

ACNS Special Business: Bylaw Changes

In accordance with the bylaws, notice is hereby given that the following bylaw amendment will be considered as Special Business at the Annual General Meeting to be held VIRTUALLY on Thursday October 1, 2020 at 6:00pm.

CURRENT BY-LAW

16(a): The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held within three (3) months after the end of each fiscal year. Members shall be notified by email, newsletter, telephone or other electronic means.

16(b): A special general meeting of the Society may be called by the Chair or the Board at any time, and shall be called by the Board if requisitioned in writing by at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the members of the Society.

SUGGESTED ADDITION

16(c): Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings and ordinary General Meetings of the Society may be held in-person, virtually, or a hybrid of a virtual and in-person meeting. The virtual component of any meeting may include by telephone or digital-based communications, including video-based media. The choice of meeting format, and acceptable media, will be determined by the board of directors or their designated agent.

RATIONALE

As written, the current ACNS bylaw does not allow for anything other than an in-person meeting. This limitation meant we could not hold a virtual meeting back in June when we normally would have held our AGM. **The Province has since issued a directive temporarily overriding society bylaws to allow a virtual Annual General Meeting at this time.** Looking forward, we believe ACNS should have the authority to hold virtual meetings, or virtual / in-person hybrid meetings, without waiting for the province to intervene to make them possible.