

PROPOSED ADMENDMENTS TO THE VICTORIA CHRISTIAN EDUCATON SOCIETY CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS - MAY 2018

Preamble: The Victoria Christian Education Society Board is recommending the following **Constitution and Bylaw amendments** to satisfy the new B.C. Societies Act requirements. The significant issue is that the previous **Constitutional Articles 3 to 7**, which were unalterable, will become alterable **BY-LAWS** under the new act. The **CONSTITUTION** will now only include **ARTICLES 1 and 2**.

The VCES Board has approved the following changes and now recommends them to the Society for final approval.

EXISTING – CONSTITUTION	CHANGE TO – PART 1 - FOUNDATIONAL BYLAWS
ARTICLE 3 – BASIS	ARTICLE 1 – BASIS
ARTICLE 4 – RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES (A) CREATION: The universe and all things created by God in the beginning were made good and perfect as we read in Genesis 1:31: "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold it was very good.?"	ARTICLE 2 – RELIGIOUS PRINCIPALS (A) CREATION: The universe and all things created by God in the beginning were made good and perfect as we read in Genesis 1:31: "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold it was very good."
ARTICLE 5 – ELEMENTS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	ARTICLE 3 – ELEMENTS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
ARTICLE 6 – NON-PROFITS	ARTICLE 4 – NON-PROFITS
ARTICLE 7 – DISSOLUTION: In case of dissolution of the Society the assets of the Society shall be donated to such Canadian Christian charitable organization as the Society may determine by special resolution. This provision is unalterable.	ARTICLE 5 – DISSOLUTION: In case of dissolution of the Society the assets of the Society shall be donated to such Canadian Christian charitable organization as the Society may determine by special resolution.
ARTICLE 8 – UNALTERABLE ARTICLES: In addition to Article 7, the Articles 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are unalterable. ARTICLES 3 – 8 above were previously unalterable* <i>this statement to be removed following registry with the BC Society</i>	ARTICLE 6 – AMENDMENTS: A 95% vote approval, of the society members in attendance, will be required to make any amendments to Foundational Bylaw Articles 1 to 5.
EXISTING – BYLAWS	CHANGE TO – PART 2 - OPERATIONAL BYLAWS
ARTICLE 1 – MEMBERSHIP: (A) ELIGIBILITY: Membership in this Society is restricted to those persons over the age of eighteen, who are wholeheartedly committed to the principles and goals of Christian education as they are set forth in the Constitution of this Society.	ARTICLE 1 – MEMBERSHIP: (A) ELIGIBILITY: Membership in this Society is restricted to those persons over the age of eighteen, who are wholeheartedly committed to the principles set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of this Society.

EXISTING – BYLAWS wording	CHANGE – PART 2 - OPERATIONAL BYLAWS
<p>ARTICLE 1 – MEMBERSHIP: (B) APPLICATION: Application shall be made to the Board and shall include the annual membership fee and the nomination of two members in good standing. Before membership status is granted, applicants are requested to attend the New Parent Information Seminar, to be introduced to pertinent facts about the Society and its school(s), such as its history, its reasons for existence, its goals and religious principles on which the Society and its school(s) are based. Also the privileges and the obligations of membership will be stressed and discussed. The Board may waive the requirement to attend the New Parent Information Seminar if the applicant concerns a transfer from another Christian Education Society affiliated with Christian Schools International or any other approved Christian Education Organization.</p> <p>If membership is granted the applicant will become and remain a member in good standing, provided membership fees are fully paid up and membership has not been terminated under Art. 1 subsection (D) - Cessation of Membership. If membership is not granted the applicant may request the nominators to appeal the decision of the Board at the next General membership meeting, where this application is decided upon by a simple majority vote. If membership is not granted, the membership fee shall be refunded.</p>	<p>ARTICLE 1 – MEMBERSHIP: (B) APPLICATION: Application shall be made to the Board. For parents with children in the school(s), this application form, along with a copy of a positive pastor's reference shall be submitted. The parents' annual membership fee will be included in their tuition. All others seeking membership in the Society will submit an application form signed by two members in good standing, or include a positive pastor's reference. The non-parents will pay an annual membership fee. Before membership status is granted, parent applicants are expected to attend the New Parent Information Seminar, to be introduced to pertinent facts about the society and its school(s), such as its history, its reasons for existence, its goals and religious principles on which the Society and its school(s) are based. Also the privileges and the obligations of membership will be stressed and discussed. The Board may waive the requirement to attend the New Parent Information Seminar if the applicant concerns a transfer from another Christian Education Society affiliated with Christian Schools International or any other approved Christian Education Organization.</p> <p>If membership is granted the applicant will become and remain a member in good standing, provided membership fees are fully paid up and membership has not been terminated under Art. 1 subsection (D) - Cessation of Membership. If membership is not granted the applicant may appeal the decision of the Board. If membership is not granted, the membership fee shall be refunded.</p> <p><i>This amendment was approved at the VCES AGM May 28, 2002 but was not submitted to the BC Societies.</i></p>
<p>ARTICLE 2 – MEETINGS: (B) FALL MEETING: A second general meeting shall be held in November or December. At this meeting the Board, its Committees and the Principal(s) shall give progress reports.</p>	<p>ARTICLE 2 – MEETINGS: (B) FALL MEETING: A second society meeting may be held in the fall.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 2 – MEETINGS: (E) VOTING AT MEETINGS: Ordinarily, decisions shall be determined by oral vote. In case of doubt or if the chair is challenged from the floor, a show of hands shall determine the case. Elections shall be determined by secret ballot, unless otherwise decided by the meeting. A simple majority of votes shall determine the issue in each case, except where otherwise required by the Societies' Act or this Constitution or by special decision by the Board. Acceptance of votes by proxy shall be determined at the meeting with each issue.</p>	<p>ARTICLE 2 – MEETINGS: (E) VOTING AT MEETINGS: Decisions shall be determined by a show of hands. Elections shall be determined by secret ballot. A simple majority of votes shall determine the issue in each case, except where otherwise required by the Societies' Act or this Constitution or by special decision by the Board. Acceptance of votes by proxy shall be determined at the meeting with each issue.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE 2 – MEETINGS: (F) ACCESS TO BOOKS & RECORDS: All documents of the Society excluding student files, teacher files and donation and tuition records, shall be available for inspection to the Directors and members of the Society during normal business hours upon giving the Board of Directors twenty-one days written notice of such intention.</p>	<p>ARTICLE 2 – MEETINGS: (F) ACCESS TO BOOKS & RECORDS: All documents of the Society excluding student files, teacher files and donation and tuition records, shall be available for inspection to the Directors and members of the Society during normal business hours upon giving the Board of Directors twenty-one days written notice of such intention. Records to be viewed on school property and may not be copied or removed.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 3 – THE BOARD (C) VACANCY: In the event of a mid-term vacancy in the Board, the Board shall fill such a vacancy by appointing a society member in good standing for the remainder of the vacated term, subject to the approval of the next general meeting.</p>	<p>ARTICLE 3 – THE BOARD (C) VACANCY: In the event of a mid-term vacancy in the Board, the Board may fill such a vacancy by appointing a society member in good standing for the remainder of the vacated term, subject to approval at the next general meeting.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 3 – THE BOARD (D) FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: The Board shall meet once every month with the possible exception of the month of August.</p>	<p>ARTICLE 3 – THE BOARD (D) FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: The Board shall have a minimum of 8 board meetings per school year.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 3 – THE BOARD (E) REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS: Directors shall cease to hold office upon their ceasing to be members of the Society. Ten percent of the members in good standing can require the Directors to call a special meeting of the Society for the purpose of removing any member of the Board of Directors and/or substituting a new member in that position.</p>	<p>ARTICLE 3 – THE BOARD (E) REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS: Directors shall cease to hold office upon their ceasing to be members of the Society. Ten percent of the members in good standing can require the Directors to call a special meeting of the Society for the purpose of removing a Director from the Board and/or substituting a new Director in that position.</p>