



Manitoba Library Association

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MLA BY-LAW NO. 1

AMENDMENT CONCERNING INTEREST GROUPS, Paragraph 22(b)

RATIONALE: Elimination of Paragraph 22(b), concerning establishment of interest groups as article is not necessary in the by-law. This amendment will enable the Board to establish interest groups as required.

QUESTION:

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Paragraph 22(b) Establishment of Interest Groups</p> <p>The Executive Committee may establish Interest Groups upon written request of at least 10 voting members, if the Committee is satisfied that such a Group is necessary for the purpose of meeting needs of the Corporation and its members that cannot readily be met within the existing structure of the Corporation. Those needs may, without limitation, be related to a type of activity, a type of material, a type of library patron, a social, political or educational issue or a category of worker in the informational sector.</p> <p>The Executive Committee may also discontinue any Interest Group when, in the opinion the Executive Committee, the</p>	<p>Paragraph 22(b) Establishment of Interest Groups</p> <p>The Executive Committee may establish Interest Groups upon written request of at least 10 voting members, if the Committee is satisfied that such a Group is necessary for the purpose of meeting needs of the Corporation and its members that cannot readily be met within the existing structure of the Corporation. Those needs may, without limitation, be related to a type of activity, a type of material, a type of library patron, a social, political or educational issue or a category of worker in the informational sector.</p> <p>The Executive Committee may also discontinue any Interest Group when, in the opinion the Executive Committee, the</p>	

<p>Group no longer best serves the interests of the Corporation.</p> <p>Each Interest Group shall elect from amongst its number a Convenor, who shall hold office for one year or until the next annual general meeting or until replaced.</p> <p>The Convenor of each Interest Group shall be responsible for ensuring that minutes of all the Group's meetings are kept, and that a copy of each set of minutes is sent timely to the President</p> <p>The Executive Committee shall, for each Interest Group, appoint a member of the Board to assist it and to report to the Board with respect to the Group's activities, needs and achievements.</p>	<p>Group no longer best serves the interests of the Corporation.</p> <p>Each Interest Group shall elect from amongst its number a Convenor, who shall hold office for one year or until the next annual general meeting or until replaced.</p> <p>The Convenor of each Interest Group shall be responsible for ensuring that minutes of all the Group's meetings are kept, and that a copy of each set of minutes is sent timely to the President</p> <p>The Executive Committee shall, for each Interest Group, appoint a member of the Board to assist it and to report to the Board with respect to the Group's activities, needs and achievements.</p>	
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AMENDMENT CONCERNING HONORARY, LIFE AND NON-VOTING MEMBERSHIP, PARAGRAPH 32(c), (d), and (e)

RATIONALE:

QUESTION:

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Paragraph 32(c) Honorary Members, (d) Life Members, and (e) Other Non-Voting Members</p> <p>(c) Honorary Members. The voting members may, upon the recommendation of the Board, appoint as a non-voting Honorary Member of the Corporation or of the Board (with or without giving that person an honorary title), any person who is perceived by the Board to have contributed significantly to the development or maintenance of libraries in Manitoba or to have provided exemplary, voluntary service, assistance, funding or other support for the objectives of the Corporation in Manitoba or elsewhere, above and beyond the reasonable expectations of the Corporation or of his or her community. Honorary Members shall be entitled to receive notices of all general meetings, but not to vote.</p> <p>(d) Life Members. The voting members may, upon the recommendation of the</p>	<p>Paragraph 32(c) Honorary Members, (d) Life Members, and (e) Other Non-Voting Members</p> <p>(c) Honorary Members. The voting members may, upon the recommendation of the Board, appoint as a non-voting Honorary Member of the Corporation or of the Board (with or without giving that person an honorary title), any person who is perceived by the Board to have contributed significantly to the development or maintenance of libraries in Manitoba or to have provided exemplary, voluntary service, assistance, funding or other support for the objectives of the Corporation in Manitoba or elsewhere, above and beyond the reasonable expectations of the Corporation or of his or her community. Honorary Members shall be entitled to receive notices of all general meetings, but not to vote.</p> <p>(d) Life Members. The voting members may, upon the recommendation of the</p>	

<p>Board, appoint any individual member to be a Life Member who has, in the view of the Board, satisfied the criteria established under Article 31 as prerequisites for Life Membership. Life Members shall be entitled to receive notices of all general meetings and shall have full voting rights.</p> <p>(e) Other non-voting members. The Board may appoint any other individuals to assist the Board by serving as voluntary, non-voting members of the Corporation, of the Board or of any sub-committee of the Board.</p>	<p>Board, appoint any individual member to be a Life Member who has, in the view of the Board, satisfied the criteria established under Article 31 as prerequisites for Life Membership. Life Members shall be entitled to receive notices of all general meetings and shall have full voting rights.</p> <p>(e) Other non-voting members. The Board may appoint any other individuals to assist the Board by serving as voluntary, non-voting members of the Corporation, of the Board or of any sub-committee of the Board.</p>	
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AMENDMENT CONCERNING TERMINATION, PARAGRAPH 34(a) and (b)

RATIONALE: Unnecessary addition to bylaw in that, concerning (a), a member may resign at any time and, concerning (b), this information is provided elsewhere.

QUESTION:

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Paragraph 34(a) and (b) Termination</p> <p>(a) Membership in the Corporation may be terminated voluntarily by a member giving a written resignation to the Board. Membership in the Corporation may also be terminated at any time by a majority vote of the members of the Board, but only after the member has been advised of any allegations against her and has been given an opportunity to refute those allegations at a meeting of the Board.</p> <p>(b) A director who, without reasonable cause, is absent from three consecutive Board meetings, or is absent from four Board meetings in any fiscal year, shall automatically be deemed to have resigned from the Board, but only after having been notified and given an opportunity to offer the Executive Committee reasons for her absence. The Executive Committee shall be the sole arbiter of the reasonableness of any cause for absence offered by a member in the foregoing context.</p>	<p>Paragraph 34(a) and (b) Termination</p> <p>(a) Membership in the Corporation may be terminated voluntarily by a member giving a written resignation to the Board. Membership in the Corporation may also be terminated at any time by a majority vote of the members of the Board, but only after the member has been advised of any allegations against her and has been given an opportunity to refute those allegations at a meeting of the Board.</p> <p>(b) A director who, without reasonable cause, is absent from three consecutive Board meetings, or is absent from four Board meetings in any fiscal year, shall automatically be deemed to have resigned from the Board, but only after having been notified and given an opportunity to offer the Executive Committee reasons for her absence. The Executive Committee shall be the sole arbiter of the reasonableness of any cause for absence offered by a member in the foregoing context.</p>	<p>Paragraph 34(a) Termination</p> <p>(a) Membership in the Corporation may be terminated at any time by a majority vote of the members of the Board, but only after the member has been advised of any allegations against her and has been given an opportunity to refute those allegations at a meeting of the Board.</p>

AMENDMENT CONCERNING RULES OF ORDER, PARAGRAPH 50

RATIONALE: This allows 2/3 majority to change the rules right on the spot without notice to anyone, to their advantage

QUESTION:

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Paragraph 50 Rules of Order</p> <p>The most current edition of Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of members, the Board and the Executive Committee, unless a majority of at least two-thirds of those present and voting decide otherwise.</p>	<p>Paragraph 50 Rules of Order</p> <p>The rules contained in the most current edition of Roberts' Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the conduct of all meetings of members, the Board and the Executive Committee, unless a majority of at least two-thirds of those present and voting decide otherwise. the proceedings of the Corporation in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Act, by-law, or any other special rules of order the Corporation may adopt.</p>	<p>Paragraph 50 Parliamentary Order</p> <p>The rules contained in the most current edition of Roberts' Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of the Corporation in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Act, by-law, or any other special rules of order the Corporation may adopt.</p>

Note: further, to these amendments the Table of Contents numbering will be adjusted accordingly