



Feedback Wanted – Bylaw Amendments

As part of ACSLPA's work to serve our members and the public, efforts to streamline our bylaws are ongoing. As per Bylaw 17.2 (Amendment of Bylaws), ACSLPA Council is seeking member feedback on three proposed bylaw amendments. Council will consider member feedback, modify the bylaw changes as needed based on the feedback, and then approve the revised bylaws if it is appropriate to do so.

We encourage you to review these changes and send any feedback to feedback@acslpa.ab.ca. Please include "Bylaw Amendment" in your email subject line. For ease, any changes to the bylaws have been highlighted for quick identification.

If you would like to discuss these changes with an ACSLPA staff member directly, please feel free to contact any of the following individuals. We'd be happy to hear from you! We can all be reached at 780-944-1609 (Edmonton area) or toll-free, 1-800-537-0589.

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➤ **Members' Forum to Replace the Annual General Meeting (AGM) Requirement** (Several bylaw sections affected)

Who does this affect?

This bylaw affects all ACSLPA members.

Why is the change being recommended?

ACSLPA's AGM has traditionally been a one-way communication from Council/staff to members. Members have provided feedback indicating the formal structure of the conventional AGM has not been of high value. Members have also indicated that they are interested in being engaged in the business of College in more meaningful ways.

The replacement of the AGM with a Members' Forum will enable ACSLPA to serve its members better, improve two-way communication between members and the College and will enable members to share their thoughts and ideas readily with the Council and staff. A Members' Forum will further enable meaningful conversations and networking opportunities between members. The format of a Forum can be adjusted depending on the needs of the members and prevalent issues as they arise.

What is the change being recommended?

It is recommended that a Members' Forum be established in ACSLPA policy to occur at least annually in conjunction with the ACSLPA conference and that the requirement for an Annual General Meeting be removed from the Bylaws.

It is further recommended that related sections of the bylaws that rely on an AGM be revised to reflect the removal of the AGM. Revised sections include: 9.4.1, 9.8, 9.9, 9.10, 9.11

<p>PART XII</p> <p>GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE COLLEGE</p> <p>12.1 — General Meetings</p> <p>12.1.1 — The College shall hold an Annual General Meeting at least once in each fiscal year.</p> <p>12.1.2 — The College may hold a Special General Meeting when required.</p> <p>12.2 — Parliamentary Procedure</p> <p>All General Meetings of the College shall be conducted according to the parliamentary rules of procedure as established by Council in Policy.</p> <p>12.3 — Chair of Meeting</p> <p>The President of Council or, in the President's absence, the Vice President of Council of the College, shall act as Chair of any General Meeting. In the absence of the President and Vice President, a Chair of the meeting shall be elected from amongst Councillors present in person at the commencement of the meeting. The Chair shall not be entitled to vote except to break a tie.</p> <p>12.4 — Demand For Poll</p> <p>A Member entitled to vote who is present in person may demand a poll by secret ballot on any resolution. If such a demand is made, there shall be a vote, decided by a show of hands, to determine whether the vote on the resolution shall be conducted by poll or by a show of hands. If 25% or more of the Members entitled to vote are in favour of a poll by secret ballot, then the resolution shall be voted on by poll. A Member who demands a poll may withdraw that demand and, on the demand being withdrawn, the vote shall be taken by a show of hands.</p> <p>12.5 — Method of Taking a Poll</p> <p>A poll, if demanded, shall be taken by Members entitled to vote writing on a ballot whether they are in favour of or against a particular resolution and the Chair and two scrutineers appointed by the Chair of the meeting shall count the results of the poll. The Chair shall advise the meeting of the number of votes in favour of the resolution and the number of votes against the resolution and such result of the poll declared by the Chair shall be deemed conclusive proof of the number of votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.</p>	Deleted
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<p>12.6 — Tie Vote</p> <p>In the case of a tie vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chair of the meeting is entitled to a tie-breaking vote.</p> <p>12.7 — Annual General Meeting</p> <p>An Annual General Meeting of the Members of the College shall be held at a time and place chosen by Council.</p> <p>12.8 — Notice of Annual General Meeting</p> <p>Members of the College shall be provided with notice of the Annual General Meeting at least twenty one (21) days in advance of the meeting by sending notification to the members in the manner established by Council in Policy.</p> <p>12.9 — Resolutions at Annual General Meeting</p> <p>12.9.1 — Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, no resolutions shall be transacted at any Annual General Meeting unless a quorum of five percent (5%) of the Members entitled to vote are present in person or by proxy at the time when a resolution is transacted. A motion to call such a meeting or order or to adjourn the meeting does not constitute a resolution.</p> <p>12.9.2 — A quorum for transacting a resolution at any Annual General Meeting consists of those Members present in person or present by audiovisual or other electronic means, or by proxy.</p> <p>12.9.3 — At an Annual General Meeting, a resolution shall be decided by simple majority and may be conducted by a show of hands unless a poll by secret ballot is conducted. A declaration by the Chair that a resolution has, on the show of hands, been carried is conclusive proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.</p> <p>12.10 — Order of Business at Annual General Meeting</p> <p>The order of business at an Annual General Meeting shall be established by Council in Policy.</p> <p>12.11 — Notice of Special General Meetings</p> <p>Twenty one (21) days notice of every Special General Meeting specifying the place, the date and the hour of meeting and, in the case of special business, the nature of that business in sufficient detail to permit the Member to form a reasoned judgment on that business and the text of any special resolution to be submitted to the meeting, shall be given to all Members. Accidental omission to give that notice to any Member or non receipt of that notice by any Member does not invalidate any proceedings at any such meeting. Any notice given as set out above shall be deemed to have been received ninety six (96) hours after it is posted. Notice of a Special General Meeting shall be given in the matter established by Policy.</p>	Deleted
<p>9.4.1 Nominations Committee</p> <p>Council shall appoint a Nominations Committee composed of at least two members who are on the General Register at least 120 days prior to the AGM on or before July 1st of each year.</p>	Amended

9.8	<p>Close of Nomination The closing date shall be at least 60 days prior to the date of the next AGM on or before September 1st of each year, after which no further nominations shall be received.</p>	Amended
9.9	<p>Lack of Nominations In the even that: i) A sufficient number of nominations is not yet received; or ii) A member becomes disqualified from being a candidate; or iii) A member withdraws as a candidate; then, Council may nominate one or more regulated members to be a candidate for election to Council at any time prior to the AGM. Failure to advise members of such a nomination shall not disqualify any candidate so nominated.</p>	Amended
9.10	<p>Acclamation If, on the date nominations close, there is only one candidate nominated for a vacancy on Council, the Chair of the Nominations Committee shall declare that the nominee for that office or position elected by acclamation at the AGM and no vote for these offices or positions is required to be held.</p>	Amended
9.11	<p>Voting Procedure The Chair of the Nominations Committee must supervise and administer all Council elections and may establish procedures, consistent with these Bylaws for that purpose. In the event of any irregularity or dispute with respect to any nomination, ballot or election, the decision of the Chair of the Nominations Committee is final. The decision must be announced at the AGM to the membership by means approved by the Council.</p>	Amended
	<p>9.11.1 The polls shall be open for a period of at least 30 calendar days, and shall close by October 15th of each year.</p>	Added
9.13	<p>Ballots The Chair of the Nominations Committee shall destroy all of the ballots as soon as possible after the AGM announcing the results of the election.</p>	Amended
9.19	<p>Election of Officers 9.19.2 The election of Officers shall occur prior to the AGM of the previous fiscal year announcing the results of the election.</p>	Amended