

Notice of Special Resolution at the Annual General Meeting November 19 2020 at 7:00PM

Proposed changes to Bylaws of the Canadian Celiac Association Edmonton Chapter

These changes are necessary to ensure the Chapter operates in an efficient manner.

The current section 6.3.1 of the bylaws state that to obtain a quorum at any general meeting twenty (20) Members are required to attend.

Whereas it has been difficult to achieve a 20 Member quorum for the last number (at least 5) annual general meetings, in spite of trying various forms of presentations, speakers and food to draw out the membership.

Whereas the collective corporate memory recalls this number being set at a time when the Chapter had 750 members a quorum of 20 reflects 2.6 percent of the membership.

Whereas with our current membership of about 200, a quorum of 10 members equals 5 percent of the membership.

Whereas the Bylaws of our provincial counterpart (Calgary Chapter) requires 10 Members at any general meeting to achieve a quorum.

The covid19 pandemic has brought to light the need to have alternative means to have meetings of the Board and general membership.

Whereas it is necessary to hold meetings to conduct the ongoing business of the Chapter.

Whereas there are special circumstances where it is not safe or practical for meetings to be held physically in person.

Whereas there are now virtual electronic means to meet.

The following motion is made to make changes to the bylaws.

Motion:

Bylaw 6.3.1 is changed to read: The quorum for all general meetings shall be attained when ten (10) Members of the Society are in attendance. Members in attendance who choose to abstain from voting will count towards quorum.

Bylaw 2.20 is added to read: In person means physically present or personal virtual presence.

Bylaw 6.1.2.1 is added to read: Any notice of meeting shall be deemed received seven days after it was sent out. Notice shall include in writing or by an electronic notice.

Bylaw 6.5 is added to read: Any meeting of the membership will be held physically in person or under special circumstances at the discretion of the Board may be held virtually.

Bylaw 7.1.8.6 is added to read: Any meeting of the Board will be held physically in person or under special circumstances at the discretion of the Board may be held virtually.