

2020 WCSC AGM Special Resolution 3

BACKGROUND:

This resolution builds on 2020 WCSC AGM Special Resolution 1, and shall not be put to vote if 2020 WCSC AGM Special Resolution 1 fails the vote.

Definition of the “Regular” membership level from the MEMBERSHIP section, assuming 2020 WCSC AGM Special Resolution 1 passes:

3. The society must offer a “Regular” level of membership, i.e. an annual level of membership for which no additional requirements or restrictions specified outside of these bylaws and the BC Societies Act and Regulations. The fee for the “Regular” membership level shall be determined, from time to time, by the members at a general meeting. Only persons who reside primarily in British Columbia may be eligible for the “Regular” membership level. The society must not call any membership level “Regular” or “Standard” or “Local” if it does not meet this definition or is not to be considered “Regular” by these bylaws.

The current VOTING section of the society’s bylaws reads as follows:

1. Any member who has not withdrawn from membership nor has been suspended nor expelled shall have the right to vote at any general meeting of the society.
2. Such votes can only be made in person or using the teleconferencing software as described above, and not by proxy or otherwise.

WHEREAS:

The board wishes to restrict temporary / visitor / guest members from voting at general meetings to make sure that local members who are paying full membership fees remain in control of the society and its assets.

The actual changes are in the “BE IT RESOLVED THAT” section below. Here is a summary and reasoning for these changes:

- Temporary / visitor / guest members are not paying the full membership fee, and are not a permanent part of the local freeflight community, and so shouldn’t have the right to vote.
- Compare this to e.g. municipal elections where tourists and out-of-towners don’t get to vote even if they visit or commute to work in the municipality.

- However, we are actually more flexible than that. **Any person in British Columbia is still free to choose the “Regular” membership level if they want to participate in voting.**
- The majority of the society’s current members are unaffected by this proposal – **Regular, Student, Youth, and Grouse Full levels are still eligible to vote**, and **Out-of-town annual members are still eligible to vote as long as their membership fee is not cheaper than as the Regular fee.** Currently both are \$40, so out of towners are still eligible to vote.
- The bylaw change only comes into effect when there are at least thirty “Regular” members. We’ve had more than a hundred regulars in recent years, so this is a very low bar to clear. This lower limit is put in place to make sure that if the society gets too small, the voting power will not be concentrated among a small number of members.
- These changes are intended solely to protect the membership and the society. If you have any questions or concerns about these changes, don’t hesitate to contact us ahead of the AGM:
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The society’s bylaws shall be amended to:

I. Replace paragraph 1 of the “VOTING” section with the following, to remove the possibility of “suspension” which is not defined in the bylaws, and to use the definition of “good standing” (introduced in 2020 WCSC AGM Special Resolution 1: “Members in good standing are all current members who are not expelled.”):

1. Any member in good standing shall have the right to vote at any general meeting of the society.

II. Add the following paragraphs to the “VOTING” section to clarify voting eligibility:

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this VOTING section, when the society has at least thirty “Regular” members in good standing (see MEMBERSHIP section for definition of “Regular” membership level), any member on one or more of the Non-voting membership levels (listed below) **DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** at the society’s general meetings **UNLESS** they are also a member of the “Regular” level or any other level that is **NOT** listed as Non-voting.
4. Non-voting membership levels are:
 - Any shorter-than-annual levels of membership (e.g. monthly, weekly, daily)
 - Any site-specific guest levels that are cheaper than the “Regular” level (e.g. Grouse Guest)
 - Any event-specific (e.g. competition) levels of membership

- Any out-of-town / visitor / guest levels of membership that are cheaper than the “Regular” level

III. In paragraph 5 of the “BOARD OF DIRECTORS”, replace “all members in good standing” with “all members eligible to vote at general meetings of the society” to clarify and standardize voter eligibility. The new paragraph 5 now shall read as follows:

5. Any director or officer, upon a majority vote of all members eligible to vote at general meetings of the society, may be removed from office for any cause which the society may deem reasonable.