

Current By-law verbiage:

ARTICLE 6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers is generally held in November each year, at a place designated by the Executive. Election of officers for the following year should occur at this meeting. These officers become effective January 1 of the next year.

Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of members present at the meeting and will hold office from January through December. In the case of a vacancy, the President may appoint a member to serve during the remainder of the term. If the President cannot serve or is removed from office, the vice president will assume that role unless a majority of the Association members vote for new elections. No person shall be elected for any office without his/her consent.

Proposed addition to Article 6:

In the face of an emergency or crisis that would prevent, hinder or hamper the election of new officers and may result in the suspension of an election meeting for reasonable safety precautions, the Board by a majority vote, may suspend elections until such time as the Association can meet and elections safely held. Current elected Board members would therefore continue in their current positions. If possible, the Association should be notified to allow for member input.

However, if an election meeting is reasonably suspended, an electronic vote maybe held, if the process safely protects the integrity of the Association membership desires and wishes. The current Board would be tasked with the responsibility of ensuring the electronic process is reasonable, fair and allows all Association membership equal access to their voting right. The final decision rests with the Board to determine which option is in the best interest of the members and the Association. The decision should consider member safety and preserves the integrity of the democratic process.