



Oshawa Historical Society
Managing the
Oshawa Museum

Annual Meeting Agenda item

This is notice to the membership of proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of the Society to be considered at the Annual Meeting April 18, 2017 and to become effective upon approval. The following were submitted by Keri Semenko, Vice President, Governance Committee Chairperson, and Stoney Kudel, President, and were unanimously approved by the Board of Directors on March 13, 2017.

BY-LAW 3 – MEMBERSHIP

Page 5 Section 3 – Fee Categories

a) replace “on an annual basis” with “periodically”

Reason for change: It is felt the requirement for the Board to annually examine membership fees is unnecessary.

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION

Page 6 Section 2 – Board of Directors

Amend “nine (9)” to “seven (7)”

BY-LAW 4 – ORGANIZATION

Page 6 Section 2 – Board of Directors

Amend “nine” to “seven (7)”

Reason for changes: The trend is toward reducing the size of volunteer Boards of not for profit organizations. The OHS has already been effectively functioning with a smaller Board.

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Page 10 Section 2 – Board of Directors Meeting

a) 1) Replace “once per quarter” with “four times”

Reason for change: To bring the by-law in line with current practice. Over the year the Board meets more than four times but the meeting schedule is based on work requirements (e.g. budget, annual meeting preparation etc.), not the calendar.

BY-LAW 5 – MEETINGS

Page 12 Section 4 – Annual Meeting

a) Replace “April” with “May”

Reason for change: Moving the Annual Meeting to the month of May will allow more time to receive the annual financial statement and audit reports.
