Proposed HEAL NS Bylaw Change

Current Bylaw

Member Meetings

12. (a) the annual general meeting of the Society shall be held within **six (6) months** after the end of each fiscal year. Members shall be notified by email, newsletter, telephone or other electronic means.

Proposed Bylaw

Member Meetings

12. (a) the annual general meeting of the Society shall be held within **eight (8) months** after the end of each fiscal year. Members shall be notified by email, newsletter, telephone or other electronic means.

RATIONALE:

The annual auditor's report is a core component of a charity's Annual General Meeting. We have not been able to meet the curent AGM **6 month criteria** for a few years because the auditor's report could not be completed in time to make that deadline.

BACKGROUND >> Several years ago we changed auditing firms. Being a new client we were not our new auditors top priority in scheduling. As well, we have experienced significant growth over the past 5 years thanks to some new funders. New funders = additional fiscal year-end funder reports. So, our overall year end financial paperwork has grown in size and complexity. For these and other reasons, we have needed more time to complete year end funder reports, as well as prepare for the annual audit. We are seeking to **amend the bylaw to " eight (8) months" to reflect our current reality.**