

NACL's Board of Directors recommends updating our Bylaws with general changes, and requests membership approval to approve said changes. The current and proposed Bylaws have been included in this package for your reference.

The following lists the clauses proposed for change, in order of appearance within the Bylaws. The changes themselves will be explained in more detail at the AGM, as needed.

Article and/or Section(s)	Old Wording	Proposed Wording	Rationale for Change(s)
Article I, Section 1(a) vi	“special resolution” means a resolution passed in a general meeting by a majority of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast of those members in person or by proxy, of which the notice provided by these Bylaws, specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution, has been given; or, if every member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting consents in writing to such resolution, at a meeting of which less than 14 days’ notice has been given.	“special resolution” means a resolution passed in a general meeting by a majority of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast of those members in person or by proxy, of which the notice provided by these Bylaws, specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution, has been given; or, if every member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting consents in writing to such resolution, at a meeting of which less than 14 days’ notice has been given; and	To adjust for proper punctuation in an ordered list; the second-to-last item typically has an “and” following the semi-colon.
Article I, Section 1(a) vii (NEW DEFINITION)	N/A	“diversabilities” means (in former language) developmental disabilities.	Suggested addition due to proposed changes to Article IX, Section 3.
Article VI, Section 2(a)	Committees can only act in dependently in matters within defined policy and procedure except for the Executive Committee, which acts on behalf of the Directors in emergencies.	Committees can only act independently in matters within defined policy and procedure.	Corrects typo of separated “in dependently” to the intended “independently,” plus removes specific reference to the Executive Committee, which has not been active/needed for several years due to our Board of Directors being relatively small in size. Article VI, Section 1 would allow for its return if deemed needed in the future, but it does not need specific naming in this clause.
Article IX, Section 3	The Society may own real or personal property and may provide suitable buildings and other accommodation for the use of people who are developmentally disabled, and to carry out the purposes of the Society.	The Society may own real or personal property and may provide suitable buildings and other accommodation for the use of people with diversabilities, and to carry out the purposes of the Society.	Proposing to change “who are developmentally disabled” to “with diversabilities” to align with language used in the new Strategic Plan; therefore also necessitating (at least for now) the need to add the above-proposed definition as Article 1, Section 1(a) vii for those unfamiliar with the term “diversabilities.”