

B. C. CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION

Incorporated under the Societies Act of B. C., February, 1963

CONSTITUTION

- (1) The name of the Society is The British Columbia Civil Liberties Association.
- (2) The object of the Society is to promote, sustain, and extend civil liberties and human rights. We recognize that such rights are fundamental and inalienable for the well being of human society. Among these liberties and rights are those which have been embodied in such documents as The Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen, The American Declaration of Independence, The British, American, and Canadian Bills of Rights, and The Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- (3) The operations of the Society are to be chiefly carried on in the Province of British Columbia.

BY-LAWS

Membership

- (1) Membership shall be open to all persons who subscribe to the object of the society.
- (2) The annual membership fee shall be \$5.00 or \$7.50 for husband and wife. The annual membership fee for full time students shall be \$1.00.
- (3) New members acquire good standing after payment of the annual membership fee and remain in good standing unless they become three months in arrears.

Officers

- (4) There shall be a Board of Directors of the Society. Members of the Board of Directors shall serve for three years. Five members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at each annual general membership meeting. The elected members of the Board of Directors may appoint, from time to time, not more than ten additional members to the Board of Directors; these appointments being subject to ratification by the first annual general membership meeting following the appointments. The maximum members of the Board of Directors shall be twenty-five. The directors must be members of the Society in good standing.
- (5) The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Society and speak on its behalf in accordance with the objects of the Society and with the policies laid down at general membership meetings.
- (6) The Board of Directors, following the annual general meeting, shall elect the following officers of the Society for a one year term: the President who shall preside at meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, the Vice-President who shall assume the duties of the President in his absence, the Executive Secretary who shall conduct correspondence and business on behalf of the Society, and the Treasurer who shall keep accounts and ensure safe custody of the funds of the Society.
- (7) The Board of Directors may appoint persons to be honorary officers or sponsors of the Society for such terms as they may, from time to time, determine.

Meetings

- (8) There shall be an annual general membership meeting of the Society in the month of December.
- (9) Membership meetings may be called by the Board of Directors or upon the petition of not less than twenty members in good standing specifying the object for which the meeting is sought. Membership meetings shall be held not less than four times a year.
- (10) Membership meetings of the Society shall be at such a time and place as the Board of Directors may determine. Not less than seven days notice of meeting shall be given.
- (11) A quorum at any membership meeting of the Society shall be ten per cent of the total members in good standing plus the majority of the Board of Directors.

Borrowing Powers

- (12) For the purpose of carrying out the object of the Society, the Directors may borrow or raise money in such manner as they think fit, but only if the Society gives its sanction by passing an extraordinary resolution to that effect.

Audit and Annual Report

- (13) At every annual general membership meeting, the Directors shall submit a statement in the form of a balance sheet audited by an accredited Chartered Accountant, appointed by the Board of Directors, containing general particulars of its liabilities and assets.

Seal

- (14) The Seal of the Society shall be in the custody of the Executive Secretary and shall be used only under the authority of the Board of Directors.

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BY-LAWS

Membership

- (1) Membership shall be open to all persons who subscribe to the object of the Society.
- (2) The annual membership fee shall be established from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Society, subject to ratification by the subsequent annual general membership meeting of the Society.
- (3) A member acquires good standing after payment of that member's membership fee has been received by the Society, and remains in good standing unless the member becomes three months in arrears. The term of membership is one year and may begin at any time during the year.

Officers

- (4) There shall be a Board of Directors of the Society. Six (6) members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at each annual general membership meeting, each for a term of three (3) years from that general meeting.

The Board of Directors may appoint, from time to time, additional members to their number, these appointments being subject to ratification by the first annual general membership meeting following the appointments; but at no time should the number of active Directors who have not as of that time been elected or ratified by a general membership meeting exceed twelve (12).

A member of the Board of Directors who resigns, or who by being absent without explanation from three consecutive regular meetings of the Board may be presumed to have resigned, may be replaced in the following manner: the remaining members of the Board may appoint a new Director in his place, subject to ratification by the first annual general membership meeting following the appointment; provided that such appointment does not bring the total number of active voting Directors yet to be approved by a general membership meeting to more than twelve (12).

The term of office of an appointed Director shall be provisional until the first annual general membership meeting following his appointment, and if his appointment is ratified at that meeting, he shall then serve for two (2) years following the meeting at which his appointment was ratified.

If a duly elected or appointed Director is granted leave of absence from the Board, the Board may appoint a temporary replacement for that Director to serve on the Board until the expiration of the leave period. Such temporary replacements will have full voting privileges on the Board.

All Directors and temporary replacements on the Board must be members in good standing of the Society.

- (5) The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Society and speak on behalf of the Society. Policies of the Society may be determined either by the Board of Directors, subject to ratification by the subsequent annual general membership meetings, or directly by the membership at annual general meetings.
- (6) The Board of Directors, following each annual general membership meeting, shall elect no fewer than seven (7) and no more than ten (10) of its number to serve as voting members of the Society's Executive Committee for a one-year term. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and such other officers as the Board may designate.
- (7) The Executive Committee of the Society shall perform such functions as directed by the Board of Directors and shall report its activities to the Board.
- (8) The Board of Directors may appoint the Society's administrative assistant, or any other senior staff member employed by the Society, to be an ex-officio, non-voting member of either the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee or both, for such terms as the Board may, from time to time, determine.
- (9) The Board of Directors may appoint persons to be honorary officers or sponsors for the Society for such terms as the Board may, from time to time, determine.

Meetings

- (10) There shall be an annual general membership meeting of the Society during the month of February. Immediately following the annual meeting and within fourteen (14) days thereafter, the outgoing Executive Committee shall prepare and file such documents and reports as are required under the Societies Act of British Columbia.
- (11) Membership meetings may be called by the Board of Directors or upon the petition of not less than twenty (20) members in good standing. Petitions for such meetings must specify the object for which the meeting is sought.

- (12) Membership meetings of the Society shall be at such times and places as the Board of Directors may determine. Not less than fourteen (14) days' notice of meeting shall be given.
- (13) A quorum at any membership meeting of the Society shall be ten per cent (10%) of the total members in good standing, or twenty-five (25) members in good standing, whichever is fewer.
- (14) Each individual member shall be entitled to one vote at all membership meetings and each organizational member shall be entitled to one voting delegate at all membership meetings. Two members of a family unit which holds a family membership may each have one vote if both are present at a membership meeting, but there shall be no proxy voting.
- (15) Decisions of the annual general membership meetings of the Society shall be made by simple majority, except in the case of By-Law amendments, provision for which is made under By-Law (18).

Borrowing Powers

- (16) For the purpose of carrying out the object of the Society, the Directors may borrow or raise money in such manner as they believe fit.

Audit and Annual Report

- (17) At every annual general membership meeting, the Directors shall submit an annual report of the Society's activities for the past year, including a statement in the form of a balance sheet audited by an accredited chartered accountant. Such statement shall contain general particulars of the Society's liabilities and assets. The auditor shall be appointed by each annual general membership meeting to serve for the ensuing year.

Amendments to By-Laws

- (18) These By-Laws may be amended at any annual general membership meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those members in attendance, upon at least fourteen (14) days' written notice to the membership of the proposed amendments.

Seal

- (19) The Seal of the Society shall be in the custody of the Secretary or of the President and shall be used only under the authority of the Board of Directors.