

Re CWHBA By-Law amendments.

March 15, 2026

On the advice of the Management Committee the Board has approved and is proposing some by-law amendments designed to allow an expansion of the Board through elections of members at large to the following positions:

Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer and two Studbook Committee members.

The reason for these amendments is to allow the Board to function as a policy and planning board with representation from each chapter and to enable the CWHBA to access individuals with particular skills and knowledge to fill the executive positions. This is in line with practice at EC and other Boards where there is a vetting process for board nominations.

It is not the intention of these changes to exclude National Directors elected by the chapters from these positions. They will be eligible as well. It is simply hoped that we can widen the pool of human resources available to take us into the future. If you have questions or comments please contact your chapter directors or email communications@canadianwarmbloods.com.

Below are the relevant sections of the By-Laws. Parts to be removed are highlighted with yellow. New wording is in red. The full by-laws may be accessed through our web site [here](#).

A Nominations Committee has been appointed by the Board to bring nominations forward to this year's AGM. It will be a transition year so nominations will be for one year only until the new by-laws come fully into effect in 2027.

In keeping with the intent of these amendments, anyone with an interest in learning about or serving in one of these positions please email communications@canadianwarmbloods.com.

XI. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The board shall consist of:

1. Two Directors from each duly constituted provincial chapter elected from the ranks of the members for a term of 2 years. Each term to come due in alternate years.
Attendance at Board meetings is required.
2. A Chair elected from the ranks of **the membership or** the board by the Annual General Meeting for a term of 2 years. The Chair shall call the Board meetings, the Annual General Meetings and the Stud Book Committee meetings and shall take the chair at them. The Chair will oversee the implementation of approved resolutions. The Chair shall remain as a member of the Board for two years following the term of office.
3. A Vice Chair elected from the ranks of **the membership or** the Board by the Annual

General Meeting for a term of 2 years. The Vice Chair shall act on behalf of the Chair when the Chair is unable to be present.

4. A Secretary elected from the ranks of **the membership or** the Board by the Board. The Secretary is responsible for keeping the minutes of the meeting and notifications of meetings.
5. A Treasurer elected from the ranks of the **membership or the** Board by the Board. The Treasurer is responsible for keeping the financial records.
6. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one person if at any annual meeting the membership present shall so decide.

XVI. ELECTIONS

Elections shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting by an elections chairperson elected by the Annual General Meeting. **Nominations shall be taken from the floor.** **Nominations shall be received by the Nominations Committee for the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Studbook members.** All elections at the Annual General Meeting shall take place by secret ballot with a simple majority of the delegates and directors present. An open vote shall be allowed if there is no opposition to it. Should there be no absolute majority in the first election then the two persons with the most votes shall be taken as candidates. On a parity of votes the elections shall be settled by the drawing of lots.

XII. THE STUD BOOK COMMITTEE

1. The Stud Book Committee is an executive committee consisting of, the Chair and Vice Chair as well as two further **Board** members who are voted for at the Annual General Meeting on the advice of the **Board Nominations Committee**