

MATCH - Proposed Amendments to By-laws

The *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act* (CNCA) came into effect on October 17, 2011 . Like all other non-profit organizations incorporated under the previous *Canada Corporations Act*, MATCH International has until October 17, 2014 to be in full compliance with this new legislation.

The good news is that we are working on it and plan to be in full compliance with the *CNCA* well before the deadline. We have retained Carters Professional Corporation to assist us - a law firm that specializes in not-for-profit and charity law.

As part of our efforts to be in compliance , MATCH has undertaken to do the following :

- **Amend our existing by-laws**
- Obtain a certificate of continuance so that we can continue as a not-for-profit organization under the new legislation
- Then, repeal our existing by-laws and adopt a new general operating by-law that is in compliance with the new CNFPA;

We are now at the first stage of this process. The Board has proposed several amendments to the by-laws. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of our members in attendance at our AGM is required to adopt these amendments.

Key proposed amendments include the following :

- Article IV – MATCH will have one class of membership only.

- Article IV, Section 3 – Membership has been clearly defined to include any individual who has contributed \$50.00 to the organization as of the date of approval of these by-laws by Industry Canada.
- Article V – Supporters will no longer have voting rights.
- Article VII, Section 1 – The maximum number of Board members is being reduced to ten persons.
- Article X, section 5.5 – The Past-Chair will continue to serve in an ex-officio capacity but will no longer have voting rights.

If you are a member under our existing by-laws, please review these proposed changes which will be discussed and hopefully adopted at our Annual General Meeting on May 30, 2013.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Chair, Patricia Harewood at phare@rogers.com or Executive Director, Jess Tomlin at jtomlin@matchinternational.org.