

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion is submitted to the BOABC membership for consideration in compliance with Part 8 of the BOABC Bylaws:

Existing Bylaw Provision:

Part 2, Section 6, Annual Dues

[1] The annual dues shall be as follows {amended 24/04/07}

[a] Regular and Associate One Members

One hundred and seventy-five dollars [\$175.00] for each year of membership;

[b] Retired Members and Students

Thirty-five [\$35.00] dollars for each year of membership.

[c] Associate Two and Associate Three Members

Two hundred [\$200.00] for each year of membership

Proposed Bylaw Amendment:

[1] The annual dues shall be as follows {amended 26/11/09}

[a] Regular and Associate One Members

Two hundred fifty dollars [\$250.00] for membership starting April 2010;

Three hundred twenty-five dollars [\$325.00] for membership starting April 2011;

Four Hundred dollars [\$400.00] for membership starting April 2012

Purpose of the Motion:

The purpose of the Bylaw amendment is to increase the Membership dues for BOABC Regular and Associate One members \$75.00 per year for 2010, 2011 and 2012. The Notice to amend a BOABC Bylaw must be received by members within at least thirty days prior to a 'Special' or 'Annual General Meeting' where members vote to approve the change. A 75% majority approval of voting members at the meeting is needed. Only Regular and Associate One members have voting privileges for Bylaw approval.

The BOABC Executive Committee endorsed the Bylaw amendment to increase Membership Dues on September 19th, 2009 and agreed to hold a 'Special Meeting' for members to approve the Bylaw change. A 'Special Meeting' will be held starting at 10:15 am on Thursday November 26, 2009 at the BOABC Education Seminar at the Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel, 7571 Westminster Highway Richmond, BC.

The following background information is the reasoning for the increase in BOABC Regular and Associate One membership dues.

In 2007, UBCM terminated the Agreement to provide contracted office and support services to the BOABC. In response, the Association established, equipped and staffed a head office in Richmond, BC. This accomplishment also fulfilled a long-term goal of the Corporate and Business Plan to establish a BOABC stand-alone head office.

In the 2007 Corporate and Business Plan, the BOABC was scheduled to bring forward a Motion to increase the Annual Dues for Regular and Associate One members by \$75.00. However, the Executive Committee decided to defer a dues increase and chose to use the Reserve Funds of the Association to pay for the increase in administration and overhead costs associated with establishing and maintaining a head office. Consequently, there has been a shortfall of approximately \$100,000 in annual operating revenue since 2007.

Membership Dues provide the Association with approximately \$110,000 in annual revenue. The Core Administration costs to the Association, which covers office rent, legal services, bookkeeping and audit fees, liability insurances, IT services, staff salaries and Executive Committee expenses total approximately \$210,000 annually. The annual shortfall of \$100,000 has been met from financial reserves earned from the 2007 “Code Change Seminars”, the 2008 “Green Building Code Seminars” and other revenue-generating services, such as Career Job Posting advertisements. With the decrease in economic activity in BC, cutbacks in seminars and a low rate of return on savings, the BOABC is experiencing declines of approximately \$100,000 a year and into the foreseeable future, primarily because current Membership Dues Revenue does not cover the annual BOABC Core Operating Costs.

The Proposed Bylaw change, to increase Regular and Associate One Annual Membership Dues by \$75.00 per year for the next three years, will bring the Association in balance, where Membership Dues will cover Core Operation costs by 2012. With the increase in dues-revenue over the next three years, the Financial Reserves of the Association will not be depleted and will be preserved at a level that will support the growth of the Association. This is important as the BOABC moves to take on regulatory and liscensing responsibilities for Building Officials in BC, once legislation has been approved.

The final goal of the 2005-2010 Association Corporate and Business Plan is *“to promote and support Provincial legislation to make qualifications for Building Officials mandatory and for the official recognition of the BOABC certification program as the required qualification standard”*. On August 20th 2009, the BC Minister of Housing and Social Development, the Honourable Rich Coleman, wrote to the BOABC President Ron Dickinson stating that: *“I support, in principle, your initiative to improve the standards and certification of building officials and would like you to work with the staff of the Building and Safety Policy Branch as they develop a legislative proposal for my consideration”*.

The Building Officials’ Association of BC will soon be an advocacy, educational and a professional liscensing body. It is important that sufficient revenue from Membership Dues be raised to support existing and new responsibilities.