



Saskatchewan German Council Inc.

Proposed SGC By-Law Changes 2026

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Attached you will find the proposed **2026 SGC Bylaw Changes**.

As part of this update, we have made several **non-substantive editorial revisions** throughout the document. These changes were completed for clarity and consistency only and **do not alter the meaning or intent** of any bylaw. Because they are purely stylistic, they **do not require a vote** by the membership. These editorial updates include:

- **Standardizing abbreviations**, such as using **"AGM"** instead of "Annual General Meeting."
- **Using "SGC" or "Council"** in place of repeating the full name **"Saskatchewan German Council."**
- **Changing some pronouns**
- **Changing written-out numbers to numeral format** for readability and consistency.

These formatting and wording adjustments have already been incorporated into the attached draft. Only the **substantive changes**, the ones that modify the content or meaning of the bylaws, are being presented for member approval.

If you have any questions before the AGM, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for taking the time to review the proposed By-Law changes and for your continued support of the Council.

Rationale for Proposed By-Law Changes 2026

When deemed important, a rationale is provided for each proposed bylaw change to help explain the intent, context, and reasoning behind the recommendation.

Article/Section	Summary	Rationale
Article 2: Objectives, 2.2	Updated wording	Aligns with SGC mission statement
Article 2: Objectives, 2.3	Updated wording	Aligns with SGC vision statement
Article 2: Objectives, 2.4	Changed to include all member categories	Consistency
Article 3: Membership, 3.4	Changed clause for Honorary Membership	Aligns with a more practical process
Article 3: Membership, 3.7	Updated wording	Aligns with current practice
Article 5: Fees, 5.1	Changed clause re membership fees	Aligns with a more practical process
Article 6: Board of Directors, 6.1	Changed option for board size	Provides more flexibility to form a board
Article 6: Board of Directors, 6.1.1	Updated wording	Clarity
Article 6: Board of Directors, 6.1.2	Changed option for board composition	Provides more flexibility to form a board
Article 6: Board of Directors, 6.1.3	Updated wording	Clarity
Article 6: Board of Directors, 6.1.6	Updated wording	Clarity & completeness
Article 6.2: The President, 6.2.1	Updated wording	Clarity & completeness
Article 6.3: The Vice President, 6.3.1	Updated wording	Clarity & completeness
Article 6.4: The Secretary	Updated wording	Aligns with current practice
Article 6.5: The Treasurer	Updated wording	Aligns with current practice
Article 6.6: Signing Authority, 6.6.0	Changes to signing authority	Provides more flexibility for a practical process
Article 6.7: Voting Procedure, 6.7.4	Updated wording	Clarity & completeness
Article 7: Meetings, 7.1.1	Changed wording for quorum	Aligns with changes for board size
Article 9: Publications, 9.1	Updated wording	Better aligns with changes in publishing frequency
Article 11: Amendments of By-Laws, 11.2	Updated wording	Aligns with current practice