

## **Bylaws Update Overview**

### **Overall Clarifications:**

- Change to the name as the Sons & Daughters of Erin of Northern Nevada to clarify difference between the Southern Nevada Chapter who has the same name.
- Executive Committee is referred to as the “Board”

### **Membership**

- Opens membership to anyone interested in Irish Culture instead of being of Irish origin
- Simplifies membership requirement to paid current dues on time.
- Member classifications to be determined by board on annual basis through annual policy agreement
- Article 7 Membership Contributions Section deleted and merged into Section 6 since it refers to membership
- Membership deadline changed to end of fiscal year

**NOTE:** Since Article 7 is deleted, all further sections modified to denote proper chronology.

### **Removal of Membership/Officers**

- Simplifies removal of member or board member to two thirds approval of the board with an appeal opportunity. Old one was cumbersome.
- Changes provisions of removal from office from “shall” to “may” to allow board to consider extenuating circumstances

### **Management**

- Simplifies description of officers
- Changes names of directors from Dublin, Galway, Belfast and At-Large to Irish Province names Leinster, Connacht, Ulster and Munster respectively
- Gives president ability to vote which is necessary for quorum purposes
- Gives appointment ability to president with consent of board to fill vacant positions

### **Fiscal Responsibility (Changed Section header from Members Not To Profit)**

- Codifies timely presentation of annual budget
- Codifies annual investment policy (donations, grants, etc.)
- Defines Fiscal year to be July 1 –June 30

### **Conflict of Interest**

- Allows compensation to members/board members for professional services with board consent (i.e. paying entertainers who are members, etc.)
- Clarifies use of property and materials should be used for the purposes of the Chapter

**Meetings**

- Simplifies requirements to be in purview of the board
- Clarifies quorum requirement
- Sets a minimum of 4 annual board meetings instead of six and includes gatherings to minimum of at least one quarterly general meeting
- Allows for e-mail votes

**Amendments**

- Allows for changes to be simple majority of those present and single documented proxy votes at the general meeting
- Opens Irish Person of the Year to a non-members

**Ratification**

- Changes date to the upcoming February meeting
- Allows for 4 board members to sign instead of specific officers in case position isn't filled and to simplify process