

**THE CANADIAN PUBLIC RELATIONS SOCIETY (CPRS) Edmonton Bylaw Amendment Proposal - June 10, 2021**

THE CANADIAN PUBLIC RELATIONS SOCIETY (CPRS) Edmonton Bylaws (2019) were amended in spring 2019 with the appointment of a new board and to cover some administrative requirements. A society’s bylaws reflect the context of its environment. Given the global pandemic, the need to be responsive to changing times, as well as responsive to the needs of the association, proposed changes to the by-laws fall into the area of technology by updating sections to adapt for digital literacy, collaboration, and removing barriers to enable participation in chapter activities and governance.

**Omnibus motion:** Given a global pandemic and need to connect remotely, an omnibus motion is proposed to amend the CPRS Edmonton bylaws: Section 10, Article 10, Section 5.4.1, Section 8.3 as well as a new section 6.5.3 to be added to the bylaws. These amendments will improve digital administration and governance, enhance chapter communication and collaboration.

Type of Change	Section to be Amended/ Added	Current Wording	Amended Section with Revised and Amended Wording (red)
Technology	Section 10, Article 10	<p><b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>                      The Annual General Meeting of the Edmonton Society shall be held not later than 90 days following the conclusion of the fiscal year, the place, date and time to be decided by the Board, but no later than the last professional development event of the program year. This meeting will be held for the receiving of audited financial reports and the transaction of any other business as may properly come before it. The Annual General Meeting will be held to conduct the business of voting in or confirming the coming year’s Board of Directors. In the event that more than one individual is presented for a position on the Board of Directors, voting cards will be handed out to conduct an election during the Annual General Meeting for that position as outlined in section 6.5. In the event that only one candidate is presented for a respective position on the Board of Directors, the members present at the Annual General Meeting will be asked to approve the appointment with a show of hands of that individual to the respective position. The Board of Directors shall agree the time and place of the Annual General Meeting, and notice of the meeting shall be sent to members in accordance with item 10.4.1 (no later than three weeks prior to the event).</p>	<p><b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>                      The Annual General Meeting of the Edmonton Society shall be held not later than 90 days following the conclusion of the fiscal year, <del>the place</del> <b>the platform (physical or digital)</b>, date and time to be decided by the Board, but no later than the last professional development event of the program year. This meeting will be held for the receiving of audited financial reports and the transaction of any other business as may properly come before it. The Annual General Meeting will be held to conduct the business of voting in or confirming the coming year’s Board of Directors. In the event that more than one individual is presented for a position on the Board of Directors, voting cards will be <del>handed out</del> <b>distributed</b> to conduct an election during the Annual General Meeting for that position as outlined in section 6.5. In the event that only one candidate is presented for a position on the Board of Directors, the members present at the Annual General Meeting will be asked to approve the appointment of that candidate <b>through physical or digital vote</b>. The Board of Directors shall agree on the time, place <b>and format</b> of the Annual General Meeting, and notice of the meeting shall be sent to members in accordance with item 10.4.1 (no later than three weeks prior to the event).</p>

Technology	Section 6.5	<p>If an election is required for a position to be determined between two or more qualified candidates, the Secretary shall prepare voting cards containing the names of all members nominated for the Board and shall, distribute to each Voting Member of the Edmonton Society at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p><b>6.5.1</b> Such voting cards and no other shall be used for recording the vote of each member for the election of Directors. The Board of Directors shall determine the form of the voting card used and the regulations governing its use.</p> <p><b>6.5.2</b> If, however, on a voting card there is more than one vote for any vacant position, then that voting card will be declared void.</p>	<p><b>6.5.3.</b> In addition to physical voting cards, digital voting is acceptable.</p>
Technology	Section 5.4.1	<p>The Executive Committee shall determine the procedure for calling and holding its meetings and three shall constitute a quorum. In the event of a tie in voting, the President shall cast the deciding vote.</p>	<p>The Executive Committee shall determine the procedure for calling and holding its meetings and three shall constitute a quorum. In the event of a tie in voting, the President shall cast the deciding vote. <b>Digital votes are the equivalent to those obtained during meetings.</b></p>
Technology	Section 8.3	<p><b>SECRETARY</b> The Secretary shall, under the direction of the Board, perform such duties as usually appertain to this office, such as keeping minutes,</p>	<p><b>SECRETARY</b> The Secretary shall, under the direction of the Board, perform such duties as usually</p>

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