

Kismet Community Association
Proposed Change in By-Laws
May 2017

The KCA Board appreciates the effort and work accomplished by the By-Laws Revision Committee. The elected Board has reviewed the draft and recommends that the members approve the draft with the following modifications:

Article 4-A GENERAL MEMBERS (page 1)

- The draft does not permit voting by proxy. We recommend that "absentee ballots" from members unable to attend a meeting because of illness or other reasons be permitted.

The draft provides for only one vote to owners of multiple properties or business entities. We agree and recommend clarification to allow only one vote to several business entities with the same individual owner.

The draft also provides that renters and boat owners may become "Special Members" of the KCA. We recommend that KCA remain a homeowners association and that membership be limited to home, business, condo and co-op owners only.

Article 5- MEMBERSHIP DUES (page 2)

- The draft provides a complex formula for setting annual dues. We recommend that the members simply vote on any change in annual dues recommended by the KCA officers. Of course an explanation of the reasons for any change would have to be provided to the members

Article 6-A REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (page 3)

-The draft establishes dates for the spring and fall meetings. Because of the varying dates for Mothers' Day, Labor Day and other important dates we recommend simply stating that those meetings will set by the officers to be held in early June and early October.

-The draft requires "paper" mailings of various notices to individuals who don't wish email notices. We recommend that all notices be provided by email and posting on the KCA web site to save money and time.

ARTICLE 6E BUDGETS, FINANCES, CONTRACTS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (page 5)

The draft requires membership approval of expenses in excess of \$2,500. We recommend that the board solicit bids for community work each season and have the responsibility to accept bids, with full reporting to the members at each membership meeting.

Article 7-B BOARD COMPOSITION (page 6)

The draft provides that no member who is an elected political representative, or who is appointed as a representative of an elected political official, body, commission, or taxing district (other than any of the foregoing entities formed solely to serve Fire Island communities) will be eligible for nomination, election, appointment or otherwise to serve as an officer of the KCA. We want to confirm that this does not apply to service on an entity serving fire island communities, such as fire districts, sidewalk districts and beach erosion control districts.

Article 8-D SECRETARY (page 8)

The draft provides that a copy of the KCA Membership Listing will be available to any member. We believe that individual privacy would be compromised by publication of a membership list. We recommend that the Kismet directory, which provides personal information about Kismetians who have consented to their information being made public, is sufficient.

Article 8-E TREASURER (page 8)

-The draft requires appointment of a Certified Public Accountant for review of KCA financial records. We agree but want to clarify that the report be a "compilation" report rather than a far more expensive "audited" report.