

**ALBERTA ELKS ASSOCIATION RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #1: Structure of the Alberta Elks Association Executive.**

WHEREAS: The Grand Lodge of the Elks of Canada Association Regulations state that the Officers of the Association shall be a President, Immediate Past President, First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents, Provincial/Territorial Membership Director, Secretary-Treasurer or a Secretary and a Treasurer, a Board of Trustees, Esquire, Inner Guard, Chaplain, Historian, Organist, Publicity Director and members of the Association Judiciary Committee;

AND WHEREAS: An Association may, by application approved by the Grand Executive, structure itself with fewer, or different Officers, and its Executive shall be as approved by the Grand Executive;

AND WHEREAS: The Alberta Elks Association executive believe that the reduction of size of the Executive would promote fiscal efficiencies to allow for allocation of available funds to projects and Lodge assistance and encourage Elk Members to take on Leadership roles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Alberta Elks Association apply to Grand Lodge to confirm the Officers and Executive of the Alberta Elks Association shall be established as President, Immediate Past President, 1st Vice President (incoming President) 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President and Esquire;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the duties of the Inner Guard and Chaplin shall be assigned by the Conference Chair in consultation with the Association Executive for each Provincial Conference.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all applicable sections of the Bylaws and Regulations of the Alberta Elks Association be amended to reflect this change.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That these amendments shall be effective 2022 after approval by Grand Lodge and Alberta Corporate Affairs.

*SUBMITTED BY the Alberta Elks Association Executive.*

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION #2: Secretary-Treasurer Appointment**

WHEREAS: The current Alberta Elks Association Bylaws and Regulations, section 11.7.1 states “The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed annually and can be made for a maximum of five (5) consecutive years”.

AND WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of the Association to allow for stability and ensure consistency and operational efficiency within the role of Secretary-Treasurer;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 11.7.1 be amended to read “The Secretary - Treasurer shall be appointed annually”.

*SUBMITTED BY the Alberta Elks Association Executive*

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION #3:**

**BYLAWS: Alberta Elks Association re Bylaw # 9 – VOTING**

WHEREAS the current bylaw prohibits voting “by proxy or otherwise”

AND WHEREAS the world as we know it has been changed by the COVID 19 pandemic to prevent or limit social gatherings;

AND WHEREAS it is important that the Association be able to conduct the business of the Association, sharing information and receiving approval for the Association business from their members and meet their legal reporting requirements;

AND WHEREAS technology has expanded to the extent that remote meetings and/or voting can be conducted virtually and / or in person;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the phrase – “Such votes must be made in person and not by proxy or otherwise” be deleted from Bylaw 9 and replaced with “Votes by proxy are prohibited”.

**Current Wording of Bylaw #9:**

9.1 Any member who has not withdrawn from membership nor has been suspended nor expelled as herein provided shall have the right to vote at any meeting of the Society. Such votes must be made in person and not by proxy or otherwise.”

**NEW WORDING IF ACCEPTED:**

9.1 Any member who has not withdrawn from membership nor has been suspended nor expelled as herein provided shall have the right to vote at any meeting of the Society. Votes by proxy are prohibited.

*SUBMITTED BY The Alberta Elks Association Executive*

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION #4:**

**BYLAWS: Alberta Elks Association - BYLAW #11.2:**

WHEREAS the current practice and requirement for election to the Alberta Elks Association Board of Directors requires nominees to be present at the Annual General Meeting;

AND WHEREAS the number of delegates voting on the election is limited to those present at the Annual General Meeting;

AND WHEREAS the Alberta Elks Association needs diversity, dedication and expertise on the Board of Directors to ensure that the membership is best served;

AND WHEREAS inclusivity and transparency would be served if the general membership of the Association were able to review in advance of the Annual General Meeting the members who are interested on the Association Board of Directors and be in a position to assist their Lodge delegate(s) in determining the best choices for election;

AND WHEREAS Elk members who would be interested in serving at the Association level, but are not able to be present at Conference are prohibited from service;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the following be added to Bylaw #11.2:

Notice of Intent to Seek Office

11.2 Eligible members of the Order may provide Notice of Intent to Run for office not later than March 1st of the year they intend to run for elected office.

Notice of Intent to Run does not require that they designate the particular office position being sought.

Notice of Intent to Run forms shall be approved by Alberta Elks Association Executive.

Members who intend to run for office may provide the Association a Statement of intent including a brief biography, a description of why they wish to run for office and/or information related to their perspective on how their election can benefit the membership and promote the Order.

Such statement shall be provided in writing to the secretary of the Association not later than 45 days prior to Conference.

At the discretion of the Association, statements may be edited and returned to the member for final approval. Approved statements may then be published for members' information in whatever manner approved by the Executive.

Notwithstanding the above, nominations will still be accepted from the floor of the Conference.

Campaign Speeches:

Nominators of candidates for any office shall make their nomination and introduce the nominee to the members in an address not to exceed one minute. The Nominee will have up to five minutes to accept the nomination and address the members present.

*SUBMITTED BY The Alberta Elks Association Executive*

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## **RESOLUTION #5**

### **BYLAWS: Alberta Elks Association - BYLAW 14 – COMMITTEES**

14.2 Standing Committees shall be appointed annually on the recommendation of the Incoming Provincial President with consultation of the vice-Presidents and approved by the Executive.

Standing Committees for this Association shall be, but not limited to –

- a. Advisory Committee
- b. Community Services Committee
- c. Lodge Visitation Committee
- d. Sports Committee
- e. Ritual and Patrol Team Committee
- f. Walk for Children Committee
- g. Forward Planning Committee
- h. Audit Committee
- i. Communications Committee
- j. Habitat Committee
- k. Travelling Gavel Committee

WHEREAS the Executive of the Alberta Elks Association have developed a Strategic Plan format identifying four Strategic Pillars under which programs and projects are being developed for Lodges and Districts;

AND WHEREAS the Committees as designated by the current Bylaws has not been fulfilled for a number of years and requires updating to reflect the current operations of the Association;

AND WHEREAS the Finance Committee and Judiciary Committee are designated under Bylaws 12.5 and 12.10 respectively as members of the Officers and Directors of the Association;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Bylaw 14 be amended to read:

14.2 Standing Committees shall be appointed annually on the recommendation of the Incoming Provincial President with consultation of the Vice-Presidents and approved by the Executive. Standing Committees for this Association shall be, but not limited to –

- a) Advisory Committee
- b) Membership Committee
- c) Communications Committee
- d) Sustainability & Relevance Committee

The Executive may consider other Committees for this Association, but not be limited to –

- a. Community Services Committee
- b. Lodge Visitation Committee
- c. Sports Committee
- d. Ritual and Patrol Team Committee
- e. Walk for Children Committee
- g. Forward Planning Committee
- g. Audit Committee
- h. Habitat Committee
- i. Travelling Gavel Committee

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