

Okanagan Historical Society

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING: BYLAWS

Date: Sunday September 27, 2026
Summerland Waterfront Resort,
13011 Lakeshore Drive S, Summerland,
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1. Call to order: 10:10 a.m. by Dale Kermode
2. Quorum established. 22 members attended (8 guests)
3. Current Bylaws, and New Bylaws Discussion included:
 - a) A voting member is any person 16 years or older.
The organization needs to attract younger members especially as we move to more digitization and many young people are mature enough to take on responsibilities within the organization.
 - b) A society must give minimum 7 days' notice for changes to the bylaws.
4.8 The directors must convene a special meeting within 21 days after the delivery of the notice of general meeting. The notices were sent out in a timely manner to allow meeting to amend the Bylaws to be held within 21 days.
 - c) Are we discussing the rest of the Bylaws?
The notice that was sent out includes the changes to be amended today. No other changes are being discussed. Any other changes can be considered next year.
 - d) Change to number of Directors on Board brought to 7 from 11.
A smaller board of directors improves decision-making, more collaborative, easier to work as a team. Easier to develop a working chemistry.
 - e) If there are 7 Directors and half retire each year, how many retire?
Four. At least half.
4. Voting on New Bylaws
MOTION: To accept changes as noted in regard to Bylaws.
Moved: Dale Keremode. Seconded Craig Jones. None opposed. Carried.
5. **MOTION:** To Adjourn Meeting at 10:20 a.m.
Moved: Lois Marshall. Seconded: Larry Shannon.