

A special announcement

We, the UARC Board of Directors, propose that our bylaws be modified to accommodate the growth of the club and the digital age that is prompting us to update our communication methodology. Specifically, we are attempting to change 1) upon what conditions we should decide to hold meetings and 2) what constitutes a voting quorum in the club, to amend the bylaws and fill leadership roles.

Here are the two bylaws sections as they currently stand:



SECTION IV: AMENDMENTS

The **Bylaws** may be adopted and amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the **membership** present at any duly called meeting (provided they constitute a **quorum** as defined in **Section VII**). Proposals for **amendments** shall be submitted in writing to all **members** of the **Club** one month before the actual vote.

SECTION VII: MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held at least once each month except in July and August. A regular date, time, and place for the **meeting**, excepting **special meetings**, shall be selected by the **Board of Directors**, but may be altered by a majority vote of the **membership**. **Special meetings** may be called by the **President**. He/she shall be required to call a **special meeting** upon receipt of a written request signed by five (5) or more voting members.

All **members** shall be notified at least forty eight hours before the time set for a **meeting**. The voting **members** present at any duly called **meeting** shall constitute a quorum for all purposes. However, the election or removal of **officers** or change of **Bylaws** shall require a minimum of ten per cent of the voting **members** to constitute a quorum.

Here are the proposed replacements for the above two bylaws sections:

SECTION : MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held at least once each month except in July and August. The Board of Directors shall select a regular date, time, and place for the meeting, excepting special meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President who shall be required to call a special meeting upon receipt of a written request signed by twenty-five (25) or more voting members. All members shall be notified electronically at least forty-eight hours before the time set for a special meeting.

SECTION : VOTING

The election or removal of officers or amendment of Bylaws shall require a minimum of five per cent of the voting membership present to constitute a quorum. The voting members present at any duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum for all other purposes.

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Justification for the above proposal:

1. If, for example, to learn how voting is administered in the current bylaws as written, the reader knows the rules are in there, but the only way to find it is to read the whole document.
2. Furthermore, as soon as you think you've found an answer to the question of voting (again as an example) in the section labeled AMENDMENTS the reader is directed to yet another section titled MEETINGS to obtain the other portion of the answer to that particular question.

Hence there are actually two topics intermixed in the current bylaws, and each topic is referenced by its own section with its own label. The proposed MEETINGS section contains nothing in it that does not directly pertain to running the meetings, and the proposed VOTING section contains nothing but direction on voting.

Our hands are currently tied with the original (and current) bylaws; these changes untie our hands.

You can download and examine the full ByLaws document at

<https://user.xmission.com/~uarc/bylaws.html>

Send your questions to uarc@xmission.com

