



ECCL By-laws Updating Project: Summary of Key Changes

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Background: A recent review of the ECCL By-Laws showed that, over time, certain sections had grown inadequate to guide an organization the size of ECCL and to protect our large net asset value. The ECCL by-laws have only been updated a few times in the last 73 years, and reflect the needs of what once was a much smaller organization.

The proposed updated By-Laws are not a simple "wording tweak." They are a needed full modernization of the by-laws, that will serve the organization well for the next twenty-plus years. **Only the members of ECCL can change the By-Laws, and it is hoped all members will review these changes and support them.**

Summary of Key Changes:

While this one-page summary cannot list all of minor edits being proposed, it is a summary of those changes that are the most meaningful and likely to be of interest to most members. The full document is available on the club webpage and a limited number of hardcopies will be available at the upcoming membership meetings. All members are encouraged to read it and engage in questions and discussions.

1. A change that will allow e-mail and web-page or telephone notification of the membership where the by-laws now require that members be notified in writing of a meeting or issue. It currently **costs over \$1,100** (not to mention a lot of volunteer hours) to mail a single sheet of paper to all members -- money that is not used to enhance our ranges or programs.

2. A change that clarifies our ability to support the Second Amendment and fight proposed laws and government policies that limit our right to keep and bear arms. Also expands the range of issues we can fight for to include laws favorable to hunting, fishing and conservation.

3. Changes the role of the club Treasurer to an elected Board position to give members the right to elect a Treasurer; just like the other Board positions, and as is normally done in nonprofit organizations. We will continue to use a paid bookkeeper to attend to the daily matters of keeping the books and paying bills.

4. Establishes and clarifies language related to the election of the Board of Trustees and provides for greater continuity of leadership between election cycles. This will ensure that all Board Members are subject to a vote of the membership every two years, and not every 12 months as is the case for Board Officers. Any changes will not take effect until the next election in 2022.

5. Removal from the bylaws items that are matters of minor club policy and not related to governance of the organization. These items are better suited to being contained in an ECCL policies and procedures manual.

Items NOT Subject to any Meaningful Change:

1. The purpose and mission of the organization
2. Membership categories, associated benefits and dues
3. Roles and Responsibilities (in general) of the Board of Trustees
4. The nature and manner of club Membership and Board Meetings
5. No changes to club facilities or how members use them.

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