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Bylaw Revision Executive Brief

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The following document is intended to highlight any major shifts represented within the Bylaw revision initiative. These changes surfaced from the compilation of feedback circulated by the Policy Committee members as a result of feedback based on several “non-profit best practice” discussions. The list below does not represent every single change made within the Bylaws, but rather highlights the more critical shifts that are important to be aware of as a member of the Board of Directors. While the list below will heighten your overall awareness of the proposed changes, we still encourage everyone to give a full read-through of the entire Bylaw document.

The Bylaws of an organization are a critical governing document intended to outline an organization’s structure, voting rights, power of Directors. It is important to remember that where possible, Bylaws should be clear and concise as more detail-oriented issues should be delineated within the organization “Policy Manual”. Policies and/or rules are easier for an organization to establish and offer more flexibility to change as an organization evolves and faces new and different challenges. We thank everyone for your feedback and commitment to this most important undertaking.

Bylaw Revision Significant/Critical Changes

Article II. Membership

- Section 1. Membership, Item 2, deleted “and/or living outside of Santa Barbara County”.

Article III. Member Meetings and Voting

Section 1. General Membership

- Item 1. Annual Meeting: An annual meeting of the membership of the Corporation shall be held in May of each year for the purpose of OASIS membership information.
- Item 2. Changes the word “voting” to “general.”

Section 3. Voting Procedures; deleted on its entirety.

Article IV. Board of Directors

Section 1. Power and Duties

- Item 3. Added sub-item a. to read: “Approve Bylaws changes”.

Section 2. Elections.

- **Item 1. Changed to read: “Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a three (3) year term by the Board of Directors in May prior to the Annual General Membership Meeting”**



~~3-Item 3. Deleted the following: A nominee may not run if he/she has served for two (2) terms consecutively. The Board shall be elected by direct vote of the general membership at the May meeting of each year. The President, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint three (3) persons to serve on a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will present qualified nominees to the Board prior to the May General Meeting. for each vacancy to membership in the April Tradewinds. Additional nominations may be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting.~~

- Item 5. Deleted sentence “ until the next scheduled General Election”.

Article V. Corporate Structure

Section 7. Executive Director

- Changes the title of the Managing Director to Executive Director and acronym to ED.

Article VI. Committees

Section 3. Standing Committees

- Deletes sentence: ~~The President shall, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors, appoint such additional ad-hoc committees as necessary and convenient to the business of the Corporation.~~

Article VIII – Miscellaneous

Section 1. By Laws Amendments, Item 1. Changed

- ~~The Bylaws changes shall be approved at a special General Membership meeting called by the Board of Directors. This being satisfied, amendments will be brought before the membership at the Annual Meeting for acceptance or rejection by the majority vote of members present at said meeting.~~

Section 6. Amendments to Articles, Item 1, changes as follows “Any amendment of the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by approval of the Board of Directors”. ~~majority of the general membership.~~

Section 8. Certification

- Reflects the current Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,
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