

Summary of Proposed Changes to the By-Laws of the Lebanon County Historical Society

The Executive Committee, with the assistance of counsel, recently embarked on proposed revisions to the By-Laws. The objectives were to:

- (a) ensure that the By-Laws matched the actual practices of the Society;
- (b) improve compliance with the Pennsylvania Non-Profit Code; and
- (c) otherwise streamline the By-Laws.

A complete copy of the proposed new By-Laws is provided with this summary. The changes include (in no particular order):

1. Codifying that, while existing Life Members are grandfathered in by the By-Laws, no new Life Members will be admitted. See Article V.A.4.
2. Documenting that each Member has a responsibility to keep his or her mailing address current with the Society. See Article V.A.5.
3. Providing for written notice of the Annual Meeting mailed to the Members
4. Requiring the Board of Directors to issue an “Annual Report” in compliance with the PA Non-Profit Code. See Article V.B.2.
5. Providing that the number of Members who appear at a duly-noticed meeting constitute a quorum; no minimum number of Members is required. See Article V.B.6.
6. Aligning designation of the titles of the Officers with the PA Non-Profit Code, as well as including a description of the duties of the Officers. See Article VII.

7. Outlining the roles of the various committees in more detail, as well as clarifying that rules relating to committees apply to all committees. Terms relating solely to the Friends of the Union Canal have been eliminated. See Article VIII.