

Notice of Motion

Be advised that the Chair of the Recreation Nova Scotia (RNS) By-Laws and Resolutions Committee will be bringing motions forwarded to the RNS Annual General Meeting, November 19, 2010 at 11:30am at the Westin Nova Scotian 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: <http://www.recreationns.ns.ca/bylaws>)

Recommendation: By-Law 1.2 Annual Membership Fees be amended

By-Law 1.2.1 currently reads: *Memberships in all categories are approached and processed by the RNS staff. Membership is based on a twelve month period from the time of joining.*

By-Law 1.2.1 amended will read: *Memberships in all categories are approached and processed by the RNS staff. Membership is based on a twelve month period from April 1 until March 31.*

Rationale: If RNS's fiscal year is to change, this by-law change will simplify renewal process and financially align with budget year.

Recommendation: By-Law 4 Fiscal Year be amended.

By-law 4 currently reads: *The fiscal year of RNS shall be the period from the 1st day of July in any year to the 31st day of June of the next year.*

By-law 4 amended will read: *The fiscal year of RNS shall be the period from the 1st day of April in any year to the 31st day of March of the next year.*

Rationale: Changing the fiscal year will align RNS's financials with the majority of funders' years. Where the AGM is in the fall, an interim report could be given as an update.

Recommendation: By-Law 3.2 Terms of Office be amended.

By-law 3.2 currently reads: *Terms of office for Past President, President, President Elect, and Recording Officer are for a one (1) year term. Vice President Finance and Vice President of Monitoring are for a two year term. Two of the Directors at Large shall serve for two (2) years and two Directors at Large will serve for one year. The Director at Large student representative position is a one year position eligible for re-election one additional year.*

By-law 3.2 amended will read: *Terms of office for Past President, President Elect, and Recording Officer are for a one (1) year term. President, Vice President Finance and Vice President of Monitoring are for a two year term. When the President is serving their first year, there will not be a President Elect. Two of the Directors at Large shall serve for two (2) years and two Directors at Large will serve for one year. The Director at Large student representative position is a one year position eligible for re-election one additional year.*

Rationale: This change will affect the President's term beginning in 2012. Where Presidents have been serving one-year terms, it's taken them a few months to orient themselves to their volunteer position. Past Presidents are leaving their role when they are at their peak performance. In order to best serve the organization and take advantage of their skills acquired, it is being brought forward that they continue in this role for a second year.

Other by-laws that subsequently will be affected:

Recommendation: By-Law 3.1 Board of Directors be amended.

By-law 3.1 currently reads: *The governance of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors, who shall consist of: Past President, President, President Elect, Vice President Finance, Vice President of Monitoring, Recording Officer, one Director at Large student representative, four Directors at Large, Executive Director (ex-officio-non voting). A representative appointed from the Department of Health Promotion and Protection, Physical Activity Sport and Recreation Area, and the Atlantic Regional Representative of the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association will be invited guests to board meetings, acting as liaisons for their respective organizations.*

By-law 3.1 amended will read: *The governance of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors, who shall consist of: President, Past President or President Elect, Vice President Finance, Vice President of Monitoring, Recording Officer, one Director at Large student representative, four Directors at Large, Executive Director (ex-officio-non voting). A representative appointed from the Department of Health Promotion and Protection, Physical Activity Sport and Recreation Area, and the Atlantic Regional Representative of the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association will be invited guests to board meetings, acting as liaisons for their respective organizations.*

Recommendation: By-Law 3.4 Elections and Nominations be amended.

By-law 5.2.1 currently reads: *President Elect, Vice President-Finance, Vice President of Monitoring, Recording Officer, the Student Director at Large and the two (1) year Director at Large positions shall be elected to the office at each Annual General Meeting. The two (2) year Director at Large position shall be elected in alternate years.*

By-law 5.2.1 amended will read: *Vice President-Finance, Vice President of Monitoring, Recording Officer, the Student Director at Large and the two (1) year Director at Large positions shall be elected to the office at each Annual General Meeting. The two (2) year Director at Large positions and the President Elect shall be elected in alternate years.*

Recommendation: By-Law 5.1.1 Nomination Committee be amended.

By-law 5.2.1 currently reads: *Three members of the Association will serve as the nominating committee with the chairperson being the Past President. The purpose of the committee will be to insure the continuity and development of the Board operation through active recruitment of nominations for vacant offices.*

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Recommendation: By-Law 5.2.1 Resolution Committee be amended.

By-law 5.2.1 currently reads: *The Resolution Committee shall carry out a process of debate to identify issues which may result in change within the organization or within the delivery system for recreation in the province. The President Elect shall chair the committee which is to be made up of the Past President and at least one other member in good standing to be appointed by the Chair.*

By-law 5.2.1 amended will read: *The Resolution Committee shall carry out a process of debate to identify issues which may result in change within the organization or within the delivery system for recreation in the province. The Past President or President Elect shall chair the committee which is to be made up of at least two other members in good standing to be appointed by the Chair.*

Recommendation: By-Law 5.3.1 Monitoring Committee be amended.

By-law 5.3.1 currently reads: *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 of Monitoring and the VP Finance and President Elect being members of the committee.*

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