

“Resolution to amend Pemberton Arts Council Bylaw - Part Two- Membership”

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Board to ensure that the bylaws of the society remain up to date and relevant to our constitution, the following resolution has been put forward to amend Part Two of the societies bylaws in reference to Membership. Whereas the current membership option (as per the amendment in 2019) provides only one category of membership for Individual/Artists Lifelong Members, this amendment would provide four categories of membership. Whereas the current membership is exclusive to artists, the proposed new membership structure would be more inclusive and attract more members from the Pemberton Valley community and such inclusivity would be beneficial when applying for various grants in the future.

The amendment to the bylaw would be as follows;

Part 2 Membership

- 2.1 The members of the Society are the applicants for incorporation and those persons who subsequently become members in accordance with these bylaws and who, in either case, have not ceased to be members.
- 2.2 There are Four (4) categories of members: Individual, Professional, Family, and Honorary.
- 1) An Individual Member is
- a) a person who is 16 years of age or older that supports the purposes of the Society
 - b) pays membership dues or fees.
 - c) receives one vote, and is eligible for Office.
- 2) A Professional Member is
- a) a person who is 16 years of age or older that supports the purposes of the Society and
 - b) identifies as a professional working in arts and culture
 - c) pays membership dues or fees.
 - d) receives one vote, and is eligible for Office.
- 2) A Family Member is
- a) a group of people residing within the same dwelling consisting of up to 2 adults and up to two children or legal guardians who are under the age of 16 of those 2 adults and are financially dependent on the adults, and that supports the purposes of the Society

- b) pays membership dues or fees.
- c) receives one vote from one family member who is 16 years of age or older and is eligible for Office.

3) An Honorary Member is:

- a) an individual, corporation or association that has made an extraordinary contribution to the advancement of arts and culture in Pemberton and/or the surrounding area, to the Society and
- b) is appointed by a resolution of which 75% of the directors then in office are in favour, for life or for a term determined by the Board, or
- c) an individual that received a lifetime individual membership who does not wish to transfer membership to any current membership category
- c) pays no membership dues or fees while an Honorary Member.
- d) receives one vote, and is eligible for Office

2.3 1) An application for membership or renewal of membership must:

- a) be written and in a form approved by the Board,
- b) include the full name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the applicant,
- c) indicate the category of member the applicant wishes to belong to,
- d) provide such other information as the Board may reasonably require,
- e) in the case of a Group Member, appoint an Authorised Representative, which appointment is subject to the approval of the Board, and
- f) includes required annual membership dues, if any.

2.4 The Board may in its sole discretion approve, postpone, or refuse an application for membership.

2.5 An application for membership received after notice of a general meeting is given must be postponed until after that meeting.

2.6 1) The Board must determine the amount of annual membership dues (if any) for all categories of memberships.

2) The Board may reduce or waive a member's dues where it is just and equitable to do so.

3) Except where determined by the Act or the bylaws, the privileges and responsibilities of members of each class must be determined by resolution of the Board.

4) Membership is not transferable.

5) Except Honorary Members, membership must be renewed annually, by a date set by the Board.

- 6) The Society must send a renewal notice to each member in a reasonable time before that member's membership must be renewed.
 - 7) A member that is renewing must comply with bylaw 2.3.
 - 8) A membership may be renewed until the time a general meeting is called to order.
- 2.7 Every member and director must comply with:
- a) the Act,
 - b) the constitution and bylaws,
 - c) policies and regulations enacted by the Board, and
 - d) any rules of order governing the conduct of general meetings and of meetings of the Board.
- 2.8 A member must promptly and in writing notify the Society of any change in the member's name, home address, e-mail address, telephone number, or Authorised Representative.
- 2.9 1) A member ceases to be a member on:
- a) delivering a written resignation to the Society,
 - b) death or, in the case of a member that is incorporated, on dissolution,
 - c) having been a member not in good standing for 30 days, or
 - d) being expelled.
- 2) The Board may by resolution waive the application of bylaw 2.9 (1)(c) where it is just and equitable to do so.
- 2.10 A member becomes a member not in good standing on failing to pay:
- a) a debt due and owing to the Society, or
 - b) annual membership dues by or before the date set for their payment.
- 2.11 1) A member may be expelled by special resolution.
- 2) The notice of a special resolution for expulsion must be accompanied by a brief statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed expulsion.
- 3) A member who is the subject of a proposed special resolution for expulsion must be given an opportunity to be heard at the general meeting before the resolution is put to a vote.
- 2.12 A member may be suspended or expelled by resolution of the Board, provided that:
- a) 75% of the directors then in office are in favour of the resolution,
 - b) the suspension or expulsion is for a substantive failure to comply with the constitution or bylaws, or for conduct prejudicial to the Society, notice of which in either case has been given to the member,
 - c) notice of the resolution is accompanied by a brief statement of the reason or reasons for

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the proposed suspension or expulsion, and
d) the member is given reasonable notice of the resolution, and an opportunity to be heard
before the resolution is voted on.

Now, therefore be it resolved to amend Pemberton Arts Council Bylaw - Part Two- Membership.