

proposed bylaw changes

article ii, clauses 2 and 3 (membership)

NACL's Board of Directors recommends updating our Bylaws with specific changes regarding Membership (under Article II), requesting membership approval for said changes. The current and proposed Bylaws have been included in this package for your reference.

The following presents current and proposed wording for **Article II, Clauses 2 and 3**.

RATIONALE

The Board of Directors feel additional clarity is needed regarding criteria and processes for membership application and acceptance, including having the discretion to refuse membership applications when deemed necessary.

Similar agencies to ours were approached to provide their Bylaw language around membership approvals, then NACL sought advice from its legal counsel (Heath Law LLP) on proposed changes to ensure they are both permissible and comply with applicable law. They suggested **adding Clause 2d and amending Clause 3** as highlighted below.

ARTICLE II EXCERPTS – MEMBERSHIP (Current Language)

2. The criteria for membership is:
 - a) Minimum age of nineteen (19) years;
 - b) Agreement to uphold the Constitution and comply with these Bylaws; and
 - c) Payment of annual membership dues (minimum of \$1.00).
3. All applicants for membership in the Society must submit a completed application form and fees for processing, as established by the Board, for approval and acceptance as a member of the Society.

ARTICLE II EXCERPTS – MEMBERSHIP (Proposed Changes – Add Clause 2d and Amend Clause 3)

2. The criteria for membership is:
 - a) Minimum age of nineteen (19) years;
 - b) Agreement to uphold the Constitution and comply with these Bylaws;
 - c) Payment of annual membership dues (minimum of \$1.00); and
 - d) Acceptance of the membership application by the Board in accordance with Article II, Clause 3.
3. All applicants for membership in the Society must submit a completed application form and fees for processing, as established by the Board, for approval and acceptance as a member of the Society. In accordance with any process established by the Board, all applicants for membership must submit a completed application form and applicable membership fees, as determined by the Board. The Board may accept or refuse an application for membership for any reasons, subject to the British Columbia *Human Rights Code* and applicable law.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

"To add NACL Bylaw Article II, Clause 2d and amend Article II, Clause 3, as presented."