

Ocean County Historical Society

By-Law Changes

Words in () parentheses have been added

Words in [] brackets have been deleted

Article 1 – Membership

First paragraph will now read:

All (Board) members shall vote on any proposed debt exceeding \$1,000. A majority vote of (Board members) at a meeting called to present proposed debt will be needed for approval.

Article II – Trustees

The organization shall have a minimum of [fifteen] (12) elected trustees.

Article III – Elected Officers

Section 4 – Membership Secretary

Deleted the Membership Secretary as an Executive Officer. The position Membership Secretary will remain.

Section 5 – Treasurer

Added: (The Treasurer shall have the authority to sign all documents pertinent to the financial responsibility of the office.)

Article IV – Executive Board

The following sentences were deleted: [There shall be an annual Board review to ensure that all involved are working toward the same objectives in keeping with the mission/vision of the Society. This shall take place in January.]

A quorum shall consist of fifty percent plus one of the (Board) members.

Article V – Standing Committees

Changed Business Committee to Finance Committee. Added the sentence (The Treasurer is the committee chair.)

Deleted the Development Committee.

Article VI – Society Personnel

Added: (No Board member, unless that person has been grandfathered in, can serve as a paid employee or a paid consultant.)

Article VIII – General Membership Meetings

Added: (The majority of the Board members present, 50% plus one, shall constitute a quorum at any general meeting of the Society.)

Article IX – Elections

Deleted: [If there are two or more candidates for any one office, the slate will be mailed to the general membership.] Added: (If there are two or more candidates for any one office, the slate will be posted in the Scroll. Members can vote at the election which will be held at a General Meeting at a date to be determined by the President.)

Deleted: [Members may apply for an absentee ballot if unable to attend the General Meeting at which voting takes place. Absentee ballots must include the members' name, address, and phone number and must be hand delivered, by mail, or via facsimile. The vote may not be delivered by phone or e-mail. All absentee ballots will be given to the Recording Secretary and will count toward the quorum for the purposes of an official election.]

Article XII – Amending Process

Amendments to any article of the Constitution require an affirmative vote of [fifty percent plus one of the Board members.] Sentence changed to: Amendments to any article of the Constitution require an affirmative vote of (2/3 of the members present at two consecutive meetings. The proposed changes will be posted in the Scroll.)

Deleted: [Absentee ballots may be obtained from the Recording Secretary for Constitutional amendments and must be received by the date of the meeting.]