



The New BARAGA Bylaws and Regulations

The New Societies Act

The New Societies Act came into effect November 28, 2016 and governs how societies (not-for-profit corporations) are created and run in B.C. The Act includes significant updates to allow for more flexibility in how societies operate, while still protecting the public interest. For complete information on the new societies act and the transition process, please go to:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/not-for-profit-organizations/societies-act-transition>

The Transition for BARAGA

The BARAGA Board of Directors started working on a review of our bylaws in 2016 and the final draft you now have is based on many hours of committee meetings, discussions and reviews. The final draft has also been reviewed by a lawyer, Martha Rans of Pacific Legal Education and Outreach. The next step is to have this document approved by the membership at the 2018 AGM as the new BARAGA Bylaws and Regulations.

Comparing the current BARAGA handbook and the new BARAGA bylaws and regulations

Current BARAGA Handbook	New BARAGA Bylaws and regulations
35 pages with Handbook (21 pages) and Constitution and Bylaws (14 pages).	22 pages with Constitution, Bylaws and Regulations. Bylaws were designed based on the New Societies Act Model Bylaws.
Handbook has 13 chapters. Bylaws have 15 parts.	Bylaws have 10 parts. Regulations have 7 chapters. Information, such as Finances (already covered in the New Societies Act) was removed.
Some handbook policies repeated or conflicting with bylaws.	Some repetition in the Regulations for the purpose of providing details regarding bylaws. Any conflicting information removed.
Membership termination and plot rental termination criteria and process embedded in several policies and bylaws, leading to some confusion.	Membership responsibilities, termination, discipline and appeal opportunities in bylaws, with details in regulations.
Privacy not addressed.	Privacy regulation placed in Chapter 7 of regulations.
Access to Records not available.	Access to Records part of New Societies Act and included in Bylaws.
	Addition of Summary of Important Information included on back page.