

President's report for July 19, 2021, GSA Board Meeting

Submitted by Amy Gillard

Hello Directors,

I would like to have us focus on the bylaws this month. One thing we have talked about changing is the minimum number of Directors that we need to have on our board. I checked out the Societies Act of Alberta and apparently we can alter our bylaws by "special resolution". Here is what the Act has to say about that:

Rescission, etc. of bylaws

15(1) The bylaws of a society shall not be rescinded, altered or added to except by special resolution of the society.

(2) No rescission or alteration of or addition to a bylaw has effect until it has been registered by the Registrar.

So apparently we need to do this at an AGM or a special meeting of the fellowship. Here is what the Act has to say about that:

(d) "special resolution" means

(i) a resolution passed

(A) at a general meeting or special meeting of which not less than 21 days' notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution has been duly given, and

(B) by the vote of not less than 75% of those members who, if entitled to do so, vote in person or by proxy,

(ii) a resolution proposed and passed as a special resolution at a general meeting or special meeting of which less than 21 days' notice has been given, if all the members entitled to attend and vote at the general meeting or special meeting so agree, or

(iii) a resolution consented to in writing by all the members who would have been entitled at a general meeting or special meeting to vote on the resolution in person or, where proxies are permitted, by proxy.

RSA 2000 cS-14 s1;2014 c8 s8;2021 c3 s6

Once we have made changes then we need to submit it to the Registrar:

Filing special resolution

28 A society shall file with the Registrar every special resolution passed for any purpose mentioned in this Act.

RSA 1980 cS-18 s24

So let's talk about this and about when we would like to hold the meeting. I am thinking that we could update other parts of the bylaws while we are at it. For example, as we discussed at the last meeting, what the bylaws say about the secretary role and what we have her do are two different things. One of

us should go through the bylaws and see what else could be updated. Please think about whether you would like to take on this role.

We should also talk about whether we should put back into circulation the books we earmarked for people who can't afford one. Since we made it known some time ago that they are available, no one has taken us up on the offer.

Finally a member from the fellowship has asked up to discuss an issue that has come up at his meeting, namely, young members being safeguarded at meetings. I do not know more details and have asked him to come to the meeting to discuss this.

See you all on July 19.

In service,

Amy G.