

Special Resolution on Extending Notice of Special Resolutions

WHEREAS the membership in attendance of a Regular or Annual General Meeting must vote on all special resolutions at that meeting

WHEREAS two or more resolutions are often considered at each General Meeting

WHEREAS the length of the voting periods at General Meetings is frequently less than 3 hours

WHEREAS members often require more time than is provided in General Meetings to comprehend and deliberate on resolutions with other members of their chapters and communities

WHEREAS members of the VTU often work at least 5 out of every 7 days

WHEREAS the current deadline to distribute resolutions is 7 days

WHEREAS members who are both organizing and attending a General Meeting often make other preparations for the union in the week prior to a General Meeting

WHEREAS members submitting a Special Resolution and organizing a General Meeting require at least 7 days notice following the announcement of a General Meeting to submit and distribute all Resolutions to be voted on at that meeting

WHEREAS all members should be provided sufficient notice of all General Meetings, both Annual and Regular, and all their Special Resolutions

WHEREAS comprehension and deliberation are clear requirements for any meaningful democratic process

BE IT RESOLVED that the general membership of the VTU makes the following changes to the Bylaws of the Vancouver Tenants Union

Bylaws of the Vancouver Tenants Union

Part 3 — General Meeting of Members

Notice of ~~Annual~~ General Meetings

3.2.1 Written notice of the date, time, and location of a General Meeting~~an AGM~~ must be sent to every member of the VTU at least 14 days before the meeting and not more than 60 days before the Meeting.

3.2.2 Notice of a General Meeting~~an AGM~~ of the VTU is deemed to have been sent under 3.2.1 if:

(a) notice of the date, time, and location of the meeting has been sent, to every member of the VTU who has provided an email address to the VTU, by email to that email address, and

(b) notice of the date, time, and location of the meeting is posted, throughout the period commencing at least 21 days before the meeting and ending when the meeting is held, on the VTU website.

3.2.3 The accidental omission to send notice of a General Meeting~~an AGM~~ to a member, or the non-receipt of notice by a member, does not invalidate any proceedings at the meeting.

Special Resolutions

3.5.7 Notice of a Special Resolution shall be given to members of the VTU at least 7 ~~days~~14 days before the date on which the vote will occur, or within 48 hours of notice of the General Meeting being sent to the membership, whichever is closer to the date the vote will occur.

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