

BSRA Constitution / By-Law – Proposed Changes re Designation of Board of Directors Positions

Rationale

- The designation of all Board of Directors positions with specific titles dates back to the formation of our predecessor organization, the Stanley Township Cottagers' Association. In the intervening years, the only significant change in the composition of the Board of Directors has been a reduction in the number of Vice-President positions.
- The current structure provides only limited flexibility to meet evolving Association needs.
- Some shoreline residents, who might otherwise be interested in serving on the Board, may not have the specific background or interest related to one of the current positions when it becomes vacant.
- Redesignating the three current ***Communications, Environment, and Membership*** positions as **three Director-at-large positions** provides the Board of Directors with the flexibility to assign specific responsibilities in recognition of the unique skills and interests of these individuals.
- The very success of the Association has indirectly led to fewer outstanding issues which might cause individual shoreline residents to become involved in their resolution. This has made recruitment to fill Board positions more difficult in recent years.

Present Wording

(as amended at the 2008 Annual Meeting)

Constitution

G. Officers

1. “The Officers of the Association shall be a Past President, a President, a Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, **Environment Chairperson, Communications Chairperson, and Membership Chairperson ...**”
2. “ ... Except in unusual circumstances, the **Past President** is not elected, but holds that office by virtue of his service ...”.

By-Law – Duties of Officers

Notes:

- Sections 14 to 17 outline the duties of the **President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.**
- No specific duties are outlined for the Past-President, Environment Chairperson, Communications Chairperson, and Membership Chairperson.

Replace With

1. “The Officers of the Association shall be a Past President, a President, a Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and **three Directors-at-large ...**”
2. “... The position of **Past President** shall normally be filled by an individual who has previously served as President of the Association, as a general rule the immediate Past President. Where no such individual is available, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member of the Association to fill the position....”

Add the following section:

Duties of Directors-at-large

“The specific roles and duties of the Directors-at-large shall be determined by the Board of Directors, after consideration of the needs of the Association and the skills and interests of the individual Directors-at-large.”