



VICTORIA CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 23, 2023
Victoria Christian Reformed Church
Registration – 6:30 pm
Meeting 7:00 – 8.30 pm

Please have a copy of the package available for the meeting.

Educational Excellence to the Glory of God – PCS Vision Statement

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer
2. Reflections of PCS
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of the Minutes from the June 7, 2022 meeting
5. Superintendent Report: Darren Lewis, Superintendent
6. Board Chair Report: Matthew Van Heyst, Board Chair
7. Question and Answer time
8. Election of Directors – Chelsea Chailfour, Governance Chair
9. Presentation of the 2022-23 Budget and 2021-22 Financials – Michelle Freitag, Finance Committee
 - a. Motion: To approve the proposed 2023-24 Budget as presented
10. Presentation of the Board recommended bylaw change – Chelsea Chailfour, Governance Chair
 - a. Motion: To approve the proposed Board recommended Operational bylaw change of Article 1B: Application (and Fees).
11. Announcement of the elected Board Directors - Chelsea Chailfour, Governance Chair
12. Recognition of Retiring Staff Members and Board Directors -
 - a. Retiring staff members
 - b. Retiring board directors
13. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

*Nurturing students in Christ-like living, critical thinking and joyful service to be
faithful citizens in God's world – PCS Mission Statement*

Motion: To approve the proposed Board recommended Operational bylaw change of Article 1B: Application (and Fees).

Existing Wording

(B) APPLICATION - Application shall be made to the Board. For parents with children in the school(s), this application form, along with a copy of a positive pastor's reference shall be submitted. The parents' annual membership fee will be included in their tuition. All others seeking membership in the Society will submit an application form signed by two members in good standing, or include a positive pastor's reference. The non-parents will pay an annual membership fee. Before membership status is granted, parent applicants are expected to attend the New Parent Information Seminar, to be introduced to pertinent facts about the society and its school(s), such as its history, its reasons for existence, its goals and religious principles on which the Society and its school(s) are based. Also the privileges and the obligations of membership will be stressed and discussed. The Board may waive the requirement to attend the New Parent Information Seminar if the applicant concerns a transfer from another Christian Education Society affiliated with Christian Schools International or any other approved Christian Education Organization. If membership is granted the applicant will become and remain a member in good standing, provided membership fees are fully paid up and membership has not been terminated under Art. 1 subsection (D) - Cessation of Membership. If membership is not granted the applicant may appeal the decision of the board. If membership is not granted, the membership fee shall be refunded.

Proposed Wording

(B) APPLICATION and FEES - Application shall be made to the Board.

To confirm that membership is based on the requirement of "wholehearted commitment to the Society's principles" in accordance with section (A), and outlined in Article 2 of the Foundational Bylaw:

1. All applications will include a positive pastor's reference.
2. All applicants will be required to attend a Society Information Seminar (SIS) prior to the acceptance of their application by the board.

The SIS will be offered at least once per year between September and December. Notice of the seminar will be provided at least one month in advance. The session will cover pertinent facts about the society and its school(s), such as:

- The purpose of the society (Article 2 of the VCES Constitution)
- The basis of the Society (Article 1 of the VCES Foundational Bylaw)
- The religious principles (Article 2 of the VCES Foundational Bylaw) (commitment is a requirement of membership)
- The educational approach of the society (Article 3 of the VCES Foundational Bylaw)
- the privileges and the obligations of membership (Article 1, s.(C) of VCES Operational Bylaw).

An annual membership fee (the amount of which shall be confirmed annually and posted publicly alongside annual tuition rates) shall be collected prior to the beginning of the AGM. Parent members shall be deemed to have paid this fee as part of their tuition payments. Staff members shall be deemed to have paid this fee as part of their salary and benefits.

If membership is granted, the applicant will become and remain a member in good standing, provided membership fees are fully paid up and membership has not been terminated under Art. 1 subsection (D) - Cessation of Membership.