

# Summary of Proposed Amendments to BIR Bylaws

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Grammatical changes such as capitalization and consistency of terms (BIR vs Bainbridge Island Rowing, Board vs Board of Directors) have been made without redline notation.

- Article I. Section 2. **Purpose:** Updated mission per 2021 BIR Strategic Plan
- Article I. Section 6. **Communication:** delete (mail no longer referenced in Bylaws)
- Article II. Section 2. **Size:** replace “Masters” with “Adults”
- Article II. Section 7. **Regular Meetings:** post notice on BIR website; open to members and invited guests
- Article II. Section 8. **Special Meetings:** post notice BIR website and distribute to members
- Article II. Section 9. **Emergency Meetings:** add imminent financial risk to emergency action
- Article II. Section 10. **Remote Participation:** add members and invited guests, delete “arranged by the absent director, at his/her expense”
- Article II. Section 11. **Written Consent:** Clarify unanimous written consent to include electronic means
- Article III. Section 7. **Officers:** Add optional Executive Director role
- Article IV. Section 1. **Access:** Expand the concept of Access to the concept of Diversity and Inclusion
- Article IV. Section 2. **Membership:** Add: Membership dues must be paid in full for membership privileges. (remove “dues are charged on a calendar year basis”)
- Article IV. Section 3. **Voting Rights:** specify that Members have the right to vote on matters affecting the corporation “at meetings of the Members”.
- Article IV. Section 3. **Facility Use:** change to be “consistent with policies enacted by the Board” rather than according to the programs for which they have registered and paid fees.
- Article IV. Section 4. **Membership Withdrawal:** add requirement to provide waivers and other prerequisites
- Article IV. Section 5. **Meetings of Members, Quorum, Majority:** post meeting notices on website and distribute to members (rather than mailing); members must be present to vote rather than in-person
- Article V. Sections 1 and 3. **Committees:** Combine responsibilities and members of Operations and Finance Committees to form an Executive Committee.
- Article V. Section 2. **Safety Committee:** Change chair of committee from vice president to “an officer”
- Article V. Section 5. **Coaching Committee:** Removed committee because these responsibilities are handled by staff, with oversight by the board.
- Article V. Section 6. **Capital Fundraising Committee:** Change name to Development Committee and expand scope to include equipment and scholarship needs.
- Article VI. Sec 3. **Property Use:** Expanded to include community use
- Article IX. Section 1. **Amendment.** Change from 65% to 67% (2/3 vote) of those present at a meeting of members