

## **Announcement of Proposed By-Law Changes**

Your Board of Directors (BOD) has been busy updating our by-laws to reflect recent legal changes by the State of California, as well as other improvements.

We believe that the final version of proposed updates published on the website has accomplished these goals, and we are anxious to have ***all of you review them and vote to approve them at our upcoming Annual Meeting on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at the Shop.***

***Please take a few minutes and read through them and come to the meeting and vote.***

In summary, we propose to make the following changes:

1. The BOD is defined as the top-level governing body of SDFWA
2. The BOD can have as few as 4 or as many as 10 Directors.

Currently, the BOD has 6 members. We are going to add The Design in Wood Coordinator as a new BOD member.

3. Allow the BOD to propose any future by-law or articles of incorporation changes at any general meeting with a quorum, and with sufficient written notice of the proposed change(s) on the website and/or by email.

4. Lower the quorum for members voting at meetings to 40 from 100.

5. Codifying the minimum number of general meetings to 4 minimum, and the number of BOD meetings to 4 minimum.

6. Defined 3 types of memberships – member with no shop privileges; member with shop privileges; and honorary membership (ex-presidents).

7. Checks can be signed by either the Treasurer or his assigned accountants.

8. Added a requirement to maintain a website.
9. Added the website as the primary way to notify members of upcoming BOD, general, and annual meetings as well as any future changes to the by-laws and articles of incorporation.
10. Four new sections added to meet State legal requirements.
11. Numerous language clean-ups and simplifications.