

SUMMARY OF BYLAW AND CONSTITUTION CHANGES REFERENDUM 2022

BYLAWS

- 1) **Associate Members:** Limits to their powers are spelled out.
- 2) **VP Academic & University Affairs:** Where petitions etc. were previously to be submitted to the VPAUA, they will now be submitted to the President or the President's designate.
- 3) **VP Academic & University Affairs, Part 2 (Duties):** The official duties of the VPAUA are being updated to bring them in line with current practice, i.e., focusing on lobbying the University, liaising with Senate and the Board of Governors, etc.
- 4) **Mandatory business at Annual General Meetings:** Mandatory business (approval of financial statements, appointment of the auditors, etc.) can still be conducted even if quorum is lost.
- 5) **Removing appointees:** Council will have the power to delegate its power to remove those it has appointed.
- 6) **Executive Leaves of Absence:** Provision added to replace an Executive temporarily if they go on leave.
- 7) **Proxies abolished:** In accordance with recent amendments to the Societies Act banning proxies.
- 8) **Slates banned:** The prohibition on candidates running in slates will be entrenched in the bylaws.
- 9) **Additional Executive duties:** The VP Administration will be responsible for sustainability.
- 10) **Special Council meetings:** The number of Councillors required to call such a meeting will be changed to one-third from 10.
- 11) **Managing Director:** They shall manage the operational aspects of the Society as determined from time to time by the Executive and not just by Council.
- 12) **Budget amendments under \$5,000:** It will now be possible for the Finance Committee to approve these without going to Council.

- 13) **Digital opt-outs:** If there is an opt-outable fee, a way of opting out digitally must be provided.
- 14) **Fee update:** The part-time fee category is removed as it is no longer in use. The bylaw will now refer to AMS fees (plural) instead of a single AMS membership fee.
- 15) **Confidential records:** Clarifying language added to include personnel management “activities” as allowed to be kept confidential in addition to just “plans”.
- 16) **Housekeeping issues:**
 - a) The President will send out rather than sign general meeting announcements.
 - b) The redundant phrase “for that fiscal year” is removed.

CONSTITUTION

- 1) **Land Acknowledgement:** Added preamble that provides a land acknowledgement to the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam) People.
- 2) **Affiliate Institutions:** Added language including AMS members from affiliate institutions.
- 3) **Equity:** Added section outlining a commitment to the just and equitable treatment of members.