

Notice of Special General Meeting of the British Columbia Pipers' Association

A Special General Meeting of the British Columbia Pipers' Association (BCPA) will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm at Simon Fraser University, Burnaby Campus, 8888 University Dr, Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6 to discuss and vote on changes to the Association's Bylaws, some of which are required to comply with the new provincial Societies Act.

The meeting will be in Maggie Bentson Centre (MBC) Room 3901 (also called "Pub Undergrounds").

The Maggie Bentson Centre is located directly across Convocation Mall from the SFU Library. Room 3901 is accessible from the Renaissance Coffee shop near the Convocation Mall entrance, down a small flight of stairs beneath the University pub.

At site registration will begin at 1:30 pm.

Pay parking is available on campus. Members are encouraged to park in the pay parking areas of the West Parkade or the East Parking Lot and purchase parking.

<https://www.sfu.ca/content/dam/sfu/parking/Maps/SFU%20Parking%20Map%202018.pdf>

Members attending the Special General Meeting will be reimbursed by BCPA at the meeting for up to 2 hours of their parking charges.

All current members of the BCPA are invited to participate in this Special General Meeting either in person or by registering for remote participation in the Special General Meeting using the following link and then following the instructions in the received email on how to join the meeting on February 2, 2019 after 1:30 pm that day:

Registration URL: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/6116793588132360194>

Training ID: 369-339-020

The business for the meeting is the following motion:

That the Bylaws of the British Columbia Pipers' Association be revised as follows:

1. Revise Bylaw 2.3.1 with regards to Honourary Membership.

Existing Wording:

2.3.1 Honourary Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of an Active Member, except the person shall not be entitled to vote or fill any office in the Association. The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint as an Honourary Member any person whose association with the Association may be considered advantageous or who has rendered special service to the Association. The Board of Directors shall also have the power to appoint the holder of any public appointment or office to be an Honourary Member of the Association during that person's term of appointment or office.

Amended Wording:

2.3.1 The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint as an honorary Member any person whose association with the Association may be considered advantageous or who has rendered special service to the Association. Honorary Membership, however, bestows no rights, privileges, or duties of membership and is not recognized as evidence of membership for any other purposes.

Rationale:

The existing wording provides rights and privileges of Honorary Membership that are equivalent to Life Membership except for the right to vote. The amended wording revises Honorary Membership to that contemporarily expected of an honorary membership.

2. Revise Bylaw 5 with regards to General Meetings

Existing Wording:

5.3 The order of business at a general meeting is as follows:

- 5.3.1 The reading and approval of Minutes of the last previous General Meeting;
- 5.3.2 Report of the President
- 5.3.3 Report of the Treasurer including presenting financial statements for the fiscal year ending immediately before the Annual General Meeting;
- 5.3.4 Other reports
- 5.3.5 Election of the Directors

Amended Wording:

5.3 The order of business at a general meeting is as follows:

- 5.3.1 Elect an individual to chair the meeting, if necessary;
- 5.3.2 Determine that there is a quorum;
- 5.3.3 Approve the agenda;
- 5.3.4 Approve the minutes from the last general meeting;
- 5.3.5 Deal with unfinished business from the last general meeting;

If the meeting is an annual general meeting,

- 5.3.6 Receive the directors' report on the financial statements of the Society for the previous financial year, and the auditor's report, if any, on those statements,
- 5.3.7 Receive any other reports of directors' activities and decisions since the previous annual general meeting,
- 5.3.8 Elect or appoint directors, and
- 5.3.9 Deal with new business, including any matters about which notice has been given to the members in the notice of meeting;
- 5.3.10 Terminate the meeting.

Rationale:

To align the business of general meetings with that indicated in the Societies Act model bylaws.

Existing Wording:

5.5.1 Notice of a general meeting shall be given to the members in accordance with the Act and shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting, and the general nature of the business to be conducted at the meeting.

Amended Wording:

5.5.1 Written notice of the date, time and location of a general meeting and the general nature of the business to be conducted at the meeting shall be sent to every member of the association at least 21 days and not more than 60 days before the meeting. Notice of the date, time and location of any general meetings and the general nature of the business to be conducted at the meeting shall also be posted on the Association's website within the same time frame as the notice sent to members.

Rationale:

To align the timing of notices of general meetings with that indicated in the Societies Act.

New Clause:

5.6 Participation in General Meetings:

An individual who is entitled to participate in a General Meeting of the Association may do so by telephone or other communications medium if all of the persons participating in the meeting, whether by telephone, by other communications medium or in person, are able to communicate with each other.

If one or more members of a society vote at a General Meeting in a manner contemplated by this section, the vote must be conducted in a manner that adequately discloses the intentions of the members.

Rationale:

The Societies Act by default permits remote participation in general meetings as long as certain conditions are met. This addition to the bylaws enumerates those conditions.

3. Revise Bylaw 7 with regards to Directors

Existing Wording:

7.4(2) The Vice-President shall be elected in odd numbered years and for a term of two years. At the Annual General Meeting in 2012, the Vice-President shall be elected for a term of one year.

Amended Wording:

7.4(2) The Vice-President shall be elected in odd numbered years and for a term of two years.

Existing Wording:

7.4(4) The second contingent of Directors (the other half of the other Directors, to a maximum of five) shall be elected in odd numbered years and for a term of two years. At the Annual General Meeting in calendar year 2012, the second contingent of Directors shall be elected for a term of one year.

Amended Wording:

7.4(4) The second contingent of Directors (the other half of the other Directors, to a maximum of five) shall be elected in odd numbered years and for a term of two years.

Rationale:

The removed sentences are obsolete.

4. Revise Bylaw 13 with regards to Alterations

Existing Wording:

13.1 No alteration or amendment to these Bylaws shall be made except by special resolution at a General Meeting of the Association. Notice of any proposed alteration or amendment shall be sent to all members entitled to attend such meeting and to vote at least 14 days before the General Meeting at which the amendment is to be presented. No alterations or amendment to these Bylaws passed at any such meeting shall require confirmation at any subsequent General Meeting of the Association.

Amended Wording:

13.1 No alteration or amendment to these Bylaws shall be made except by special resolution at a General Meeting of the Association. Notice of any proposed alteration or amendment shall be sent to all members entitled to attend such meeting and to vote at least 21 days and not more than 60 days before the General Meeting at which the amendment is to be presented. No alterations or amendment to these Bylaws passed at any such meeting shall require confirmation at any subsequent General Meeting of the Association.

Rationale:

To align the timing of notices of general meetings with that indicated in the Societies Act.