

**Proposed By Law Amendments  
Recreation Nova Scotia  
Notice of Motion for the  
2006 Annual General Meeting**

Be advised that the Chair of the Recreation Nova Scotia (RNS) Resolutions Committee will be bringing a motion forward to the RNS Annual General Meeting, October 28, 2006 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 4 be removed**

**By law 4 currently reads:**

**FEES**

As a requirement of membership in Recreation Nova Scotia, an annual fee must be paid. Any changes to the fee schedule must be approved by the membership at the Annual General Meeting upon a recommendation by the Board of Directors.

**Rational for the motion:** The removal of the by law would allow Recreation Nova Scotia flexibility in pricing new membership benefits and options to the membership categories. Through an Executive Limitation, the RNS Board would have the responsibility to review any recommended fee changes, and approve changes to membership fees.

**Motion: That By-Law 5 be amended**

**By law 5 currently reads:**

**FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of RNS shall be the period from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April in any year to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of the next year.

**By law amended would read**

The fiscal year of RNS shall be the period from the **1<sup>st</sup> day of July** in any year to the **30<sup>st</sup> day of June** of the next year.

**Rational for the motion:**

The Board currently presents the fiscal audit of the previous year to the membership at the AGM which is held every year in conjunction with the Annual Fall Conference. This is the members first opportunity to come together to address the audit with the Board. This event occurs 7 months (beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter) after the end of the fiscal year. The recommended by law change will allow the RNS Board to present the audit to the membership 4 months after the end of the fiscal year, giving the membership an opportunity to address the financial matters of the organization at the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

## **Motion: That By-Law 6.3 be amended**

### **By law 6.3 currently reads:**

- 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.

### **Proposed By law amended would read**

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 and **President Elect** being members of the committee.

**Rational for the motion:** The Board year and the fiscal year are different periods, therefore it is important to engage the current President and incoming President in these functions.

## **Motion: That By-Law 6.1. be amended**

### **By law 6.1 currently reads:**

#### **Nomination Committee**

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.

- 6.1.1** Members may submit nominations for officers and directors to the nominating committee up to 30 days before the annual general meeting.
- 6.1.2** The Committee shall mail out a list of all nominations received, who have passed the nominations screening process, 14 days prior to the AGM.
- 6.1.3** The Committee shall post the list at the beginning of the annual conference/AGM.
- 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.

### **Proposed By law amended would include the following addition**

**6.1.5** Current or previous Association Board members offering for another term in office will again be subject to the Association's nominations screening process.

### **Rationale for the motion:**

Recreation Nova Scotia is obligated to protect our members, partners and participants. Having Board members offering for another term subject to re-screening shows that we have performed our Duty of Care by ensuring that these Board members continue to exemplify reputable qualities and characteristics that make them suitable to continue as, or return as, an RNS Board member.

## **Motion that by law 3.1 be amended**

### **By law 3.1 currently reads**

#### **Board of Directors**

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 Board Development, Recording Officer, one Director at Large student representative, four Directors at Large, Executive Director (ex-officio-non voting). A representative appointed from the Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Division, 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.

### **Proposed By law 3.1 amendment would read**

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 Board Development, 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**, 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.