

Proposal to amend the bylaws of the Bad Medicine Lake Area Association

The pandemic of 2020 requires that organizations like our lake association respond in a way to protect the health and safety of their members while continuing to perform their basic functions. Not surprisingly, existing BMLAA bylaws are silent about how to operate under the conditions in which we now find ourselves where it may be unwise, unsafe and unhealthy to come together face to face, in small or large groups, in order to accomplish the business of the association. Fortunately, current technology allows for virtual meetings that pose no threat to the health and safety of the members.

The Board of Directors proposes the following four amendments to the current bylaws of the Bad Medicine Lake Area Association, last amended and approved on June 22, 2019. A complete copy of the current bylaws can be found on the BMLAA website.

1. Article IV: Membership Meetings, ADD Section 4: Exceptional Circumstances, Lines 52-57
 - a. **[Section 4. Exceptional Circumstances.** In the event of circumstances that may reasonably be considered to pose a threat to the health and/or safety of members if they were to physically attend a membership meeting, the Board of Directors, at its discretion, may change the timing, location and/or format of such a meeting. This provision shall be understood to include the option of holding membership meetings and conducting Association business by electronic or virtual means.]
2. Article V: Directors, Section 3: Directors Election, ADD Lines 65-68
 - a. [Should it be determined by the Board of Directors that the Annual Meeting cannot be held due to exceptional circumstances, Directors may be elected by mail ballot that presents the Nominating Committee's slate of nominees to all current members of the Association.]
3. Article V: Directors, Section 4: Terms of Directors, ADD Lines 74-76
 - a. [Should the regular election of Directors be delayed for any reason, currently serving Directors with expiring terms may serve extended terms until an election is held.]
4. Article V: Directors, Section 8: Meetings, ADD Lines 91-94
 - a. [The Board of Directors may make provisional decisions between meetings by email or other electronic vote that must be confirmed at its next regular meeting. In exceptional circumstances, the Board of Directors may hold meetings and conduct business by electronic or virtual means.]