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GENERAL MANAGER'S BOARD MEETING BULLETIN



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Board approves resolutions to amend bylaws

MPE members to vote on amendments at April 27 Annual Meeting

The Board approved three resolutions to amend the MPE bylaws, two of which will require a vote by the members at the annual meeting, scheduled for April 27, 2024, at 8 a.m. at Middle Park High School, 795 North 2nd Street in Granby.

One of the resolutions requiring member approval involves Board of Director elections. In Article IV, Section 4 (d) of the bylaws, the proposed new text is as follows: "To be elected, a nominee shall have received a plurality" of all valid votes cast for each director at the election. "Plurality" replaces "majority," meaning there will no longer be a need for a runoff election, such as in the 2023 District 1 election.

The second resolution up for a member vote would give the Board the ability to alter, amend, or repeal articles and sections of the bylaws if necessary to comply with any applicable law, rule, or regulation. As stated in the proposed

update to Article XII (b), any such action would require two-thirds affirmative vote of the Board Directors.

The third resolution included minor updates and text revisions to bylaws that do not require a member vote. One such update adds email as an option for notifying Board Directors about special meetings, whereas regular mail or in-person notification were previously required.

The Board reviewed the bylaws and approved these resolutions and proposed amendments leading up to the Annual Meeting to take advantage of there being no Board Director election in 2024.

The MPE Bylaws are available at www.mpei.com/bylaws. Official notice of the proposed bylaw amendments will be published in area newspapers and on the MPE website by March 18. It will also be available at the MPE Granby and Walden offices for review.

Other Board Meeting Actions

- The Board gave authority to the General Manager to reinstate the Electrify Everything program, as modified in October 2023, subject to the final execution of the loan documents with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP), fund availability, and MPE personnel capacity to administer the program.
- Following the proposal by the Engineering and Operations departments at the January Board Meeting and the publishing of official notices, the Board voted to remove Simple Service from the MPE tariff. Simple Service was introduced in 2023 with the intention of streamlining the construction process for services up to 200 amps. Because construction projects vary so widely across MPE's service territory, the Simple Service framework proved ineffective.