

DMRI Constitution and By-laws

The Executive Committee of DMRI formed a Governance Committee to review and revise the Constitution and By-laws. The Governance Committee developed a revised document, which was approved by the Executive to bring to the upcoming AGM for approval. As a member of DMRI, you will vote on these changes to the Constitution and By-laws at the May 11 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The changes are numerous. Many are small changes intended to clarify the old language. Some of the changes are substantive and these are highlighted below to draw your attention to the relevant clauses. This note also provides the rationale for the changes.

1. By-laws.

There is no longer any reference to “constitution”. We were advised by our lawyer that the legislation (Corporations Act (Ontario)) makes no reference to Constitution and therefore we have revised the language to say By-laws only.

2. Type of membership

We have created voting and non-voting memberships. The objective of this change is to ensure that people who live outside of Don Mills cannot override the wishes of those in Don Mills, while continuing to allow them to be members of DMRI and keep in touch with the activities of DMRI and the issues our community faces. Voting members reside within the boundaries of the DMRI as set out in the By-laws.

3. Board

We have changed the name of the ‘Executive Committee’ to the ‘Board’. This is consistent with virtually all other such organizations. It is a change in name only.

4. Makeup of the Board

The Board is made up of elected members and appointed members.

- At the Annual General Meeting (AGM), the membership will elect Area Reps and five Members-At-Large.
- At a meeting of the Board, the Board will then elect, from among Board members, three Officers :
 - **President**
 - **First Vice-President**
 - **Second Vice-President**

This ensures the people elected into these positions have the support of the Board.

- In addition, the Board will appoint five officers who can be existing members of the Board or individuals from the general membership of DMRI:

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- **Social Director**
- **Communications Director**
- **Secretary**
- **Membership Secretary**
- **Treasurer**

The purpose of this is to recognize that the specific skill sets required for these positions might not be available among the Board members. If the Board deems that to be the case, the Board can look to the membership at large for someone to fill the position.