

## **Backgrounder for change in the bylaws regarding voting procedures**

*Voting Procedures allowed excerpted from the BC Society Act 2016*

Division 3 - Voting

### **Right to Vote**

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- (5) The bylaws of a society may authorize
- (a) indirect or delegate voting, or
  - (b) voting by mail or another means of communication, including by fax, email or other electronic means.
- (6) If the bylaws of a society authorize voting by a method referred to in subsection (5), the bylaws must set out rules respecting how that voting is to occur.

### **Proxies**

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- (1) If permitted by the bylaws of a society, a voting member may appoint a proxy holder.
- (2) An appointment of a proxy holder
- (a) must be in writing and must comply with any other requirements set out in the bylaws,
  - (b) is, unless the bylaws provide otherwise, valid only at the meeting for which the appointment is given or at any adjournment of that meeting, and
  - (c) may be revoked at any time.
- (3) Unless the bylaws provide otherwise, a proxy holder must be a member of the society and may be an individual under the age of 19 years.

### **Current TICA bylaws**

#### **Section 22**

- (1) A member in good standing present at a meeting of members is entitled to one vote.
- (2) A family membership in good standing whose members are present at a meeting of members is entitled to two votes.
- (3) Voting is by show of hands or by secret ballot, if requested.
- (4) Voting by proxy is not permitted.

## **Motion for approval by Special Resolution requiring a 2/3 majority.**

**Motion: delete Section 22 of the TICA bylaws and replace it with the following:**

- (1) A member in good standing is entitled to one vote.
- (2) A family membership in good standing is entitled to two votes.
- (3) Voting is by
  - (i) show of hands or secret ballot, if requested
  - (ii) mail
  - (iii) email or other electronic means
  - (vi) proxy
- (4) Voting rules for using these methods will be determined at the discretion of the board of directors prior to the meeting or voting.
- (5) A member may appoint a proxy holder. An appointment of a proxy holder
  - (i) must be in writing and must comply with any other requirements set out in the bylaws,
  - (ii) is, unless the bylaws provide otherwise, valid only at the meeting for which the appointment is given or at any adjournment of that meeting, and
  - (iii) may be revoked at any time.
- (6) A member may hold no more than three proxy votes.
- (7) A proxy holder must be a member of the society and may be an individual under the age of 19 years.
- (8) Proxies may not be used to establish a quorum.