

Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of the Chautauqua Residents Association (CRA)

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RESOLVED: to Amend all By-Law Items to bring pronouns into gender equality and neutrality. i.e. his/hers/theirs etc.

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RESOLVED: Under OBJECTIVES: to insert the following paragraph as paragraph (d) and to re-itemize the current subsection, (d), as subsection (e)

(d) "World events compel us, as an Association, to examine the multifaceted nature of racism in the world around us. Although we have every reason to be proud of our unique neighbourhood of Chautauqua, we are not an island. We will challenge ourselves to understand and correct any inequities we may discover as we continue to learn about racism."

CURRENT By-law:

OBJECTIVES:

(a) To preserve and maintain the Chautauqua area as a residential neighbourhood. Further, to represent the residents of this area with regards to boundaries, land development and municipal affairs, as well as other matters directly affecting the above area or residents thereof.

(b) To encourage the study of all Government ( Municipal, Provincial, and Federal ) plans and directives that will affect the Niagara-On-The-Lake area.

(c) This organization shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the organization shall be used in promoting its Objectives.

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PROPOSED amendment would read:

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RESOLVED: to Amend under DIRECTORS and OFFICERS:

Part b) : after "Association (at the end of paragraph) delete the " . " and add the following, "AND until their successors are elected."

The current By-law:

b) Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by such Board, and Directors so appointed shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Association.

Proposed By-law reads:

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RESOLVED: Under MEMBERSHIP: To Add a new Class of membership - that of "Associate Membership" (Added after the last sentence of the current Membership Item)

PROPOSED By-Law reads:

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

Open to any person living outside of the boundaries of Chautauqua, as previously described, who wish to support the Association and agree to subscribe fully to the OBJECTIVES of the Association, as stated above, and who are willing to be bound by the By-Laws of the Association and act accordingly in all things. Dues requirements to be the same as full Membership. Associate Members will have no vote on any matter related to the Chautauqua Residents Association. "Membership" cards will be issued, but will be denoted as 'Associate' in a manner to be determined by the Board.

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RESOLVED: Under MEETINGS: After "...during the month of May..." to insert the following: "(usually the last Monday of the month) but, in any case,"

CURRENT by-law reads:

The Annual General Meeting of the association shall be held during the month of May at a time and place to be designated by the Board of Directors. The notices for such meetings shall contain the designation of the hour and place.

PROPOSED by-law reads:

The Annual General Meeting of the association shall be held during the month of May (usually the last Monday of the month) but, in any case, at a time and place to be designated by the Board of Directors. The notices for such meetings shall contain the designation of the hour and place.

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RESOLVED: under MEETINGS: BOARD of DIRECTORS: (To account for possible variations in the number of Directors;) Strike out the paragraph and replace with:

"Shall be called once every Quarter OR at the discretion of the President OR at the request of fifty (50) percent of the members of the Board. Quorum shall be a majority of the Board of Directors."

CURRENT By-law reads:

BOARD of DIRECTORS: Shall be called at the discretion of the President or any three (3) members of the Board. Quorum shall be a majority of the Board of Directors.

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RESOLVED: after the paragraph "Duties of Directors" add the following Item:

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS:

Board members must act in the best interests of the organization and understand the roles and responsibilities of being a board member. Be familiar with the organization by-laws and procedures.

Act with pure intentions and ensure that they avoid conflicts of interest and operate in the best interest of the Corporation and not in self interest or the interest of a stakeholder group.

Respect confidentiality policies that pertain to Membership and Board discussions.

Support board decisions once they have been voted on.

Not disclose any information acquired in connection with their position as Directors that might be harmful to the interests of the corporation.

Directors must act with honesty and in good faith in what they reasonably believe to be the best interest of the corporation.

A Director's position is Fiduciary; which means that the Director must act for the corporation's benefit and must subordinate his or her or their personal interests to the best interest of the corporation.

RESOLVED: In the Item Secretary-Treasurer:  
after the words, "...agreeable to both Secretary and Member."  
Insert the following: "To be responsible for administering the  
Association's website, and to"

CURRENT BY-LAW: SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Duties: As Secretary: To keep an accurate record of the  
proceedings of all Board and Association meetings and have  
custody of copies of all Association records which will be open  
for inspection by any member at a reasonable time, agreeable to  
both Secretary and Member. To be responsible for all general  
correspondence of the Association.

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RESOLVED: Under the By-Law Item: Officers of the Association:

Strike the words, "for one year" and substitute the following:  
"and shall hold office for one year AND until their successors  
are elected."

CURRENT By-law:

Officers are to be elected at the Annual General Meeting for one  
year.

PROPOSED by-law reads:

Officers are to be elected at the Annual General Meeting and  
shall hold office for one year AND until their successors are  
elected.

RESOLVED: Under By-Law Item - Annual Dues: After the words, "... regardless of the number of properties owned." Strike out the rest of the paragraph and insert:

Insert the words: "Memberships are renewable at the annual Labour Day Family Picnic and Corn Roast and expire the following year on Labour Day. Memberships may also be purchased before, but not later than, the Call to Order of the Annual General Meeting (usually the last Monday in May.) They will, nonetheless, expire on the Labour Day following. Dues are payable to the Treasurer. Annual Dues may be periodically revised as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors and a majority vote of the members."

CURRENT by-law:

"\$10.00 per household per year. Each member is entitled to only one vote per family unit regardless of the number of properties owned. Dues are payable to the Treasurer by April 30th. Such dues may be periodically revised as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED By-Law reads: ANNUAL DUES:

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RESOLVED: under "Agenda:" to Strike the numbered items, bring them in line with Robert's Rules of Order and replace them with:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Reports of Officers of the Association
3. Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees
4. Special Orders
5. Unfinished Business and General Orders
6. New Business
7. Adjournment/Termination

CURRENT by-law:

1. Call the meeting to order if a quorum is present.
2. Secretary to read the minutes of the last Annual Meeting
3. Reports of Committees, if applicable.
4. Reports of the Officers of the Association.
5. Recommendations from the Board.
6. Election of Officers and Directors for the next term.
7. Any business as may be properly brought before the Association(including the announcement of the next regular meeting)
8. Question period
9. Adjournment.

PROPOSED by-law reads:

AGENDA for the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Reports of Officers of the Association
3. Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees
4. Special Orders
5. Unfinished Business and General Orders (Elections etc.)
6. New Business
7. Adjournment/Termination

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RESOLVED: under **NOTICE OF MEETING:** to bring the Item into line with Digital Media, to strike the paragraph and replace it with:

**NOTICE OF MEETING:** Notices of the time and place of the Annual General Meeting of the Association as well as any Amendments to be considered shall be posted by the Secretary on the Association's website AND delivered by email to each member at his/her/their email address (or hand delivered to each member who does not have email at his/her/their residence) at least ten (10) days prior to such a meeting. In addition, notice of meeting may be advertised in the local media.

CURRENT by-law:

Notices of the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the Association shall be given by the Secretary by mail or hand delivering a copy of such notice to each member at his/her residence, or place of business at least ten(10) days prior to such a meeting, in addition, notice of meeting may be advertised in the local media.

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