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Summary of 2020 Bylaws Changes

Changes to the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Act went into effect January 1, 2020. Many of these changes affect the way RVGS conducts its business and were significant enough to require revision of our Bylaws. The Board adopted the new Bylaws on August 10, 2020, and we are now presenting them to the membership for approval. Following is a summary of the major changes:

- Article V—Board of Officers and Directors: Simplified rules for majority voting, allowance for voting by email, removal of officers and directors; clarification of conflict of interest policies
- Article VI—Membership and Dues: Changes to a number of requirements for membership nonprofits, including voting rights; process to suspend or terminate membership; allowance for voting by email
- Article VIII—Meetings: Clarification of quorum, changes to notice requirements for regular and special meetings
- Article XIII—Committees: Clarification of committee responsibilities
- Article XV—Endowment Fund: Revisions to comply with our Fund Agreement with the Oregon Community Foundation that manages our permanent endowment fund.
- Deleted Duties of Officers and Directors as these are maintained in the Society organizational manual. This allows flexibility as the needs of the Society change.
- The bylaws document has been re-sequenced to create a more logical order.