and future Association business.

Rationale: The original bylaws were typed in hardcopy and then digitized using WordPerfect. As these documents have been updated and transferred through various new software programs (eg. Word, PDF and Google Docs) the formatting of this document has become inconsistent, occasionally leading to areas of confusion.

Resolution #8 - Housekeeping

Be it resolved that every time the term “Annual General Meeting” appears in the text of the bylaws, “Annual General Meeting” will be replaced with “Annual Meeting”.

Rationale: This change of terms aligns with new ONCA legislation, the meeting is no longer called the Annual General Meeting, or AGM, but is instead called the Annual Meeting.