



Proposed Bylaw Updates

Context: The current by-laws allow the MLA Board to hire staff, but do not provide them with the authority to co-sign for banking or to enter into contracts. This results in frequent motions to delegate authority (e.g. grant applications, signing conference venue or staff contracts). The MLA Board would like the Executive Director to have this authority embedded in the by-laws.

Having two signatories remains a requirement for all banking (i.e. President, Vice-President, Secretary and/or Treasurer to sign with the Executive Director also as an authorized signatory).

Current	Proposed
<p>24. Staff appointment: The Board may appoint an Executive Assistant (who shall not be a member of the Corporation), upon such basis of remuneration and upon such other terms of employment as the Board may recommend and approve.</p> <p>30. [description of Executive roles]</p> <p>All or any of the foregoing duties may be delegated by the Board to the Executive Assistant, if one has been hired.</p>	<p>24. Staff appointment: The Board may appoint an Executive Director (who shall not be a member of the Corporation), upon such basis of remuneration and upon such other terms of employment as the Board may recommend and approve.</p> <p>30.</p> <p>All or any of the foregoing duties may be delegated by the Board to the Executive Director, if one has been hired.</p>
<p>CHEQUES, DRAFTS AND NOTES</p> <p>49. All cheques, drafts or orders for the payment of money and all notes and acceptances and bills of exchange shall be signed by two members of the Executive Committee and in such manner as the Board may from time to time designate by resolution.</p>	<p>CHEQUES, DRAFTS AND NOTES</p> <p>49. All cheques, drafts or orders for the payment of money and all notes and acceptances and bills of exchange shall be signed by two of the following: members of the Executive Committee, the Executive Director, and in such manner as the</p>

	Board may from time to time designate by resolution.
<p>50. Contracts, documents or instruments in writing requiring the signature of the Corporation may be signed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the President or the Vice-President and one other officer of the Corporation or,b) should both the President and the Vice-President be absent, any two members of the Executive Committee, including the Treasurer if available, after review by the Corporation's legal counsel unless the Executive Committee deems that review unnecessary. <p>All contracts, documents and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the Corporation without any further authorization or formality.</p>	<p>50. Contracts, documents or instruments in writing requiring the signature of the Corporation may be signed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the President or the Vice-President and one other officer of the Corporation or the Executive Director or,b) should both the President and the Vice-President be absent, any two members of the Executive Committee, or one member of the Executive Committee and the Executive Director - including the Treasurer if available - after review by the Corporation's legal counsel unless the Executive Committee deems that review unnecessary. <p>All contracts, documents and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the Corporation without any further authorization or formality.</p>