

REVISED BYLAWS OF THE BC ORIGINAL MINDS ASSOCIATION

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1. NAME

The name of the Society is the BC Original Minds Association.

2. OBJECT

The object of this Society is to promote and provide leadership for critical thinking and creative problem solving skills through the use of a school based program.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Classes Of Membership

Any individual over the age of 19 in the Province of BC may apply to be a member .

A team manager or coach over the age of 19 who has paid the membership fees for a team may apply to be a member during the period of time that he/she is a team manager or coach.

The Executive Board may grant special memberships at their discretion.

Eligibility

Only members of the Society shall be entitled to all of its rights and privileges including the right to vote and hold office.

The Executive Board shall have the power to review and to determine the eligibility of all applicants for membership.

The membership dues shall be recommended to the membership at the Annual General Meeting and be determined by a vote at that meeting annually.

Resignation

A member is deemed to have resigned upon his death.

A member is deemed to have resigned upon being expelled.

A member is deemed to have resigned if that member is not in good standing for six months.

Expulsion

A member may be expelled from the Society for behaviour inappropriate or unbecoming as determined by a vote of the Executive Board.

A member shall be notified of expulsion with the reasons for same by registered mail.

4. OFFICERS

Composition

The Officers of the Society shall be the President, the Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Officers may not hold more than one position at a time.

Term

Unless otherwise agreed by the Board, the Officers shall not be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms.

Duties

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and the Executive Board.

The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President.

The Secretary shall:

Keep current the membership list

Keep Minutes of the meetings of the Society and the Executive Board.

Comply with all legal filing required by the Society Act.

Issue Notice of Meetings

Have custody of all required documents and records not kept by the Treasurer.

The treasurer shall keep the financial records necessary to comply with the Society Act. He shall render financial statements to the Executive Board a minimum of four times annually.

5. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Composition

The Executive Board is composed of a maximum of 15 persons comprised of the four Officers, and a minimum of two individuals representing Provincial Regions .

The affiliate director (Destination Imagination) and the tournament director (First Lego League) and the director of any other youth program approved by the Board shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Board during his/her engagement.

Wherever possible, a program representative shall be elected to the Executive Board.

The Executive Board shall be a minimum of six and a maximum of eight voting members.

Quorum shall be four voting members of the Executive Board.

Election

Members who constitute the Executive Board are elected from a slate proposed by a Nominating Committee to the membership at the AGM.

No nominations may be received from the floor.

Members of the Executive Board may be elected by acclamation.

Duties

The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society between its business meetings. The Executive Board shall be subject to the orders of the Society and shall not act in conflict with those orders.

The Executive Board has the responsibility of making sure the Society has all the appropriate resources to meet its mandate.

The Executive Board shall engage an affiliate Director (for Destination Imagination) and a Tournament Director (for First Lego League) and/or for any other youth program approved by the Board.

The Executive Board may appoint committees as it sees fit to work under its supervision to expedite the work of the Executive Board.

The Executive Board may not spend an unbudgeted amount in excess of \$500 without approval of the members.

6. TERMS OF OFFICE

A term shall be two years.

No member of the Executive Board or an Officer may serve more than two consecutive terms unless otherwise determined by the Board.

If a position is vacant mid term, it may be filled by a vote of the Executive Board but, it must be filled at the following AGM.

7. MEETINGS

Meetings of the Society may be held in person or by electronic means or by a combination of the two.

Notice of meetings of the Society must be received no later than 15 days prior to the meeting either by regular post or the internet.

Meetings of the Society must be held annually, as a minimum.

Quorum for the conducting of business at the AGM is 17.

The order of business at an AGM and all the proceedings that surround it are described in Robert's Rules of Order.

Voting is done by a show of hands unless the assembly elects for a ballot. Voting by proxy is permitted.

Meetings of the Executive Board must take place a minimum of four times annually.

8. COMMITTEES

Kinds Of Committees

There may be three Standing Committees.

Special Committees shall be created from time to time on an ad hoc basis to address a specific need.

Composition

Each committee shall be chaired by a member of the Executive Board and an individual for Regional Director and First Lego League Committees.

There shall be no less than two other members on a committee *and those members may be under the age of 19.*

Authority

The committees receive their mandate from the Executive Board and do not have any authority beyond that. Committees report to the Executive Board which is where all final decisions are taken.

Names Of Committees

The Finance Committee shall be chaired by the Treasurer of the Society. The Finance Committee shall prepare annual budgets, report to the Executive Board on a quarterly basis and arrange for financial statements as required by the Society Act.

The Program Committee shall be chaired by a member of the Executive Board. It shall recommend the criteria and scope of programs, set the annual timetable for tournaments and be responsible for attracting adequate resources to attend to those duties.

The Advisory Committee shall be chaired by a member of the Executive Board. It shall advise the Board as to the future content of programs, ideas re tournaments, inform the nominating process and give general advice as to the improvement of the Society.

Special Committees shall be of short duration to complete a specific task and then be dissolved.

9. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The Parliamentary authority for the Society shall be Robert's Rules of Order, current edition.

10. YEAR END

The fiscal year end shall be December 31.

11. DISSOLUTION

In the event that the Society is to be dissolved, the funds and assets shall be transferred to *BC Children's Hospital Foundation*. This section is unalterable.

