

17.6.x Introduction

This proposal makes changes to the process for the approval of by-law changes by allowing the membership to contribute to the discussion of by-law proposals at the annual general meeting or at a special general meeting.

The voting period, which presently runs for at least 15 days, on a date set by the secretary (by-law 17.6.6) occurs before and in conjunction with the next annual general meeting (by-law 17.6.2).

This proposal delays the start of the voting period until 5 business days after the annual or special general meeting. Such a delay is at minimal cost to the association (the scrutineers must hold a second meeting) and provides significant benefits in ensuring that our by-laws are appropriate, effective and workable. The delay allows for the membership to discuss the proposals in the open, face-to-face forum of the meeting while ensuring that attendees at the meeting are aware of comments posted on the on-line forum and that comments made at the meeting can be posted on the on-line forum.

Note that the current by-laws, section 5.2.3 (h), require that by-law changes appear on the agenda of any annual general meeting. This proposal does not modify that situation but uses that provision for an opportunity for people interested in the association to both contribute and learn.

In consideration of this proposal by council under 17.5.5 of the current by-laws, note that this proposal **only** addresses the timing of the vote on any by-law proposal.

By-law	Current Wording	Proposed Wording	Reason
17.6.2	<p>Time of Vote on Proposed By-law</p> <p>Unless the council shall decide that it is necessary and in the best interest of the association to put a proposed by-law to a vote on an expedited basis, voting on proposed by-laws shall take place before and in conjunction with the next annual general meeting.</p>	<p>Time of Vote on Proposed By-law</p> <p>Unless the council shall decide that it is necessary and in the best interest of the association to put a proposed by-law to a vote on an expedited basis, voting on proposed by-laws shall take place beforeafter and in conjunction with the next annual general meeting consistent with 17.6.6.</p> <p>If the vote is not on an expedited basis then the by-law proposal shall be considered at the next annual general meeting, as provided for in the Agenda defined by section 5.2.3 (h) By-Law Changes</p> <p>A vote on an expedited basis shall not take place until after a special general meeting has been held to discuss the related proposal.</p>	<p>Later clauses in this proposal define a voting period after the there has been an opportunity for discussion at an annual general meeting. A vote on an expedited basis is likely to be of significant importance and the membership should have an opportunity to discuss the proposal.</p>
17.6.5	<p>Online Forum</p> <p>Concurrently with giving notice under 17.6.4, the secretary shall open an online forum for discussion of the proposed by-law on the association's website. Such forum shall remain</p>	<p>Online Forum</p> <p>Consideration by Membership of Proposed By-law Change</p> <p>Concurrently with giving notice under 17.6.4, the secretary shall open an online forum for discussion of the</p>	<p>It is important that the membership have an opportunity to discuss the proposal in an open forum, to ensure compliance with the provisions in section 131 of</p>

	<p>open for discussion for not less than 7 nor more than 14 days but shall be closed to new discussion at the time of the opening of the voting period.</p>	<p>proposed by-law on the association's website. Such forum shall remain be open for discussion for not less than 7 nor more than 14 days prior to the next annual general meeting or special general meeting where the proposal shall be discussed, but and shall be closed remain open to new discussion at until the time of the opening of the voting period.</p>	<p><i>The Corporations Act</i> relating to its section 98(5);</p> <p>The online forum is not sufficient to provide for useful discussion. For example, in 2017 there were no member postings on any of the forums except for posting of the rationale for a member proposed change to by-law 17.</p> <p>Discussion of the proposal in an open forum can provide a useful learning experience and can expose and correct problems with the proposal.</p> <p>Issues raised in the forum before the annual general or special general meeting can be discussed at that meeting. Similarly, issues raised at the annual or special general meeting can be discussed in the forum.</p>
<p>17.6.6</p>	<p>Voting Period</p> <p>The voting period shall commence on a date set by the secretary and shall continue for not less than 15 days.</p>	<p>Voting Period</p> <p>The voting period shall commence on a date set by the secretary 5 business days following the annual general or special general meeting where the proposal was discussed</p>	<p>This change will ensure the most informed voters.</p> <p>With electronic balloting and electronic communication there is no significant cost to the association for separating</p>

		and shall continue for not less than 15 days.	this by-law ballot from the election of councilors.
17.6.11	<p>Report of Scrutineers</p> <p>The written report of the scrutineers on their count of the ballots, in the form and containing the information required by the council and signed by each scrutineer, shall be delivered to the secretary no later than 3 days after the end of the voting period.</p>	<p>Report of Scrutineers</p> <p>The written report of the scrutineers on their count of the ballots, in the form and containing the information required by the council and signed by each scrutineer, shall be delivered to the secretary no later than 3 days after the end of the voting period.</p> <p>The results of the scrutineers' report, whether for an expedited vote or otherwise, shall be communicated to the members, no later than 5 working days after having been delivered to the secretary, through posting on the association's web site, by email and in the next edition of the Keystone Professional.</p>	<p>Since the vote will not take place until after the annual general meeting or special general meeting there would be no report to that meeting. Since by-laws become effective upon adoption, quick communication to the membership is important.</p>
17.6.11.1	<p>Delivery of Scrutineers' Report at Annual general Meeting</p> <p>Except as provided in 17.6.12.2, the results of the scrutineers' report shall be presented to the members at the first annual general meeting after the end of the voting period and shall be posted on the association's website.</p>	Deleted	<p>Incorporated into the revised 17.6.11.</p> <p>Note that the reference to 17.6.12.2 in the original by-law is incorrect. It should be 17.6.11.2</p>

17.6.11.2	Delivery of Scrutineers' Report for Expedited Vote If the proposed by-law was put to a vote on an expedited basis pursuant to 17.6.2, the results of the scrutineers' report shall be posted on the association's website.	Deleted	Incorporated into the revised 17.6.11.
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Overall, the proposed amendments provide a significant and beneficial opportunity for the membership to discuss by-law changes while not significantly delaying consideration of such amendments.