

**Proposed Changes to the MSR Bylaws, Procedure Manual & Documents  
May 2018**

1)

**Bylaws Change:** Changes to Article VI GOVERNMENT

**Rationale:**

Dropping the requirement that the President has to have served on the Executive Board, but requiring membership on the Board of Directors. The available number of candidates is very limited. Many of our Board Directors are qualified to serve as President.

**Proposed amendment: ARTICLE VI GOVERNMENT**

**C. Eligibility:**

1. A regular member, joining after January 1, 2003, shall have been in good standing for one full year prior to being nominated or appointed to the Executive Board or as an Official.

2. With the exception of the current Vice President, no member shall be eligible to serve as President of MSR without having completed at least one full term on ~~the Executive Board~~ the Board of Directors.

Board Recommends "Do Pass"

(This change was approved by members at the June meeting, so that the nomination committee could proceed with their duties for the coming round of elections)

2)

**Bylaws Change:** Changes to Article VI GOVERNMENT

**Rationale:**

Requesting the option of the use of electronic voting. The cost of mailing, and timing of the elections, make it difficult to manage for the club and the Nominating Committee. The complexity of the process is outdated and the club does most of its work online. There are simple voting applications that are secure to do this. AANR has switched to online voting.

**Proposed Amendment: ARTICLE VI GOVERNMENT**

**D. Election of Executive Board Members and the Membership Committee Vice Chair:**

2. Election:

a. Ballots shall be mailed or electronically sent to all eligible members immediately after the July meeting.

b. Ballots may be returned to MSR by mail, by online voting, or handed to the tellers before the August meeting begins.

c. The tally shall be completed and announced during the August meeting.

d. Election to an office shall be by plurality of the votes cast by secret ballot.

Board Recommends "Do Pass"

(This change was approved by members at the June meeting, so that the nomination committee could proceed with their duties for the coming round of elections)

3)

**Bylaws Change:** Addition to ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP:

**Rationale:** To affirm the policy of AANR and AANR NW against discrimination.

**Proposed Amendment:**

**ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP:**

A 1. Membership is open to individuals of good character who are 18 years or older. MSR affirms the policy of AANR and AANR NW against discrimination, namely:

AANR-NW reaffirms the AANR non-discrimination policy by-laws, Section I Article IV A, "AANR welcomes all people willing to conform to its principles and standards, regardless of age, gender, marital status, religious beliefs, ethnic origin or sexual orientation."

To AANR-NW this includes welcoming all single, partnered and married people of all gender identities.

(Members of MSR present at the June meeting voted to endorse this policy, so that AANR-NW could be notified in time for our club to be listed on the AANR website as an endorser)

4)

**Bylaws Change:** Addition to ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP:

**Rationale:** To provide to the Board the discretion to waive the rule for attendance at three meetings by probationary members who cannot attend Saturday meetings. Some prospective members have work or other obligations that preclude their attendance on Saturday, but are otherwise active in club activities.

**Proposed Amendment:**

**ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP:**

B 10. In the event that a probationary member cannot come to Saturday meetings, the Board has the discretion to waive the rule for attendance at three meetings prior to the membership vote after the year-long probation.

Board Recommends "Do Pass"

5)

**Bylaws Change:** Changes to ARTICLE X, USE OF GROUNDS BY NON-MEMBERS:

**Rationale:** To eliminate requirement for limited overnight stays by guests of MSR members, which would mean continued payment of overnight fees by those who stay overnight.

**Proposed Amendment:**

**ARTICLE X USE OF GROUNDS BY NON-MEMBERS:**

D 2. Guests may stay overnight after registering, ~~but are limited to 21 days annually without board approval.~~

Board Recommends "Do Not Pass"

6)

**Bylaws Change:** Changes to ARTICLE XIII MSR REAL PROPERTY

**Rationale:** To clarify liability in the event of damage caused by cutting trees on leaseholder lots.

**Proposed Amendment:**

**ARTICLE XIII MSR REAL PROPERTY:**

D. Cutting Timber and Shrubs:

3. ~~All commercial-grade~~ timber on MSR property is owned by MSR, including ~~commercial-grade~~ timber located on Leaseholds.

4. ~~Except in an emergency,~~ any Any person cutting trees, even with Board or committee approval, shall be liable for damages caused to property as a result of such cutting.

Board Recommends "Do Pass"

7)

**Bylaws Change:** Addition to ARTICLE XIII MSR REAL PROPERTY

**Rationale:** To clarify liability in the event of damage caused by trees on leaseholder lots.

**Proposed Amendment:**

**ARTICLE XIII MSR REAL PROPERTY:**

D. Cutting Timber and Shrubs:

6. In the event that a leaseholder is advised by a professional arborist that a tree on his/her lot is unsafe and should be pruned, limbed or removed, and the Board does not give permission for the leaseholder to have the tree pruned, limbed or removed, the Board shall hold the leaseholder harmless for any subsequent damage caused by the tree.

Board Recommends "Do Pass"

8)

**Bylaws Change:** Changes to ARTICLE XV LEASABLE LOTS

**Rationale:** To clarify responsibility for improvements on leaseholder lots, to recommend that lot lease holders have insurance, and to require that lot lease holders take fire-prevention measures.

**Proposed Amendment:**

**ARTICLE XV LEASABLE LOTS:**

C 9. ...Improvements are the property and responsibility of the leaseholder.

C 11. All leaseholders are recommended to have insurance on their habitable structures, and required to have functional smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in ~~their habitable~~ those structures.

Board Recommends "Do Pass"

9)

**Bylaws Change:** Changes to ARTICLE XVIII AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

**Rationale:** To alert members about proposed changes to the Procedure Manual via the MSR website before voting takes place.

**Proposed Amendment:**

**ARTICLE XVIII AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND PROCEDURE MANUAL:**

B 2. ...Any recommendations made by the board may be included. Following the meeting at which the proposed change is read to the members present, the proposed change shall be posted on the MSR website, at least 15 days before the next business meeting.

Board Recommends "Do Pass"

10)

**Change to MSR Procedure Manual:** Change to 1.01.05 Membership Officer

**Rationale:** to clarify when the membership chair will provide copies of the membership roster.

**Proposed Amendment:**

**1.01.05 Membership Officer**

f. Shall keep a roster of the membership showing the changes in membership, status of members and an updated monthly membership list. He/she shall provide copies at the request of the Board.

Board Recommends "Do Pass"

11)

**Change to MSR Procedure Manual:** Addition to 2.13.00 Vehicles

**Rationale:** to clarify vehicles allowed on lots, and licensing of said vehicles, per adopted language in the lot lease guide.

**Proposed Amendment:**

**2.13.00 Vehicles**

**2.13.01 b.** Vehicles on leaseholder lots must fit completely within the boundaries of the lot. Any additional vehicles, recreational vehicles, boats, trailers, or other structures must be parked in an approved area. Parked vehicles or trailers must not appear abandoned, and, more specifically, licensable vehicles must have current tags.

12)

**Change to MSR Documents – Grounds Fees and Camping Fees**

**Rationale:** To provide reduced rate to all Affiliated Visitors, including members of INF and TNS

**Proposed Amendment:**

Change **MSR Documents, Grounds Fees and Camping Fees** (See page 32) on second line of each box to read: "GROUNDS FEES W/AANR, INF OR TNS DISCOUNT PER PERSON/PER DAY"

Board recommends "Do Pass"

NOTE FROM PAT:

*I tried to format all proposals the same way. I included the changes by underlining all additions and crossing out deletions. I put the proposed amendments in the order they would be found in the bylaws and procedure manual. I did not include page numbers, but just the numerical sections in which the particular changes appear.*