

Title of Resolution (At the discretion of the Resolutions Committee)

To Amend the terms for the President and Incoming President and to eliminate the Past President position

2. Rationale / Purpose for Resolution

As the Association's involvement in advocacy, partnership building, fundraising and member services deepens an extended President's term is necessary to address the increasing complexities of the role and the extended timeline needed for Board work. Extending the President's term to two years, extending the Incoming President's term to two years, and eliminating the Past President's position will keep the total individual commitment to 4 years. This is a manageable extension of one year. This extended time allows the President and Incoming President to build a greater understanding of the issues, to better promote the Association, to guide the Board, develop policy, address current events and support the Executive Director. A two year presidency, especially among not-for-profits, is increasingly recognized as the amount of time needed to both fully understand the role, and to then do the work expected of a president with a deep and broad view of the Association's direction and commitments. This change will strengthen the association's governance and the Board's ability to pursue longer term strategies.

3. Prior History of this Resolution (IF ANY)

None

4. Body of the Resolution (Action Proposed)

BE IT RESOLVED as a special resolution that the Bylaws of the Society be amended as follows:
Removal of Past-President

1. by deleting current paragraph (s) in its entirety from Bylaw 1.1 and renumbering the subsequent paragraphs of Bylaw 1.1 accordingly;
2. by deleting the phrase “, or in the absence of inability of both the President and the President Elect, the Past President” from the first paragraph of Bylaw 5.9, and deleting the words “Past President or” and substituting in place thereof the word “and” in the second paragraph of Bylaw 5.9;
3. by deleting current paragraph (c) in its entirety from Bylaw 7.3 and renumbering the subsequent paragraphs of Bylaw 7.3 accordingly;
4. by deleting current paragraph (c) in its entirety from Bylaw 7.6 and renumbering the

subsequent paragraphs of Bylaw 7.6 accordingly;

5. by deleting current Bylaw 8.3 in its entirety and substituting in place thereof the following as a new Bylaw 8.3:

“8.3 Election and Succession of President Elect

Each applicable Election Cycle, a qualified Person will be elected to take office as President Elect, and the Person previously elected as President Elect will, if they remains qualified in accordance with these Bylaws, automatically take office as the President.

The President Elect and the President will assume their respective offices at the conclusion of the annual general meeting held in the year where a President-Elect is elected.”;

6. by deleting the phrase “, or in the absence of inability of both the President and the President Elect, the Past President” from the first paragraph of Bylaw 10.9, and deleting the words “Past President or” and substituting in place thereof the word “and” in the second paragraph of Bylaw 5.9;

7. by deleting the words “Past President,” from Bylaw 12.1

8. by deleting Bylaw 12.7 in its entirety and renumbering the subsequent Bylaws in Part 12 accordingly;

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9. by deleting the words “one (1) year” from each of paragraphs (a) and (b) of Bylaw 7.6, and substituting in each instance the words “two (2) years”;

10. by deleting current Bylaw 7.7 in its entirety and substituting in place thereof the following as a new Bylaw 7.7:

“7.7 Consecutive Terms and Term Limits

Elected Directors may be elected for up to eight (8) consecutive years, by any combination of terms or positions. In addition, a Person must not serve as a Director, in any position on the Board, for more than two (2) terms.

In addition to the foregoing, the following position-specific term limits apply:

(a) a Person may serve as President Elect for one term of two (2) years, after which they assumes the office of President;

(b) a Person may serve as President for one term of two (2) years, after which they cannot continue as President, but may be elected as a Director, subject to the term limits set out in this Bylaw; and

(c) a Person may serve as Treasurer Elect for a term of one (1) year, after which they assumes the office of Treasurer.”; and

11. by correcting any errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, numbering or cross-references created anywhere in the Bylaws as a result of the foregoing amendments.

Please see attached Schedule A for a blackline of the bylaws showing proposed changes.

BE IT RESOLVED as an ordinary resolution that the law firm of Norton Rose Fulbright Canada be and is hereby authorized and directed to prepare a bylaw alteration application and file same with

the British Columbia Registrar of Corporations to give effect to the foregoing resolution and the replacement of the Bylaws as soon as practicable following the meeting.

5. Initiating Individual, Section, Committee or Interest Group

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8. BCLA Sections / Committees / Interest Groups Consulted (IF ANY)

BCLA Board of Directors

9. Endorsement by BCLA Sections / Committees / Interest Groups (IF ANY)

BCLA Board of Directors

10. Fiscal Implications (IF ANY)

none

11. If this resolution necessitates a change in an existing bylaw, identify the current bylaw(s) affected by number, state the change and provide the full text of any amended or new bylaw to be included.

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12. If this resolution proposes a BCLA position statement, indicate the positions relation to libraries and library service.

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