

**Proposed By-law amendments for the January 15 2015 Annual Meeting  
from Skagit Land Trust's Board of Directors to the membership**

**1) Bylaws Membership Qualification section addition**

Current SLT Bylaws (2012):

MEMBERSHIP. Article II Section 1. Qualification. All persons who support the purposes of the corporation may become and remain members upon approval of the Board of Directors and the payment of annual dues. The Board may expel a member from the corporation upon a two-thirds affirmative vote to do so.

**2015 Bylaws revision recommendation:**

*Skagit Land Trust's board of directors recommends to the general membership a revision of bylaws Section 1. Qualification to include dues clarification that cash or in-kind donations may qualify as dues (see underlined sentence that will be added). The by-laws will then read:*

**MEMBERSHIP. Article II Section 1. Qualification. All persons who support the purposes of the corporation may become and remain members upon approval of the Board of Directors and the payment of annual dues. Cash or in-kind donations may qualify as dues. The Board may expel a member from the corporation upon a two-thirds affirmative vote to do so.**

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**2) Consolidate Development and Communications Committees to Development and Community Engagement Committee and update description**

COMMITTEES. Article VIII c and d (Current SLT by-laws):

c. Development Committee - to provide oversight of fundraising activities, to raise funds in support of annual operations and dedicated funds through membership, major donors, businesses and organizations, grants, special events and activities, planned giving, capital campaigns and other methods allowable for non-profit corporations.

d. Communications Committee - to develop and maintain: communications with members, volunteers, landowners and the general public through newsletters, annual reports, annual meetings, and special activities; a general marketing plan to encourage membership growth

and special giving and to find willing landowners; a public relations plan to build a positive image in the community; and ways to educate the public, including children, about land conservation.

**2015 Bylaws revision recommendation:**

*Skagit Land Trust's board of directors recommends to the general membership a revision of the bylaws to authorize consolidation of the "Development Committee" and the "Communications Committee" to the "Development & Community Engagement Committee" to reflect the Trust's current and on-going activities in these areas.*

**COMMITTEES. Article VIII c. Development and Community Engagement Committee - to lead fundraising activities, communications and education about Trust programs to members, volunteers, partners and the general public; to approve and implement plans to grow membership, build a positive image in the community and involve the public, including youth, in experiences on our lands that build a conservation ethic.**

**Eliminate Article VIII d, Motion: S**