

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.ca)

Motion: That By-Law 6 be amended

By Law 6 currently reads:

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- 6.1.4 Nominations will be accepted from the floor of the AGM with the appropriate mover and seconder. Nominations accepted from the floor will be subject to the Association's nominations screening policy.

6.2 Resolution Committee

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6.3 Monitoring Committee

6.3.1 The Monitoring Committee shall oversee the Board Self Appraisal Process, review the Executive Director Monitoring Schedule , coordinate the review of Board policies, and bring forth reports and recommendations to the Board. A minimum of three members of the Board will serve as the Monitoring Committee with the chairperson being the VP Board Development and the VP Finance being a member of the committee.

6.4 Membership Engagement Committee

6.4.1 The Membership Engagement Committee shall develop and annual membership engagement plan and coordinate the activities of the plan. At a minimum, four members of the Association will serve as the Membership Engagement Committee. A minimum of two RNS non-Board members are to serve on this committee. The Chairperson shall be a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Director shall be ex officio.

Rationale:

As per By Law 7, the RNS Board of Directors may form a Board Committee to address governance policy issues if deemed necessary. In 2002 the Board of Directors formed a **Monitoring Committee** to oversee the Board Self Appraisal process, review the Executive Director Monitoring schedule, coordinate the review of Board policies, and bring forth reports and recommendations to the Board. This committee is currently an adhoc committee of the Board and based on the important function it performs, it is deemed appropriate to receive status as a Standing Committee of the Board .

To be an effective policy governance Board, the linkage to the membership is fundamental. The Board acts in trusteeship for the membership and must contribute whatever legitimate link the organization has with its membership. The Board link with the membership is just as important as the relationship staff have with the membership. A strong link between the membership and the Board is integral to the health of the organization. Through a variety of opportunities to network and communicate with members the Board itself is more knowledgeable and prepared to address issues on behalf of its membership. Therefore it is the opinion of the Board that a **Membership Engagement Committee** should be a standing committee of the Board