

Chapter 2

GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATION

2.01 Incorporation and Corporate Name

The Association is incorporated by **THE DOMINION OF CANADA RIFLE ASSOCIATION ACT, STATUTES OF CANADA 63-64 VICTORIA CHAPTER 99**, and shall be denominated **The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association (DCRA)**.

2.02 Council

Section 5 of **THE DOMINION OF CANADA RIFLE ASSOCIATION ACT** provides in part: "5. shall elect a Council composed of members of the Association elected to represent each province, the number of such representatives to be fixed by By-law."

2.03 Powers of Council

Section 6 of **THE DOMINION OF CANADA RIFLE ASSOCIATION ACT** provides: "6. The Council may, in all things, administer the affairs of the Association, and may make any description of contract which the Association may, by law, enter into, and may make By-laws for the following purposes:

- a. To regulate the number of members of Council;
- a. The number of members of the Council to represent each province and the method of their election;
- a. The appointment, duties and removal of all officers and servants of the Association and their remuneration;
- a. The time and place of holding all meetings of the Association, Council and committees, and the quorum thereof and voting thereat;
- a. The fees and membership of the Association;
- a. To fill vacancies occurring in the Council and committees;
- a. The conduct in all particulars of the affairs of the Association, and for carrying out its objects and powers."

2.04 Composition of Council

- (1) Subject to (2), (3) and (4) of this Article the Council of the Association shall be elected annually and shall be composed of:
 - a. The Vice-Presidents of the Association, each to represent the province for which he was elected; and
 - b. three additional members (other than Winter Program Members, Associate Members, Limited Members, Service Members as defined in Chapter 5, or non-Canadian Full Members) to represent each of the provinces of Canada.
- (2) One of the members specified in (1)b. shall be designated by each provincial rifle association

and shall be elected at the AGM.

- (3) a. The remaining members specified in (1)b. shall be chosen annually for a two-year term by a postal ballot of all members throughout Canada who are eligible to vote - i.e. Life Governors, Life Members, Under 25 Term Members, and Canadian annual members, who qualify under Article 7.07. In the first year of implementation of this clause the full number of such remaining members shall be chosen. Of these, the top half (i.e. those receiving the greatest number of votes) shall serve for two years, and the other half for one year. Thereafter one-half of the full number shall be chosen annually. In each case the members so chosen shall be formally elected at the ensuing AGM.
- b. The timing and conducting of the postal ballot referred to in (3)a. shall be arranged by the Executive Director in consultation with the Nominating Committee (see 3.02(2)).
- (4) The President, Life Governors, Executive Vice-President, and Comptroller are all ex officio members of Council (i.e., by virtue of their office).
- (5) The Council shall, at its first meeting following the AGM, elect one of its members to be its Deputy Chairman to serve in the absence of the Chairman and to assist him in directing the activities of the Council for the ensuing year.
- (6) The Council may fill any vacancy caused by resignation, death or any other reason.
- (7) Ten (10) members of Council representing at least three provinces form a quorum, provided that at least three of these members are also members of the Executive Committee. (See Article 7.04 "Council Meetings").

2.05 Executive Committee

- (1) Election and appointment of members.
 - a. The Council shall elect annually eleven of its members to be members of an Executive Committee.
 - b. The incoming Executive Committee may appoint three additional members of the Council to be members of the Executive Committee.
 - c. If any such elected or appointed member is absent from three consecutive meetings, except by leave of the Executive Committee or the Executive Vice-President, his position shall be considered vacant and may be filled by a member of Council appointed by the Executive Committee.
- (2) The President, the Executive Vice-President, the Comptroller, the Deputy Chairman of Council and all Life Governors of the Association are ex officio members of the Executive Committee. (See Chapter 4 "Officers, Duties and Responsibilities").
- (3) The Executive Committee may fill any vacancy caused by resignation or death.
- (4) The Executive Committee shall give effect to such instructions as the Council may from time to time issue respecting the management of the affairs of the Association.
- (5) The Executive Committee may appoint such sub-committees as it deems necessary for the

purposes of:

- a. preparing appropriate plans for the Executive Committee's consideration and approval; and
 - b. implementing such plans and instructions as may be issued by the Executive Committee.
- (6) The chairmen and members of such sub-committees shall continue to serve until their successors have been appointed.
- (7) Five members of the Executive Committee, including at least one of the Executive Vice-President, or the Comptroller, form a quorum.

2.06 Disciplinary Procedures

The Executive Committee of the DCRA may formally discipline and/or penalize any member of the Association, who, in its considered opinion, has wilfully, or deliberately acted in a manner prejudicial to the reputation or contrary to the best interests of the Association. Such disciplinary action and/or penalty must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote, by a secret ballot, at a duly constituted meeting of the Executive Committee.