

Martha's Vineyard Museum  
By-law Revision Summary  
July 2020

Section	Current	Proposed
Article III		
Section 1a	35/ 15 members	30/20
Section 1b	Officers may, but need not be members of the board	Officers MUST be members of the board
Section 2a	Oversee the affairs	Set policies and plans
Section 3c		Added language: Approve the audit and other financial recordkeeping
Section 3d	Including the collections management policy as it may be amended from time to time	Many policies are considered and it is advised to leave open to all and not name only one
Section 4		Added language: Invalidates the corporation's status with the IRS or violates...
Section 6	5 members	25%
Section 8	Absent from 3	Absent from 2
Section 9	1 year absence	2 year absence
Section 10	From time to time the board of directors may name an honorary director. Honorary directors shall receive a copy of the regular minutes of the board and may attend board meetings but shall have no vote. The term of an honorary member shall be for life of the honoree	Revised language: Is a person who is willing to lend her/his name in support of MVM and is committed to MVM's mission. The Executive Committee will review honorary Directors' standing every three years.
Section 11		Added language: The Board, by 2/3 majority, may elect Emeritus Board members. Emeritus members shall be former board members who have served with distinction, have served in major leadership roles and made significant contributions and, have completed their term(s) on the Board. Any Emeritus member who returns to active service loses Emeritus status.

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Article IV	Executive Committee	Reordered bylaw sections: Officers
Section 2	An officer or other member who has been elected by the Annual Meeting to serve two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms as a member of the Board may be elected as an officer upon expiration of the sixth year , or if in office at the expiration of such sixth consecutive year, may remain in such office if elected; however, except for the Executive Director	The term of office shall be one year. No officer shall serve more than five consecutive one-year terms in the same office unless approved by a two-thirds majority of those present at the first Board of Directors meeting following its Annual Meeting.
	An officer may hold more than on office at the same time	An officer may NOT hold more than one office at the same time
Section 9		Added language: Be the finance committee chair and
		Added language: The Treasurer shall enlist the services of an independent accountant to perform an annual financial audit of corporate financial statements. At each regular meeting of the Board,
	the Treasurer shall provide a written report at the Annual meeting	Revised language: The Treasurer shall provide a statement of accounts, and a written report at the Annual Meeting
Article V	Advisory Committee	Reordered bylaw sections: Standing Committees
Section 1		Added Executive and Program and Exhibits Committees
Section 2	The Chair of the Board shall appoint each Chairperson	The Chair of the Board shall appoint each Chairperson, who shall be Board members, of the standing committees.
Section 3	shall report regularly to the Board	Shall report regularly to the executive committee and make recommendations for Board approval.
Section 5	The Chair shall appoint a Governance Committee of not fewer than three members of the Museum to present a slate	The Chair shall appoint a Governance Committee of not fewer than three members of the Museum whose duties will include presenting a slate
Section 7	Any member of the Board may attend an Executive Committee meeting but shall have no vote.	Board members who wish to attend a meeting of a Standing Committee of which they are not a member, may do so only with the agreement of the Committee Chair, and shall have no vote

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Article VI	Annual and Special Meetings	Reorder bylaw sections:Executive Committee
Section 2	be appointed by and serve at the direction of the Chair. members can include up to 3 addtl. board members	members shall be appointed by and serve at the discretion of the chair Added Gov. Chair and changed to 2 additional members
	The majority of the members shall be board members	Exec. Com members shall be board members
Article VII	Officers	Reorder bylaw sections:Budget and Invested Funds
Article VIII	Committees	Reorder bylaw sections: Membership
Section 1	Membership in the Museum shall consist of all persons who are interested in the mission of the Museum and have contributed monies to support the Museum or have been elected honorary memberships.	Membership in the Museum shall consist of all persons who are interested in the mission of the Museum and have purchased a membership to the Museum.
Section 2	Members whose financial support has lapsed in excess of one calendar year may be dropped from membership after written notification.	Life memberships heretofore created shall continue after the adoption of these By-Laws.
Article iX	Budget and Invested Funds	Reorder bylaw sections: Annual and Special Meetings
Section 1	Special meetings of the Museum may be called by the Chair of the Board, by a vote of the Board, or by the request of no fewer than 15 members .	Special meetings of the Museum may be called by the Chair of the Board, by a vote of the Board, or by the request of no fewer than 10% of all members .
Section 3	Notice of the place, the day and hour, and the purpose of each meeting shall be sent to each member in good standing not less than seven days prior to the day of the meeting. Notice may be by mail, telephone, fax, MVM web site, or email.	Notice of the place, the day and hour, and the purpose of each meeting shall be sent to each member in good standing not less than 14 days prior to the day of the meeting. Notice may be by mail, telephone, fax, MVM web site, or email.
Section 5	Not less than 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting, a member in good standing may ask for a message to be sent to all members of the Museum.	Not less than seven days prior to the Annual Meeting, a member in good standing may ask for a message to be sent to all members of the Museum.
Article X	Membership	Reorder bylaw sections: Amendments