

Brief summary regarding proposed new BCCLA bylaws

The proposed new BCCLA bylaws are brand new and start from scratch, rather than being based on the existing bylaws. Here are the main features of the new bylaws.

- **Electronic voting:** the new bylaw makes participation by members in our general meeting easier by permitting electronic voting (section 4.12).
- **Term limits:** The new bylaws create term limits for board members. Instead of being able to run for an unlimited number of terms, board members are now limited to three terms of three years each. An individual will be ineligible to run for the board after serving three terms, until a one year period has passed. Board members that wish to continue contributing their talents and effort to the BCCLA's work will be welcomed through other ways of getting involved after they no longer serve on the board (section 5.9).
- **Eligibility for election to the board:** A person must be a member in good standing for a year before they are eligible to be nominated for election (section 5.6).
- **Reduction in the size of the board of directors:** In past years there have been 30 board members. The existing bylaws do not limit the board's size. The new bylaws set 18 as the number of board members, and give the board the ability to vary this number from between 15 and 24 members if needed (section 5.4).
- **Extension of good standing:** under the new bylaws, a member remains in good standing for 90 days after they become in arrears on dues (section 2.5). This permits members more time to update their status, and not lose their vote during that time. Members cease to be members 30 days after they lose good standing (section 2.8).
- **Specifying the powers of the board's Executive Committee:** The BCCLA board of directors has an Executive Committee composed of the officers of the board (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer) and generally three other board members. Until now, its responsibilities have been delegated to it in a resolution of the board. The new bylaws outline the Executive Committee's responsibilities explicitly (section 7.4).

The above changes are the main highlights, there are a number of other smaller "housekeeping" issues resolved in the new bylaws.

Our new bylaws are designed to enhance the governance of the BCCLA and give it a foundation for its further growth in the coming years. Thanks for taking the time to learn more about them.