

# MGPDOA Bylaws

## Summary of Recommended Changes

### Presented at 2016 AGM

This document introduces the recommended changes being made to the MGPDOA Bylaw (2014). The Board of Directors has reviewed the recommendations, and approved them in November 2016. The Board is now asking for approval from the Members in Good Standing in attendance at the 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Comments	Bylaws 2014 version	Bylaws 2016 version
Honourary memberships	<p><i>See Sections B.5</i></p> <p>Honourary memberships are for the life of the recipient so honoured ,unless cancelled by subsequent action of the Association. Honourary members are not required to pay dues and cannot vote nor hold office.</p>	<p><i>See Sections B.5</i></p> <p>At the discretion of the Board, an honorary membership may be awarded to a member for the duration of the life of the recipient . The recipient is so honoured unless cancelled by a subsequent action of the Association. Honourary members are not required to to pay dues and cannot vote nor hold office.</p>
Fee payment due date	<p><i>See Sections B.7, B.8, B.9</i></p> <p>Payment fees are covered in relation to how they are decided, defined as <i>a member in good standing</i>, and how long they remain valid. The date payments are due not explained.</p>	<p><i>See Sections B.7</i></p> <p>Added: <i>The fee is payable by <b>October 31st</b> of the current year.</i></p>

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Suggest changing a responsibility from one position to a more relevant one.	<p><i>See Sections B.10</i></p> <p>Replace <i>The Secretary of the Association shall notify the members of dues payable . . .</i></p>	<p><i>See Sections B.10</i></p> <p>Change the responsibility to <i>The Director of Membership</i></p>
Suggest changing position of <i>Chairperson (and Co-chairperson assumed) to President and Vice President.</i>	<p><i>See Sections B.9b), C.11, C.12 (2 occurrences), C.16, C.19 (2 occurrences)</i></p> <p>Changed all references to <i>chairpersons, or co-chairs.</i> Did NOT change the C.19 reference to <i>Committee Chairs</i></p>	<p><i>See Sections B.9, F.32, F.33, F.35, M.45, M.46</i></p> <p>Changed to <i>President or Vice President.</i></p>
Suggest adding a position (Executive Past President) whose responsibility includes maintaining consistency and continuity through changes of the Board.	<p><i>See Section C.11 through 16</i></p> <p>Position did NOT exist before the approval of these 2016 Bylaws.</p>	<p><i>See Section C.12</i></p> <p>Added: <i>Executive Past President (EPP)</i> is a Director of the Board <i>and an Officer of the Association.</i> It is important to have a person who has knowledge of the organization's past to provide continuity to Board members, new and existing. The need to maintain a level of historic knowledge of the park and success or failure of past activities.</p>

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<p>Suggest replacing the 2 chairpersons with President and Vice President.</p> <p>The responsibilities will be very similar to that of the current chairpersons except that in the President's role, there would be the expectation of a higher level of knowledge. The Vice President would be considered more of a learning position.</p>	<p><i>See Section C.12</i></p> <p>Was: The Chairpersons shall have general supervision of the activities of the Association and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the members. Chairpersons may preside jointly or singly at meetings.</p>	<p><i>See Section C.12</i></p> <p>Changed to: The President and Vice President may share duties as the Board sees fit. The President and Vice President may preside over all meetings, either jointly or individually.</p> <p>The <b>President</b> is a Director of the Board and an Officer of the Association. The President provides general supervision of the activities of the Association working closely with the Vice President and the Executive Past President. The President will also have such other duties and powers as the Board may specify.</p> <p>The <b>Vice President</b> is a Director of the Board and an Officer of the Association. If the President is absent or is unable, or refuses to act, the Vice President will, when present, preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the members. The Vice President will have such other duties and powers as the Board may specify.</p>

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Suggest adding positions to help spread the responsibilities among more people and bring new ideas to the Board.	<p><i>See Section C.11 through 16</i></p> <p>Membership was not handled as a specific responsibility.</p>	<p><i>See Section C.12</i></p> <p>Added:  <b><i>Director of Membership</i></b> manages all records related to the membership ensuring privacy issues are handled securely.</p>
Suggest adding positions to help spread the responsibilities among more people and bring new ideas to the Board.	<p><i>See Section C.11 through 16</i></p> <p>Marketing and promotion was not handled as a specific responsibility.</p>	<p><i>See Section D. Board Positions</i></p> <p>Added:  <b>Director of Marketing and Promotions</b> develops and implements a marketing plan that is suited to the MGPDOA's mandate and vision.</p>

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Suggest adding positions to help spread the responsibilities among more people and bring new ideas to the Board.	<p><i>See Section C.11 through 16</i></p> <p>Members at large are mentioned but not handled as a specific responsibility.</p>	<p><i>See Section D. Board Positions</i></p> <p>Added:  <b>Members at Large</b>—In these positions, individuals are encouraged to share their ideas and concerns related to the Association as they see them. They provide support and assistance in any form that is needed for scheduled events and ongoing procedures. Any assignments must take into consideration the person’s availability.</p>

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Suggest changing the minimum number of Members at Large	<p><i>See Section C.11 through 16</i></p> <p>The minimum number of Members at Large was set at four with a maximum of 8. Removed minimum.</p>	<p><i>See Section D. Board Positions</i></p> <p>Added:  <b>Members at Large</b>—The Board may include up to eight (8) individuals who are Directors of the Board.</p>
Clarifying the use of the term <i>Officer</i>	<p><i>See Section C.20</i></p> <p>Refers to <i>Officer</i> 3 times but there is no explanation about how the position is related to other positions. Making an assumption that only certain positions also hold the position of Officer. Further discussion is needed.</p>	<p><i>See Section C.13 - Officers of the Board</i></p> <p><i>Added</i></p> <p>The powers and duties of all other Officers of the organization will be such as the terms of their engagement call for or the Board or President requires of them. The Board may, from time to time, vary, add to or limit the powers and duties of any Officer.</p>
Reorganized existing points for better understanding.	<p><i>See Section C.17 through 22</i></p>	<p><i>See Section C.- Operational Guidelines</i></p> <p>Named sections to collect the miscellaneous details from the previous version.</p>