

Wondering why this and other PATH Intl. bylaw changes or additions are voted on at the PATH Intl. Annual Meeting? Because we are bound by the current bylaws.

- The current bylaws dictate: “These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at any annual or special meeting thereof provided that the full text of the proposed amendments shall have been delivered to each Voting Member in the notice of such meeting.”
- The current bylaws do not allow proxy voting or electronic voting on bylaw changes. They require attendance at a meeting.

Read the [PATH Intl. Bylaws](#):

Recognizing much needed evolution and change, the PATH Intl. Board of Trustees has been considering ways to increase membership participation in voting for proposed bylaw amendments. Their discussion included:

- How to allow for membership input on changing the way we vote on bylaw amendments
- Identifying a method for providing the opportunity for open dialogue about the pros and cons of proposed bylaws changes
- How to ensure voting integrity
- Seeking cost effective and efficient methods and processes that will easily enable members to participate
- Researching methods used by other associations and doing due diligence on what might be a best fit for PATH Intl.
- Ultimately, this will take another bylaw change to allow voting by methods other than a meeting.
- Can we do all of this by the annual meeting this year?

Recognizing its significance and complexity, the board has the desire not to rush but be thoughtful and confident in whatever method(s) are chosen, as well as ensure enough time to share the information with the membership for a thoughtful decision. They will continue to focus on this, gathering all of the data, discussing it with membership and educating everyone on their findings with the intention of bringing a new method for vote at the annual meeting in 2017.

Your input is appreciated. If you have any questions or comments, please contact [Kathy Alm](#), PATH Intl. CEO.

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