

AMENDMENTS TO THE NWHS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

AMENDMENTS – UNKNOWN DATE

- 7 b) Dues become payable at the first general meeting of the year. (Anyone joining during the year will pay on a pro rata basis.)

Previous: Dues are to be renewed on the anniversary date of joining the society.

- 39 a) Monies over and above what is required to meet the financial needs of the society shall be invested in Canada Savings Bonds or term deposits with any financial institution covered by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or by the Credit Union Deposit Insurance Corporation of British Columbia. Upon maturity the funds shall be re-invested as decided by the executive.

Previous: Monies over and above what is required to meet the financial needs of the Society shall be invested in Canada Savings Bonds or term deposits with a chartered bank. Upon maturity the funds shall be re-invested as decided by the executive

AMENDMENTS NOVEMBER 99

9. In each January, members who have accumulated 25 years of continuous paid membership will be awarded the status of “life membership” in that no future membership dues will be collected from them. They will have all the privileges of regular paying members.

Previous: The executive shall review the giving of life membership in the society every two years commencing in 1986

- 17 a) Voting shall be by show of hands (exception 21.c)

Previous: Voting shall be by show of hands (exception 22.c).

25. The executive shall have the final word in the planning of the general meetings and of any outside activities. The executive shall also manage the society’s affairs.

Previous: The executive shall be responsible for the planning of the general meetings and of any outside activities. The executive shall also manage the society’s affairs.

AMENDMENTS NOVEMBER 2000

41. The executive shall appoint an auditor on or before December 31st.

Previous: The executive shall appoint an auditor on or before October 31st.

44. Said audited report must be ready for presentation by the treasurer at the February general meeting

Previous: Said audited report must be ready for presentation by the treasurer at the December general meeting

45. The fiscal year of the society shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

Previous: The fiscal year of the society shall be from November 1st to October 31st.

AMENDMENTS NOVEMBER 2001

11. Members shall be informed by telephone call or e-mail of all meetings and activities of the society.

Previous: Members shall be informed by telephone call of all meetings and activities of the society.

12. Verbal or e-mail notice of meeting shall include place, date, time, the activity and any business that must be voted on.

Previous: Verbal notice of meeting shall include place, date, time, the activity and any business that must be voted on.

34 d) The secretary shall ensure attendance is recorded at general meetings.

Previous: This was previously in 36 e) and was worded as the Treasurer shall record attendance at general meetings.

36 e) Deleted – see 34 d)

Previous: The treasurer shall record attendance at general meetings.

38. Any single item disbursements over two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) must have the authority of the membership. Said authority shall be based on a motion carried by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

Previous: Any disbursements over two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) must have the authority of the membership. Said authority shall be based on a motion carried by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

39 c) Any investment papers shall be kept in the custody of the treasurer.

Previous: Any investment papers shall be kept in a safety deposit box in the same bank as the chequing account of the society.

46. The address of the society shall be the address of the current president or a post office mailbox.

Previous: The address of the society shall be the address of the current president.

AMENDMENTS NOVEMBER 2005

19. The executive of the society shall be the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, parlour show secretary plus up to five (5) members at large.

Previous: The executive of the society shall be the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, parlour show secretary plus three (3) members at large.

AMENDMENTS NOVEMBER 2006

19. The executive of the society shall be the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, show chairperson plus up to five (5) members at large.

Previous: The executive of the society shall be the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, parlour show secretary plus up to five (5) members at large.

40. The show chairperson shall be in charge of all in-club activities in which members show or display exhibits.

Previous: The parlour show secretary shall:

- a) Attend all general meetings at which there is a parlour show or, if unable, find a replacement.
- b) Record accurately all points awarded by the judge for each entry.
- c) Recap all points awarded to each individual during the year in order to establish awards.
- d) Present the awards at the December general meeting.

43. The auditor shall review the accounts of the society together with the statement of income and expenses for the year as prepared by the treasurer.

Previous: The auditor shall check the accounts of the society together with the statement of income and expenses for the year as prepared by the treasurer.

44. Said reviewed report must be ready for presentation by the treasurer at the February general meeting.

Previous: Said audited report must be ready for presentation by the treasurer at the February general meeting.

AMENDMENT NOVEMBER 2008

7b) The annual dues shall be payable at the first general meeting of the calendar year. Those whose dues are not paid by the general meeting in May shall cease to be members.

Previous: Dues become payable at the first general meeting of the year. Anyone joining during the year will pay on a pro rata basis.

AMENDMENT NOVEMBER 2012

41. The executive shall appoint an auditor in the month of January to review the financial statement of the preceding year.

Previous: The executive shall appoint an auditor on or before December 31st.

44. Said reviewed report shall be ready for presentation by the treasurer at the March general meeting

Previous: Said reviewed report must be ready for presentation by the treasurer at the February general meeting.

AMENDMENT NOVEMBER 2013

7b) The annual dues shall be payable at the first general meeting of the calendar year. Those whose dues are not paid by the general meeting in April shall cease to be members.

Previous: The annual dues shall be payable at the first general meeting of the calendar year. Those whose dues are not paid by the general meeting in May shall cease to be members

AMENDMENT NOVEMBER 2014

48. Any member incurring an expense while engaged in the authorized affairs of the society shall be reimbursed upon presentation of receipts. Expenses shall be submitted as soon as possible after the expense is incurred and within the calendar year.

Previous: Any member incurring an expense while engaged in the authorized affairs of the society shall be reimbursed upon presentation of receipts.

AMENDMENTS NOVEMBER 2015

19. The executive of the society shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, plus six (6) Members at large.

Previous: The executive of the society shall be the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, show chairperson plus up to five (5) members at large.

20 a) The executive members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in November.

Previous: The executive shall be elected at the general meeting in November

c) The terms of office for all executive member positions are for two (2) calendar years

Previous: no c) in previous bylaws

d) On even numbered calendar years, the positions of President, Treasurer and three (3) members at large shall be elected at the November Annual General meeting for two (2) year terms each. Their terms of office shall commence on January 1 of the following year.

Previous: Terms of office are one calendar year except as follows: President: two years, Vice President: two years

e) On odd numbered calendar years, the positions of Vice-President, Secretary and three (3) members at large shall be elected at the November Annual General Meeting for two (2) year terms each. Their terms of office shall commence on January 1 of the following year.

Previous: no previous, new

21. a) The nominating committee shall be made up of a NWHS Past-President and up to four (4) society members in good standing whose duties shall commence with the September Executive Committee meeting.

Previous: The nominating committee shall be made up of the two immediate past presidents whose duty shall commence with the September executive meeting.

c) In the event that two or more are nominated for one of the executive positions, elections shall take place by secret ballot

Previous: In the event that two or more are nominated for one of the executive positions, elections shall take place by ballot.

d) In the event that a vacancy occurs resulting in a member of the Executive Committee being unable to complete his/her term of office, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee or by election at a subsequent regular general meeting of the membership.

Vacancies of less than one calendar year shall be filled by appointment and vacancies of one year or more shall be filled by the election process

Previous: If no successor is elected, the person previously elected may continue to hold office if they so wish.

AMENDMENTS NOVEMBER 2017

7. b) No action required as “Anyone joining during the year shall pay on a pro-rata basis” had been removed previously in November 2008.

19 No action required as “The executive of the society shall be the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, plus up to six (6) members at large” had previously been amended in November 2015.

36. a) Collect all monies due to the society and deposit same in a chartered bank in Canada or in a credit union covered by the Credit Union Insurance Corporation of British Columbia

Previous: The treasurer shall: Collect all monies due to the society and deposit same in a chartered bank in Canada.

40: Omit as we no longer elect a show chairperson

Previous: The show chairperson shall be in charge of all in-club activities in which members show or exhibit display

AMENDMENTS NOVEMBER 2023

Part 1 – Interpretation

2. **#2 omitted** Words imparting the singular include the plural and vice versa; (and words imparting a male person include a female person).

Part 2 – Membership

6. a)
b)
c) If the member is expelled, **they** **he** may appeal to a second meeting called within sixty (60) days.
7. a)
b)
c) **Anyone joining during the year may pay a prorated fee. The prorated fee will be established by the executive board. The guidance is the prorated fee should be something like 50% of the Membership fee and take effect in July each year.**
8. **Any paid up member** Only a member in good standing: i.e. his/her dues are paid and he/she does not have any debt owing by him/her to the society, shall be eligible for office **and** or be entitled to vote or to take part in discussions at a meeting or have the privilege of exhibiting in the society's parlour shows.

Part 4 – Proceedings of General Meetings

a) The chairperson may propose a motion; however, to do so **they she/he** must surrender the chair to the vice-chairperson or someone else until the motion has been disposed of.

b) In the case of an equality of votes the deciding vote is cast by the chairperson if **they she/he has** have not previously voted. However, the chairperson does not have to vote if **they she/he does** not wish to.

Part 6 – Procedure for Election of Officers

21. a)
b)
c)
d) In the event that a vacancy occurs resulting in a member of the Executive Committee being unable to complete **their her/his** term of office, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee or by election at a subsequent regular general meeting of the membership. Vacancies of less than one calendar year shall be filled by appointment and vacancies of one year or more shall be filled by the election process.

Part 7 – Proceedings of the Executive

27. a)
b) In the case of an equality of votes, the deciding vote is cast by the chairperson if **they she/he has have** not previously voted. However, **they she/he does do** not have to vote if **they she/he does do** not wish to.
29. In the event that there is a vacancy on the executive during the year, the executive is empowered to appoint a member to take the place of the former member of the executive. **They She/he** shall hold office for the balance of the year.

Part 8 – Duties of Officers

32. The president shall preside at general and executive meetings and shall preserve order. **They She/he** shall be a member ex officio of all committees.
33. The vice president shall perform the duties of the president in **their her/his** absence.
39. a)
b) Interest accruing from the investments shall be deposited in the chequing account **or reinvested upon the discretion of the executive.**

Part 9 – Examination of the Financial Records Auditor

41. The Executive shall appoint, **by the month of November, an external and independent person, with accounting experience, auditor in the month of January to review that will exam the completed current year financial records as prepared by the Treasurer. statement of the preceding year.**
42. No member of **the executive or the Society** shall be the **Examiner of the financial records. auditor.**

43. The auditor shall review the accounts of the society together with the statement of income and expenses for the year as prepared by the treasurer.
44. **The Examiner's findings shall be presented** Said reviewed report shall be ready for presentation by the treasurer at the March general meeting.

Part 12 – Constitution and By-Laws

47. On being admitted to membership, each member is entitled to, and the society shall give them her/him without charge a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the society if the member so wishes.

Part 14 – Amendments

49. a)
- b) **The telephoning committee shall notify a** All members **shall be notified** of the proposed amendments at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted upon.

AMENDMENTS NOVEMBER 2024

Part 5 – Officers and Executive

20. a)

- b) **Their terms of office shall commence on January 1 of the following year.**

Previous: They shall assume their duties at the first executive meeting following the December general meeting.

- c)

- d) **For elections in odd numbered calendar years, the positions of President, Treasurer and three (3) members at large shall be elected at the November Annual General meeting.**

Previous: On even numbered calendar years, the positions of President, Treasurer and three (3) members at large shall be elected at the November Annual General meeting for two (2) year terms each. Their terms of office shall commence on January 1 of the following year.

- e) **For elections in even numbered calendar years, the positions of Vice-President, Secretary and three (3) members at large shall be elected at the November Annual General Meeting.**

Previous: On odd numbered calendar years, the positions of Vice-President, Secretary and three (3) members at large shall be elected at the November Annual General Meeting for two (2) year terms each. Their terms of office shall commence on January 1 of the following year.

AMENDMENTS NOVEMBER 2025

Part 8 – Duties of Officers

38. Any single item disbursements over five hundred dollars (\$500) must have the authority of the membership. Said authority shall be based on a motion carried by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

Previous: Any single item disbursements over two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) must have the authority of the membership. Said authority shall be based on a motion carried by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.