

DESERT COVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (DCHA)

Elections

The Desert Cove Homeowners Association is governed by the Societies Act of BC, and by our own by-laws, which set out the policies and procedures for holding elections for the Board of Directors. Elections are held in September at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), following the fiscal year end of August 31st. All Board members including the Executive (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) are elected for a two-year alternating term. If a Board member resigns during their term, the Board may appoint a replacement for that position, which is valid only until the next AGM, when the position will again come up for election for another two-year term.

You must be a paid-up Voting Member of the Association to vote at a meeting, or to be considered for election to a position on the Board of Directors. *(Please refer to the By-Laws for the specific requirements)*. Directors serve as volunteers, there are no paid positions.

If you are interested in becoming a Board member and would like more information on the requirements of the positions, please contact the Board through the CONTACT page on the DCHA website or speak to a current Board member.

If the Board is aware that a position will become vacant at the next AGM, you may be approached in the months prior by a member of the Board, to ask if you would consider letting your name stand for election to that specific position. It may be possible to speak with the person currently in the position to get a better idea of what is required or read the job description posted on the web site for that position.

If you agree to let your name stand for election to the Board, your name will be put forward at the AGM. If no one else puts their name forward for that position, there is no balloting, and you will be elected by acclamation. If there is more than one person standing for election for that position, a vote will be necessary. If you are not successfully elected to that position, you may be given the opportunity to let your name stand for another vacancy on the Board, if you wish to do so. Members may also put their names forward during the AGM if nominations from the floor are to be accepted.

The current by-laws allow for a minimum number of Directors six (6) to a maximum of ten (10). This gives the Board some flexibility, and the ability to continue should there not be enough people who put their names forward for consideration.

The Board of Directors meets regularly, and often communicate by email for discussions or decisions that need to be made between meetings. Occasional absence from a scheduled meeting is accepted, if communicated prior to the meeting. Extended absence is covered in our by-laws, and *at the discretion of the Board currently serving at that time*, a Director may be given approval to be away for a longer period of time, but may be asked to resign from the board for the period of absence, and reinstated on their return. As this requires finding a replacement for the period of absence, it is not an ideal arrangement. The Board of Directors will vote on whether to allow the extended absence of any Director. If it is voted down, the Director may be asked to resign and another Director may be appointed in their place.