

## **Notice of Motion**

Be advised that the Chair of the Recreation Nova Scotia (RNS) By-Laws and Resolutions Committee will be bringing a motion forward to the RNS Annual General Meeting, October 22, 2005 to accept the recommendations of the "Committee" and the RNS Board as they pertain to the changes in the By-laws of the Association.

(Recreation Nova Scotia By-laws may be found at: [www.recreationns.ns.ca/recns/by-laws.htm](http://www.recreationns.ns.ca/recns/by-laws.htm))

### **Motion: That By-Law 1 be amended**

*By Law 1 currently reads:*

#### **1. Membership**

##### **1.1 Categories**

###### **1.1.1 Individual Affiliate Membership Category A**

This membership gives individuals who support the value of recreation and the mission of RNS, access to information such as the newsletter, electronic interactive information and volunteer week, inclusion, and recreation resources. This category may attract students, recreation participants, individuals between career paths, and those individuals who want regular contact but not extensive contact or involvement with the Association. Affiliate members do not receive voting rights, nomination privileges for the Board of Directors and RNS Awards Programs or discounts on RNS products or services including discounts for membership with partner agencies (i.e. CPRA).

###### **1.1.2 Individual Full Membership Category A**

This membership gives individuals extensive access to a wider variety of services. Beyond information and resources, individuals may take advantage of additional discount opportunities and participation in a variety of programs. They shall, upon payment of their annual fees, become full members of Recreation Nova Scotia and are entitled to one vote with RNS.

**1.1.3 Student Membership Category A**

This membership gives students extensive access to a wider variety of services and is similar to the individual full member. Beyond information and resources, individuals may take advantage of additional discount opportunities and participation in a variety of programs. They shall, upon payment of their annual fees, become full members of Recreation Nova Scotia and are entitled to one vote with RNS.

**1.1.4 Affiliate Membership Category B**

This membership allows groups access to information such as the newsletter, resources and participation in the lottery program. Group Affiliate members have one representative. Group Affiliate members do not receive voting rights, nomination privileges for the Board of Directors and RNS Awards Programs or discounts on RNS products or services including discounts for membership with partner agencies (i.e. CPRA), and are not eligible for the RNS insurance program.

**1.1.5 Full (Non-Profit) Membership Category B**

This membership allows groups - be they community groups, or municipal, provincial or federal groups, access to all information, networking, and resources, the lottery, plus insurance, voting privileges, discount opportunities, participation in a variety of programs and special advertising rates and opportunities.

**1.1.5.1 Municipal members**

This membership shall be allowed up to the following number of representatives and voting delegates.

<u>Voting Delegates</u>	<u>Population</u>
6	50,000- over
5	15,000- 49,999
4	5,000 - 14,999
3	3,000 - 4,999
2	1- 2,999

Persons representing a municipal unit shall otherwise be afforded full membership privileges. A municipality is eligible for additional voting members by purchasing individual full memberships.

**1.1.5.2 Non profit groups**

Community Groups, provincial associations and agencies that support the purpose and objects of Recreation Nova Scotia shall be eligible for membership as a non-profit group. Non-profit groups will have two representatives with two votes; otherwise full membership privileges.

**1.1.6 Full (Profit) Membership Category B**

This membership will attract those professional affiliations, or commercial

groups, who benefit financially, or profit from relationships and connections with RNS members. In addition to information, resources and interactive electronic communication, full profit members have first opportunities to advertise in RNS publications, special advertising rates and opportunities, and preferred status with conference displays. This category will have one representative with one vote, otherwise full membership privileges.

***Recommendation: By-Law 1 be amended***

**1. Membership**

**1.1 Categories**

**1.1.1 Individual Affiliate Membership Category A**

This membership gives individuals who support the value of recreation and the mission of RNS, access to communication and information services.

**1.1.2 Individual Full Membership Category A**

This membership gives individuals access to a full range of member services including communication and information services; discounts; incentives; nomination privileges; entitlement to one vote with RNS, and CPRA membership at member rate.

**1.1.3 Student Membership Category A**

This membership gives full time and part time students extensive access to the same services provided to the individual full member (1.1.2).

**1.1.4 Affiliate Group Membership Category B**

This membership allows groups and organizations access to communication and information services. Affiliate Group Members have one representative identified for the RNS dbase and communication purposes.

**1.1.5 Full (Group) Membership Category B**

This membership allow organized groups, communities, and organizations access to the full range of member services including communication, and information services; discounts; incentives; nomination privileges; special advertising rates and tradeshow rates. Within this category there shall be two distinct groups:

**1.1.5.1 Municipal:** All persons designated as municipal recreation staff, elected and appointed officials by the municipal unit shall be afforded full RNS membership privileges.

**1.1.5.2 Group:** Community Groups, provincial associations and agencies

shall be afforded full RNS membership privileges. Groups will have two representatives with two votes. Groups interested in accessing the RNS General Liability Program must be “Full Group Members”.

**1.1.6 Full (Profit) Membership Category B**

This membership will attract those professional affiliations, or commercial groups, who benefit financially, or profit from relationships and connections with RNS members. This category will have one representative with one vote, otherwise full membership privileges.

**Rational:** The amendment allows Recreation Nova Scotia flexibility in creating and adding new membership benefits and options to the membership categories throughout the year. Since details on each membership category are embedded in the by laws the Board and Executive Director have to bring any amendments and additions forward to the AGM for approval. As the members representatives the Board would appreciate the ability to improve and enhance membership services and benefits throughout the year, as opportunities present themselves. The Board would ensure they are informed of any changes to membership categories and benefits through the establishment of an Executive Limitation that requires the Executive Director to obtain the approval of the Board for any change to membership categories and the benefits of those categories.