



VFMS 2016 Constitution and Bylaws - Summary of Changes

Section in 2016 Version	Change	Reason
Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normalized wording and spelling of various words (e.g. General Meeting, Executive, etc.) and repeated phrases (i.e. Any 10% or more members...) Removed concept of Special Meetings 	<p>Simpler, consistency</p> <p>Consistent with Act</p>
Constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanded area scope in Purpose: “ To preserve and to promote folk music in the Capital Regional District and the surrounding area.” Winding Up section removed 	<p>Reflects current reality</p> <p>Required by Act</p>
Bylaws: Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added section to define key terms and declare the relationship between our Bylaws and the Societies Act 	Clarification
Bylaws: Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows Executive to set membership fees Added clarification that membership expires if not renewed annually Defines Single and Family memberships 	<p>Simpler</p> <p>Clarification</p> <p>Clarification</p>
Bylaws: General Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added standard Agenda items for Annual General Meeting Added use of email to notify members of meetings Documented requirement to file an Annual report with the Registrar of Societies Clarified how members can requisition the Executive to call a General Meeting Defined a quorum of members at a General meeting as 10 members rather than a percentage of the membership Limited Family memberships to only two votes at meetings 	<p>Best Practices</p> <p>Flexibility</p> <p>Best Practices</p> <p>Clarification</p> <p>Simpler</p> <p>Fairness</p>
Bylaws: Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defined a quorum of the Executive at meetings requires a simple majority (half plus one) Clarified that while Executive members receive no remuneration they may receive reimbursement for reasonable expenses Clarified that Executive needs to approve annual Financial statements prior to approval by members at the Annual General Meeting 	<p>Clarification</p> <p>Best Practices</p> <p>Best Practices</p>
Bylaws: Alteration of Bylaws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simplified the wording of the process by which Bylaws may be altered 	Clarification
Bylaws: Winding up or Dissolution of the Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winding Up moved from Constitution section inserted in Bylaws section Winding Up section declared as “This provision was previously unalterable” 	<p>Required by Act</p> <p>Section remains in effect although no longer unalterable.</p>