

Executive Summary

PeTS 2017 Draft Bylaws

** The Executive Summary does not take into account the changes made to grammatical errors, spelling mistakes or clerical changes for notification to the board through certain role or means of communication in the current version of the Bylaws to the 2017 Draft Bylaws

** *Additions in bold and deletions with strike throughs or noted*

Proxy Voting has been added back into the bylaws. In the current bylaws proxy voting is not allowed.

The following points are where the changes had been made.

2.1.13.1

2.1.13.3

4.5.1

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3.2 CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

The following sentence at the beginning of the point was removed.

“Any person who has an interest in animal-assisted therapy or the human-animal bond may become a member in good standing of the Society.”

3.2.3 That her/his annual membership fee has been paid **within 30 days of the current calendar year.**

3.2.6 That s/he shall only be associated to one animal visitation organization.

3.3 TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Society shall be considered as individual – **voting and honorary membership**-dependent on particulars of member and membership fee collected. There shall be **two (2)**

Deletion of:

3.3.1 Individual – Non-voting

Individual non-voting membership is open to individuals who have completed the appropriate application and paid the prescribed membership fee. Individual non-voting members shall have all the rights and privileges provided for them under these Bylaws, and any other rules, regulations and policies determined by the Society from time to time. Non-voting members shall have no voting rights nor are they eligible to serve on the Board of Directors.

3.3.3 Corporate Membership

Corporate membership is open to facilities, businesses and corporate entities who have completed the appropriate application and paid the prescribed membership fee. Corporate members shall have all the rights and privileges provided for them under these Bylaws, and any other rules, regulations and policies determined by the Society from time to time. Corporate members shall have no voting rights nor are they eligible to serve on the Board of Directors.

3.3.2 Honourary Membership

Honourary membership may be given by the membership of the Society to persons who have contributed significantly to the organization. This entitles the member to an honourary membership with all the regular privileges of a regular member, **with** voting rights.

3.5.1.1 Resigns – any member who wishes to resign from the Society may do so upon written notice to the Board ~~through the Secretary or Director to whom Membership has been delegated.~~

3.5.1.2 Failure to renew last sentence of the paragraph was added **Grandfather status will be revoked if not paid within 30 days after the date of renewal.**

~~3.5.3 The decision is final.~~

3.6.5 Members in good standing have a right to copies of the society's Policies and Bylaws upon request.

4.3.2.3 A report of all changes the BOD has made to Policies during the previous year. BOD Meeting

4.3.3.8 Other specific motions that any member has given notice of **14 days** before the meeting is called.

Current bylaw states 10% or 20 members for quorum at an AGM

4.5.1 A quorum at any General or Special Meeting shall consist of voting members in good standing present in person **or by proxy**, representing no less than **twenty** percent (**20%**) of the total voting membership or **40** voting members, whichever is less.

4.7.4 Except as otherwise stated in these Bylaws, any motion is considered to have been carried if a simple majority of the members eligible to vote at the General or Special Meeting vote in favour of the motion. **Votes will be recorded “for” and “against” in the minutes.**

4.8 ABSENTEE VOTING BY EMAIL BALLOT

4.8.1 A member entitled to vote at a meeting of members may vote by e-mail ballot provided the organization has a system that:

4.8.1.1 Enables the votes to be gathered in a manner that permits their subsequent verification

~~5.2.4— No voting member shall be eligible to serve on the Board if they have resigned from the Board without completing their term in the preceding two (2) Board Term years.~~

~~5.9.9 Establish all general policies and long range objectives of the Society and maintain;~~

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~~**5.9.9.2 A full record of past and current policy;**~~

~~**5.9.9.3 A log of all policy changes.**~~

5.10.6.2 Carry out her/his duties under the direction of the Board.

5.10.7 The Past President and Past Treasurer shall attend Executive Committee and general meeting for four months after AGM and act in an advisory capacity.

5.11.7 Meetings of the Board are open to Members of the Society who notify the President of their intention to attend not less than ~~48 hours~~ **7 days** prior to the meeting.

5.12 MEETING BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS

If all the Directors of the Corporation consent, a director may participate in a meeting of the Board or of a committee of the board by means of a telephonic, an electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting if the corporation makes available such a communication facility. A Director so participating in such a meeting is deemed to be present at the meeting. Consent to such a meeting shall be effective whether given before, during or after the meeting to which it relates.

6.1 FINANCING AND AUDITING

6.1.2 The books, accounts and records of the Treasurer shall be audited at least once each year by a ~~duly qualified~~ **Certified Professional** Accountant ~~or by two (2) voting members who are not Board Members appointed to perform this task.~~