

Amendments to the By Laws of the Ridgefield Historical Society to be voted on at the Annual Meeting of the Membership in October of 2024

There are a total of 7 proposed Amendments to the By Laws of the Ridgefield Historical Society.

Proposed Amendment #1

Article IV- The Board of Directors Section 3 as presently constituted reads as follows:

The Directors shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, one half of the Board to be elected each year. Starting in October of 2023, there shall be a limit of two consecutive for each Board member but there shall be no limit on the number of terms a Board member may serve. Nothing in the process shall prevent any former Board member from serving on any Committee of the Advisory Board.

It is proposed that Article IV The Board of Directors Section 3 be amended to read as follows:

The Directors shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, one half of the Board to be elected each year. Starting in October of 2023, there shall be a limit of two consecutive for each Board member but there shall be no limit on the number of terms a Board member may serve. Nothing in the process shall prevent any former Board member from serving on any Committee of the Advisory Board. This provision shall only apply to those Board members who are up for election in 2023 or any year thereafter and who as of the time of election have already served two consecutive terms. The Board may, at its discretion, for the good of the organization, extend the service of a Director beyond two consecutive terms.

Proposed Amendments #2

Article IV The Board of Directors Section 4 as presently constituted reads as follows:

Positions held by Directors include, without limitation, the following: Membership; Fund-raising; Education; Buildings and Grounds; Archives; Publicity; Historic Property Preservation; Genealogy and Newsletter. No Director may serve in the same position for more than two consecutive two-year terms; provided, however, the Board may at its discretion for the good of the organization, extend the service of a Director beyond two consecutive terms.

It is proposed that Article IV The Board of Directors Section 4 be eliminated.

Proposed Amendment #3

Article V Officers Section 1 as presently constituted reads as follows:

The Officers of the Society shall constitute the Executive Board and shall consist of a President, first Vice-President, Second Vice President, Treasurer or Co-Treasurers, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

It is proposed that Article V Section 1 be amended to read as follows:

The Officers of the Society shall consist of the Executive Board which shall consist of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, if any, Treasurer or Co-Treasurers, and the Secretary also referred to as the Recording Secretary.

Proposed Amendment #4

Article V Officers Section 4 currently has a 3rd sentence which reads as follows:

The President shall have check-signing authority to a maximum of \$750.

It is proposed that the third sentence of Article V Officers Section 4 be amended as follows:

The President shall have check-signing authority to a maximum of \$1750.

Proposed Amendment #5

Article V Section 8 as presently constituted reads as follows:

The Corresponding Secretary shall notify the Board of upcoming meetings, shall handle all external correspondence on behalf of the Society and perform other duties as may be designated by the Board.

It is proposed that Article V Section 8 be eliminated.

Proposed Amendment #6

Article VIII Advisory Board Section 1 as presently constituted reads as follows:

A Board of no fewer than five (5) Advisors shall be invited by the Board of Directors to serve a term of two years, renewable indefinitely by mutual agreement.

It is proposed that Article VIII Advisory Board Section 1 be amended to read as follows:

A Board of Advisors may be invited by the Board of Directors to serve a term of two years, renewable indefinitely by mutual agreement. Nothing in the Article shall prevent a member from serving on both the Advisory Board and the Board of Directors.

Proposed Amendment #7

Article X Membership Section 4 as presently constituted reads as follows:

Members shall be entitled to such special privileges as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

It is proposed that Article X Membership Section 4 be amended to read as follows:

Members shall be entitled to such special privileges as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. The Board of Directors may at its discretion change or rename classes of membership and any privileges attached.