

By-Law Committee

Minutes for the meeting December 20, 2023

Meeting at 109 East Shore Dr. was called to order 6:35 pm.

Committee Member present – Chairman Robert Kiehm, Jean Cassella, Heather Edelson, Alan Howell.

Absent – Cindy Porriello

Also, in attendance: President Jay Cassella

Section 24 Recording Secretary.

The discussion centered around the current language as to whether or not the secretary is required to take minutes at every committee/association meeting. The committee had previously reviewed this section and agreed that the secretary should not be required to record every committee minute. The current language states “the recording secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the association and the Board of Governors.” The committee reviewed the new language and approved the amendment changes. The by-law changes will be submitted to the BOG for approval and presentation at the annual meeting.

There was a discussion about Section 15-A as to whether a by-law amendment was needed to require all committees to submit written reports after each meeting. It was determined that such a by-law change was not needed since it is already required by state statutes (i.e. FOI).

Section 18 Nominations

The committee reviewed a By-Law change submission by Brian Polak.

Background: At the 2023 annual meeting there were questions raised by association members about how the election was going to be managed. Was each candidate required to be voted on using separate ballots, one ballot for each candidate or one ballot listing each candidate separately? People felt the current language could be interpreted both ways.

Brian’s submission attempts to clarify how voting is to be conducted. His suggested replacement language stated, “All candidates nominated will be included in a single ballot to be voted on by members.”

There was a discussion about “candidates nominated.” The committee felt that stronger language was needed and asked if Brian would substitute “All nominee” for “candidates nominated” in the second sentence and also change the phrase “nominated candidate” in the third sentence to “Each nominee”.

Section 22 President

A By-Law change to this section was resubmitted by Brian Polak on October 30, 2023. The committee reviewed the suggested changes and voted to accept them as written. The by-law amendment will be passed on to the BOG for review.

Section 51 Mobile Home

The committee again reviewed the by-law language that was submitted to the membership at the 2023 annual meeting. The by-law amendment was defeated. The committee believes the reason the by-law did not pass was because the membership did not see the “camping agreement” ahead of time that would have been required if passed. After discussion, it was agreed upon that the by-law and the agreement were too cumbersome to pass in their present form. There was consensus to simplify the change and just allow camping for 7 days within a 30-day period. Amendment language to be worked on.

General Discussion

The schedule for next year’s meetings was conveyed with the agreement that we meet on the 2nd Monday of each month. A schedule for the year 2024 will be composed by the chairman.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for January 15 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Kiehm

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Chairman By-Law Committee