

CHESAPEAKE & OHIO CANAL ASSOCIATION

Bylaws Committee

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Report to the Annual Meeting Saturday, 26 March 2022

No proposals to amend the bylaws were submitted to the Bylaws Committee during the past year, and, therefore, no motions to amend are on the agenda for the 2022 Annual Meeting.

Amending the bylaws is a lengthy process, involving several steps. The bylaws may be amended at an annual or special membership meeting of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. However, for the motion to be put to a vote, the text of the proposed amendment must have been published in the call to the meeting. This requirement for “previous notice” is essential to ensure that all members of the Association are informed of the proposed change, and have an opportunity to attend and vote if they so desire.

The standing rule of order adopted by the Board of Directors in 2008 specifies that proposed amendments, from any member or group of members, should be submitted to the president in writing. The proposal will be reviewed to the Bylaws Committee and reported to the Board of Directors. The board’s recommendation for adoption or rejection will be included with the publication of the proposal in the call to the meeting.

Since the call to the annual meeting is published in the December newsletter, the October board meeting is normally the last opportunity for the board to review and make a recommendation if a proposed amendment is to be placed on agenda for the next annual meeting.

The Association’s bylaws can be found on the Association’s website candocanal.org.

For the committee,

David M. Johnson
Chairman