

Overview of Rationale & Textual Changes

The Collectors Club governing documents (Constitution & Bylaws) are the backbone for how we function. They were initially drafted many decades ago and reflect the context of that time. There were subsequent revisions or amendments voted upon several times over the ensuing years.

Over the course of these adjustments, divergence in language between related sections occurred. Needless to say, Club functions have evolved with the times.

80 years ago, the Clubhouse functioned more as a residential social club with billiards and card rooms open until midnight. The Resident to Non-resident membership ratio was close to 80/20 with the focus on in-house social activities. General communication was by posting on a physical bulletin board, with letter mail backup. Most prerogatives such as voting and Board membership and were (and still largely are) mostly reserved for Resident members.

Our current circumstances are such that roughly 85% of our membership resides outside the New York metropolitan area. They are effectively disenfranchised. The original definition of a Resident member was living or working '50 miles from Columbus Circle' as per 'Hagstrom map'. With current operating restrictions, it is doubtful that a meaningful number of members has even had the opportunity to view the physical Club bulletin board in the recent past.

Current Club Bylaws communications requirements do not take into account the emergence of information channels such as Fax, email, video conferencing, and websites.

Overall goals of the proposed Bylaws changes are:

- ***Enfranchise all members***
- ***Remedy conflicting wording***
- ***Make document gender neutral***
- ***Recognize demographic shift from a 'local' to more our current worldwide membership base with more inclusive voting and Board representation***
- ***Allow communications requirements to utilize current (and future) capabilities***