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**CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH**  
**National Bylaw No. 1 – Proposed Amendments 2024**

**PREAMBLE**

Issue identified as part of the PCH Review of CPF Governance, Communication, and Accountability Processes. The recommendation requires that the definition of “member” align with changes brought to the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act: To be a member, requires a right to vote, one vote per individual.

CPF past and current bylaws outlined provisions for several classes/categories of membership, some of which were not granted voting rights. Therefore, entities identified within the CPF National Bylaw currently identified as members but without a voting right must be addressed. Amend the National Bylaws to provide a voting right to all CPF members or change the title of non-voting entities. To maintain the Branch Voting Delegates process currently used, language within the bylaws must clarify that at Branch level, the members are the individuals residing in the jurisdiction and each has one vote; at the National level, it is the Branches that designate a voting delegate as representative of the members; each Branch has one vote and assigns one voting delegate on its behalf.

The Bylaw Committee has worked with legal counsel to propose simple amendments to the existing Bylaws to better align with CNCA and to respond to the PCH recommendation:

- One Class of Membership – Individuals – who are each granted a voting right.
- Conditions of Membership: Adult (age of majority in place of residence) and residing in Canada.
- Removing a member category or provide new ‘titles’ according to levels of engagement:
  - Family (previously only one vote for two or more individuals) – Now invited to be Individual Members, each with their own vote.
  - Organizations (previously Associate Member Organizations) – Now ‘Associate Partner Organizations’. Those associated with the organization invited to be Individual Members, each with their own vote.
  - International Residents – Now ‘Friends of CPF’, no voting rights.
  - Youth (under the age of majority) - Now ‘Friends of CPF’, no voting rights - but retaining the same special circumstances provision granted when youth invited to serve as Youth Director on a Branch Board of Directors (already in Bylaws).
- Improve clarity of wording in current bylaw on voting delegates – process of voting of members at Branch, designate representative to National as Branch Voting Delegate, to retain process currently used.

The Bylaw Committee has prepared the chart below with specific language revisions of these proposed amendments.

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	EXISTING 2022 BYLAW	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
<b>Definitions</b>	<p>"Associate <b>Membership Organization (AMO)</b>" means an organization or group whose <b>membership allows a maximum of 15 individuals</b> access to services and information from Canadian Parents for French. AMO's do not have voting privileges.</p> <p>"Family Member" means <b>two individuals</b> residing within the same household inside of Canada, entitled to receive notice of and attend all meetings of members, and shall be <b>entitled to one (1) vote</b> at the relevant Branch meeting of members including the Branch Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>"Individual Member" is an individual who resides inside of Canada, entitled to receive notice of and attend all meetings of members, and shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the relevant Branch meeting of members including the Branch Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>"International Member" is an individual who resides outside of Canada and has no voting rights.</p>	<p>"Associate <b>Partner Organization (APO)</b>" means an organization or group whose <b>partnership allows for special access</b> services and information from Canadian Parents for French. <b>APOs are not members and therefore do not have voting privileges.</b></p> <p><b>This member group no longer exists. The individuals become members, individually. Each person has one vote.</b></p> <p>"Individual Member" is an individual, <b>of age of majority</b>, who resides inside of Canada, entitled to receive notice of and attend all meetings of members, and shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the relevant Branch meeting of members including the Branch Annual General Meeting.</p> <p><b>As no voting right, this is not a member. Will be referred to as a 'CPF Friend'.</b></p>
<b>154 Conditions of Membership</b>	<p>These conditions of membership shall apply: membership is available <b>only to an adult</b> who has expressed an interest in and support of the mandate of the Corporation, has paid the appropriate membership fee, and whose application has been accepted.</p>	<p>These conditions of membership shall apply: membership is available <b>only to individuals, of age of majority in their place of residence in Canada, who have</b> expressed an interest in and support of the mandate of the Corporation, has paid the appropriate membership fee, and whose application has been accepted.</p>
<b>154.2 Classes of Membership</b>	<p>There shall be <b>four (4)</b> classes of members in the Corporation, namely, Individual, <del>Family, International and Associate Member Organizations (AMO)</del>, <del>Individual and Family</del> are voting memberships. <del>International is a non-voting membership, available to individuals who reside outside of Canada. Associate Organization is a non-voting membership, available to organizations.</del> The term of membership shall be annual/triennial, subject to renewal in accordance with the policies of the Corporation.</p>	<p>There shall be <b>one (1)</b> class of members in the Corporation, namely, Individual, who are voting memberships.</p> <p>The term of membership shall be annual/triennial, subject to renewal in accordance with the policies of the Corporation.</p> <p><b>The Corporation may approve categories for supporters of the Corporation, such as Associates, Friends, individuals residing outside of Canada or Honorary Patrons, and as further described in the National Policies. Such categories of supporters shall not be Members of the Corporation and shall have no voting rights in the Corporation.</b></p>

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<p><b>154.4 Voting Rights</b></p>	<p>Individual <del>and Family</del> members are entitled to receive notice of and attend all meetings of members, and shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the relevant Branch meeting of members including the Branch Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Voting members elect the Branch President who is then designated to serve as the Voting Delegate on behalf of that Branch.</p> <p><del>International Members and Associate Member Organizations do not have the right to vote.</del></p>	<p><b>Individual members</b> are entitled to receive notice of and attend all meetings of members, and shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the relevant Branch meeting of members including the Branch Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Voting members elect the Branch President who is then designated to serve as the Voting Delegate <b>at National Annual General and Special Meetings</b> on behalf of that Branch.</p> <p><b>Each Branch shall notify the Corporation in writing within thirty (30) days of the National Annual Meeting of the name of the individual designated by the Branch to act as its delegate and to vote on its behalf.</b></p>
<p><b>154.4.1 Non-Voting Members</b></p> <p><b>Change in title for clarity, no change to contents.</b></p>	<p><b>154.4.1 Non-Voting Members</b></p> <p>Members who receive remuneration from Canadian Parents for French, for other than reasonable out of pocket expenses, shall not have the right to vote at any level of the organization during their term of employment or during the period of any service contract they hold with Canadian Parents for French.</p>	<p><b>154.4.1 Members Receiving Remuneration</b></p> <p>Members who receive remuneration from Canadian Parents for French, for other than reasonable out of pocket expenses, shall not have the right to vote at any level of the organization during their term of employment or during the period of any service contract they hold with Canadian Parents for French.</p>
<p><b>154.6 Representative</b></p>	<p>Each Branch President is recognized as the authorized member to represent the members of their Branch at Branch and National meetings.</p> <p>Branch Presidents and the current serving members of the National Board of Directors are authorized to elect the new and/or incumbent Directors to the National Board based on recommendations made by the Nominating Committee.</p>	<p><b>- no change, provided for context of the reader.</b></p>

The CPF Network is invited to offer feedback and submit one Branch response by **June 28, 2024**, to Bylaw Committee Chair, Nancy McKeragan, [nancymckeraghan@rogers.com](mailto:nancymckeraghan@rogers.com).

The Committee will update according to Network feedback received and bring forward for approval those items receiving general support at the National AGM, July 12, 2024.