



CGSA – By Law Amendments February 2026

Several By Law Amendments are proposed for the AGM in February 2026. Here is an outline of the original and proposed amendment along with reasoning why this is proposed.

Original	Proposed Amendment	Reasoning
ARTICLE I – 4 Until changed in accordance with the Act, the head office of the Corporation shall be in the City of Toronto in the Province of Ontario.	Until changed in accordance with the Act, the head office of the Corporation shall be in the Greater Toronto Area in the Province of Ontario.	Our head office is currently located in Mississauga, ON. Broadening the location to contain the Greater Toronto Area, we will not have to amend the By Laws should we move again in this area.
ARTICLE II – 2 MEMBERSHIP CLASSES Inactive Members – An Inactive Member is a member who, as a result of unemployment, illness or adverse financial condition, is unable to pay dues and who is approved by the Management Committee, upon proper application, to receive such status.	Inactive Members – An Inactive Member is a member who, as a result of unemployment, illness or adverse financial condition, is unable to pay dues and who is approved by the Executive Committee, upon proper application, to receive such status.	No longer use the term Management Committee and have changed to read Executive Committee.
ARTICLE III – DUES AND SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENTS AND SUSPENSION OF NON-PAYMENT – 2 - ASSESSMENTS In the absence of a meeting, the vote of the members entitled to vote on the question of levying a special assessment may be taken by mailed, faxed or emailed ballots, as approved by the Secretary.	In the absence of a meeting, the vote of the members entitled to vote on the question of levying a special assessment may be taken by mailed, faxed or emailed ballots, as approved by the Vice President.	Removing the position of Secretary as that position no longer exists since CGSA has hired staff. It has been replaced to the position of Vice President.
ARTICLE IV – 4 -ANNUAL MEETING ADMITTANCE Admittance to any annual or special meeting of the Association shall be limited to only those Life, Superintendent and Golf Course Management members who are in good standing. Others may be admitted by invitation which may be revoked by the Secretary any time prior to or during such meeting.	Admittance to any annual or special meeting of the Association shall be limited to only those Life, Superintendent and Golf Course Management members who are in good standing. Others may be admitted by invitation which may be revoked by the Vice President any time prior to or during such meeting.	Removing the position of Secretary as that position no longer exists since CGSA has hired staff. It has been replaced to the position of Vice President.
ARTICLE V – PROXIES The appointment of a proxy shall be received by the Secretary of the meeting prior to the commencement of the meeting or at such earlier time	 The appointment of a proxy shall be received by the Vice President of the meeting prior to the commencement of the meeting or at such earlier time and in such manner as the Board may prescribe	Removing the position of Secretary as that position no longer exists since CGSA has hired staff. It has been replaced to the position Vice President.

and in such manner as the Board may prescribe in accordance with the governing statutes,...	in accordance with the governing statutes,...	
ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 3 (a) 3. The office of Director shall be automatically vacated upon one of the following events: (a) If a Director resigns the office by delivering a written resignation to the Secretary of the Corporation.	3. The office of Director shall be automatically vacated upon one of the following events: (a) If a Director resigns the office by delivering a written resignation to the President of the Corporation.	Removing the position of Secretary as that position no longer exists since CGSA has hired staff. It has been replaced to the position of President.
ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 4 (d) 4. The following Officers and Directors shall be elected or appointed according to the following provisions: (d) The Secretary Treasurer of the Association is appointed for a one year term whose appointment as Secretary - Treasurer shall be from among elected regional directors.	The Treasurer of the Association is appointed for a one year term whose appointment as Treasurer shall be from among elected regional directors.	Removing the position of Secretary as that position no longer exists since CGSA has hired staff. It has been replaced to the position of Treasurer.
ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 14 14. The position of Secretary-Treasurer to the Board of Directors will be appointed annually at the Board of Directors meeting following the Annual General Meeting. The appointment will be made by the President in consultation with the Management Committee. The person appointed must be a member of the Board of Directors. The appointment is for a one year period ending with the appointment of the person's successor. Notwithstanding any other provisions in the bylaw, nothing prevents a person from being appointed for a second or subsequent term. The Secretary-Treasurer is a signing officer of the Corporation and is responsible for the duties and responsibilities assigned to that position by the Board of Directors.	14. The position of Treasurer to the Board of Directors will be appointed annually at the Board of Directors meeting following the Annual General Meeting. The appointment will be made by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee. The person appointed must be a member of the Board of Directors. The appointment is for a one year period ending with the appointment of the person's successor. Notwithstanding any other provisions in the bylaw, nothing prevents a person from being appointed for a second or subsequent term. The Treasurer is a signing officer of the Corporation and is responsible for the duties and responsibilities assigned to that position by the Board of Directors.	Removing the Secretary as that Board position no longer exists since CGSA has hired staff. It has been replaced to the position of Treasurer. Changed the Management Committee to Executive Committee as that is language that is currently used.
ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES – 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE ...A copy of this list of nominees, certified by the Secretary shall be mailed to the general membership for	A copy of this list of nominees, certified by the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be mailed to the general membership for information at least	Removing the position of Secretary as that position no longer exists since CGSA has hired staff. It has been replaced to the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

information at least thirty (30) days before the date of the AGM.	thirty (30) days before the date of the AGM.	
ARTICLE X – NOTICES OF MEETINGS 2. Any notice, communication or other document to be given by the Corporation or by the Secretary of the Corporation to a member, Director, Officer, or auditor of the Corporation under any provisions of the Corporation's Charter, or the By-laws of the Corporation, or The Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act, shall be sufficiently given if delivered personally to the person to whom it is to be given or if delivered to the last address of that person as recorded on the books of the Corporation, or mailed by prepaid ordinary mail addressed to the last address as recorded on the books of the Corporation or if sent by any means of wire or wireless or any other form of transmitted or recorded communication.	2. Any notice, communication or other document to be given by the Corporation or by the President of the Corporation to a member, Director, Officer, or auditor of the Corporation under any provisions of the Corporation's Charter, or the By-laws of the Corporation, or The Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act, shall be sufficiently given if delivered personally to the person to whom it is to be given or if delivered to the last address of that person as recorded on the books of the Corporation, or mailed by prepaid ordinary mail addressed to the last address as recorded on the books of the Corporation or if sent by any means of wire or wireless or any other form of transmitted or recorded communication.	Removing the position of Secretary as that position no longer exists since CGSA has hired staff. It has been replaced to the position of President.
ARTICLE XII – WINDING UP 1. Upon a winding-up or other dissolution, after all debts have been paid or provision for payment has been made, the remaining assets of the Corporation shall be paid, transferred and delivered to the Canadian Turfgrass Research Foundation.	1. Upon a winding-up or other dissolution, after all debts have been paid or provision for payment has been made, the remaining assets of the Corporation shall be paid, transferred and delivered to an entity that conducts turf research within Canada.	Given the dissolution of the CTRF in 2025, it has to be amended. The change here is that any remaining assets of the Corporation shall be designated to be distributed to turf research within Canada.