

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

April 19, 2023

The Executive Board is currently proposing changes to the by-laws, specifically under Article III (Executive Board) and Article IV (Standing Committees).

In preparation for our upcoming AGM on April 19, 2023 at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre, we are notifying our membership of the proposed amendments to the by-laws.

### The first change essentially updates the entire Article IV - Standing Committees.

The goal of this amendment is to:

- ❖ Establish the Social, Membership/Loyalty Partners, Gardening and Holiday Lighting as **Standing Committees**.
- ❖ Establish a **Chair of the Membership Committee**
- ❖ Establish that the **Chair of the Membership Committee will NOT be an elected** position but rather appointed by the VCA President in consultation.
- ❖ Establish that the **Chair of the Membership Committee will have a vote** at the Executive Board meetings.

### This is the proposed revised by-law Article IV – Standing Committees

#### ARTICLE IV – STANDING COMMITTEES

- a) Standing Committees may be formed by the Executive Board when a need consistent with the mission of the VCA arises.
- b) Standing Committees shall include, but not limited to:
  1. Membership
  2. Social
  3. Holiday Lighting
  4. Gardening
- c) Committee chairpersons / leads shall be chosen by the specific committee members or be appointed by the President.
- d) The Chair of the Membership Committee shall have a vote at Executive Board meeting, as long as the Chair has a voting VCA membership (consistent with Article I).
- e) Committee reports shall be presented to the Executive Board prior to each meeting of the Association, when appropriate and necessary.

### Current By-law Wording:

#### ARTICLE IV – STANDING COMMITTEES

- a) Committee chairpersons shall be chosen by the specific committee members or be appointed by the President.
- b) Committee reports shall be presented to the Executive Board prior to each meeting of the Association.

### **The second change - Article III – Executive Board**

The goal of this amendment is to:

To address the manner in which a **tie vote** will be dealt with on the Executive Board. Currently, there is no provision in our by-laws to address this.

### **This is the proposed revised by-law Article III – Executive Board**

We are adding an **additional point in this section**:

- o) In the event of a tie vote, the President or chair of the Executive meeting will exercise a second vote.**

For those who are interested in the details, you can view the complete [Constitution and By-Laws](#) currently in effect on the VCA website.

Looking forward to seeing you (or your proxy) at the AGM to vote on these changes.

If you have questions or suggestions regarding any of these revisions, please contact Ardeth Staz at [ardeth.staz@gmail.com](mailto:ardeth.staz@gmail.com) before April 19, 2023.