

## Proposed By-Law Amendment

The Unit Board has identified a potential problem with amending the Unit's By-Laws. Currently under Article IX (quoted below) the By-Laws can only be amended during an annual or special meeting of the membership of the Unit. Under Article IV part D, "A quorum for the transaction of business at any annual or special meeting shall consist of not less than 15 per cent of the total membership."

The total membership of Unit 507 varies, but averages around 690 members, so the presence of 104 members is required at a meeting to amend the By-Laws. Attendance at the annual meetings in July has been dropping and may not meet the quorum requirements in the future.

Accordingly, the Unit Board is proposing an additional method for amending the By-Laws, namely by the Unit Board itself. The Board is asking the membership to approve this amendment to Article IX of the By-Laws at the upcoming membership meeting on July 8, 2018. The Board proposes adding the paragraph in bold below to the existing Article IX.

"Amendment to the By-Laws may be made by the members of the Unit upon petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) members and submitted to the Secretary at least ten days in advance of the annual meeting or any special meeting called for the purpose, or upon petition signed by at least five (5) members of the Unit Board of Directors. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to incorporate the text of the proposed amendment in the notice of the meeting. The concurrence of two-thirds of all members present and voting shall be required to pass any amendment."

**"Amendment to the By-Laws may also be made by the Unit Board of Directors. A proposed amendment must be submitted in writing at any meeting of the Unit Board of Directors. If approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, it shall be published as determined by a majority of the Board of Directors then present and voting. After the proposed amendment has been published and posted for at least 30 days, the Unit Board of Directors shall again consider the proposed amendment at a meeting of the Board. If the Unit Board of Directors approves the proposed amendment by a second 2/3 vote of those present and voting, the amendment shall become effective immediately."**