

Proposed Bylaws Revisions - Bylaws Revisions Committee

While we've made several changes to the bylaws in the past several years to take care of specific issues, it's been ten years since the last major look at the Fair Oaks Historical Society bylaws. A number of members had noticed areas where the bylaws might need changing to facilitate better operations, so President Frank Wolfe appointed Vice President Ron Lingren to head up a review committee. The members are Bob Vogel, Vicki Walter and Jim Pearce. Below is a summary of their recommendations.

Recommended revisions:

Update non-discrimination statement to reflect current Federal and State practice.

Increase annual dues by \$5.00.

Add three contributing levels to enable members to donate directly to the History Center and receive recognition for their generosity.

Change of minimum qualifications for the President and Vice President to one year membership and limit of the President's term of office to two years. Make the President an ex-officio member of all committees except Nominating. Give the President the right to vote as a member of the Executive Board.

Eliminating, combining or redefining standing committees to reflect current operations.

Adding a new section defining the responsibilities for care of physical assets.

Changing the section on dissolution to reflect the requirements of State law.

Other minor revisions to wording were made to reflect current practice or to bring the bylaws into confirmation with Robert's Rules of Order.

The proposed bylaws were approved by the Executive Board at the September 28th Board meeting. The new proposed bylaws will be placed on our website and made available at the History Center. If there are any questions on the reasons for the revisions, please contact one of the Committee members.

The proposed bylaws will be presented to the membership for approval at the October 25 General Meeting.