

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion is submitted to the membership for consideration in compliance with Part 8 Amendment of the BOABC Bylaws. The Executive Committee, by Motion at the January 2010 meeting, directed the Vice President for Membership Services to prepare a Notice of Motion to amend the relevant Association Bylaws by: [1] replacing the phrase ‘elected at the annual general meeting’ with ‘chosen by the accepted voting procedure’; and [2] to make any proposed changes to Bylaws and policies to support Secured Electronic Voting.

The Executive Committee also Moved, at the January 2010 Executive Meeting, that the use by the Association of electronic communication with members, including email, be considered to meet the requirement of mail in all cases where it is required by bylaw, or procedure.

Proposed Amendments to Existing Bylaw Provisions

[Changes described in *bold italics* below are needed to introduce a Secured Electronic Voting system to nominate candidates and elect Association officers.]

Motion: To amend relevant Bylaws to replace the phrase “*elected at the annual general meeting*” with the phrase “*chosen by the accepted voting procedure*” and to delete the practice of nominating from the floor at the Annual General Meeting in order to introduce a Secured Electronic Voting system. The changes are as follows:

Part 4, Executive Committee and Other Committees Section 10 - Composition

- (1) A president ***chosen by the accepted voting procedure*** by the Members;
- (2) Three {3} vice presidents ***chosen by the accepted voting procedure*** by the Members;
- (3) Seven {7} to fourteen {14} Directors ***chosen by the accepted voting procedure*** by the Members to represent regions of British Columbia established under section 13 of these bylaws;

Part 4, Section 11 Term of Office

[a] The Executive Committee, except the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Minister’s appointees, shall be ***chosen by the accepted voting procedure*** and shall hold office for two years or until their successors are elected.

[i] The President and one Vice President shall be ***chosen by the accepted voting procedure*** that occurs in the even calendar years and two Vice Presidents shall be ***chosen by the accepted voting procedure*** that occurs in the odd numbered calendar years.

[ii] Directors shall be ***chosen by the accepted voting procedure*** in the following numbers and Calendar years to represent the Regional Zones of the Province:

Part 4, Section 13, Regional Zones

Directors shall be ***chosen by the accepted voting procedure*** in the following numbers respectively to represent the following Regional Zones of the Province:

Part 4, Section 18, Other Committees

[2] The Nominating Committee shall present a full slate of candidates for Officers and Directors for the ensuing term. ~~Candidates may also be nominated from the floor.~~ **The last sentence is to be deleted from Part 4, Section 18 [2] of the Bylaws.**

Purpose of the Motion

The purpose of the amendments to the Bylaws is to support the introduction of a secure electronic, web based voting system as the accepted voting procedure for the selection of the Executive Committee elected officers. Currently, fewer than 100 voting members usually make the selection of Association officers at the AGM. The intention for introducing Secured Electronic Voting is to increase democracy in the election process, especially for Zone Director, by maximizing the participation of all eligible BOABC members as voters and as candidates for elected office. As a result, BOABC membership participation should be enhanced.

The Association has researched a number of electronic voting systems. And the Vice President for Membership Services, Frank Hill, has made presentations to the Executive on how such a model would work. With the adoption of the proposed Bylaw changes [above], the Association will establish policy procedures for the election of the Executive, including a Nominations Period followed by an Elections Period, which will conclude at the Annual General Meeting.

An outline, or model example, of a Secured Electronic Voting system is as follows.

A Nomination Period for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents will take place over 30 days and occurring at least 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The nominees will be brought forward by the Nomination Committee and be posted on the website of the Secured Electronic Voting System and brought forward to the Elections Period.

For Zone Directors, nominations will coincide with the Nomination Period for President and Vice-Presidents. During the Nomination Period, each Zone will put forward a maximum of three names for each vacating Zone Director, for example. If only one member declares a willingness to serve, then that person shall be acclaimed. If two or three members declare a willingness to serve, their names will be carried forward as nominees to the Election Period. If more than three nominees declare, a vote will occur at a Zone meeting at the end of the Nomination period. The names of the three nominees for Zone Director with the most votes, for example, will be brought forward by the Nominations Committee and placed on the website of the Secured Electronic Voting system and will be brought forward to the Elections Period. In the Secured Electronic Voting system, the practice of nominating Zone Directors, or other elected officers from the floor of the AGM, which has often occurred in the past, would not take place.

An Election Period lasting 14 days will be established and close at the AGM. All BOABC members, eligible to vote for President and Vice-Presidents, will vote on-line and have their votes tabulated immediately after the closing of the Election Period. The election of Zone Directors will occur during the same Election Period; however only members eligible to vote from a particular zone may vote for their respective Zone Director. The candidate with the greatest number of votes from members voting in each zone will be elected as a Zone Director.

Current Bylaws describing the Executive Committee Composition, Term of Office and Regional Zone representation for the elected positions of President, Vice President and Zone Director will be retained as described in the Bylaws. However, candidates for any elected office will not be nominated from the floor of the AGM, as this would negate the purpose of the Bylaw amendments. The objective is to broaden the responsibility for choosing candidates and electing officers and to not leave it to just those voting members who are present at the AGM. **Upon agreement to Bylaw amendments, policies and procedures to enact Secured Electronic Voting will be developed, approved and explained to members prior to the 2011 election.**