

## **Overview**

The SLCS Bylaws require any changes to Article III: Membership be approved by two-thirds of the vote of Members present and voting at a Membership Meeting, therefore a revised definition of “Members” is being presented for review ahead of our annual meeting in August. The proposed revisions to the definition of “Members” expand the existing requirement for membership, which is based on cash donations during the past two years, to recognize people who contribute to SLCS in ways that are meaningful, but not directly financial. The proposed revisions are unanimously supported by the Board of Directors and are part of ongoing Board and Staff efforts to grow membership and expand outreach to the Squam Lakes region community.

### **Current definition in Article III:**

Members of the Corporation shall consist of all individuals and groups who subscribe to its purposes and have contributed financially to the Corporation within the past two years. Each Member shall be entitled to one vote in person at any Membership Meeting.

The Secretary shall keep a permanent roll of all Members which shall be made available to the Directors with the approval of the President.

### **Proposed revised Article III:**

A. The members of the Corporation (“Members”) shall consist of the following:

1. Any Person who subscribes to the Corporation’s purposes and has contributed financially to the Corporation within the past two years;
2. Any Person who is a record title holder to real property subject to a conservation easement granted to the Corporation, including successors and assigns to such record title (in each case to the extent reasonably determinable by the Corporation);
3. Any Person who has consistently and regularly volunteered their time to the Corporation in an established volunteer capacity within the past two years, including but not limited to land monitors and Non-Director committee members, in each case as determined from time to time in the sole reasonable discretion of the Executive Director; and
4. Any Person who is designated a Member by the Executive Director, in their sole reasonable discretion.

B. For purposes of this Article III, “Person” shall mean any (i) individual, (ii) trust, or (iii) legal entity (including but not limited to a corporation, limited liability company or partnership).

C. Each Member shall be entitled to one vote in person at any Membership Meeting. Any Member that is not an individual shall be entitled to one vote in person by its authorized representative reasonably identified to the Corporation in advance of the Membership Meeting.

D. The Secretary shall keep a permanent roll of all Members which shall be made available to the Directors with the approval of the President.

E. Any Person who is a Member or is eligible to be a Member may elect not to be a Member by so notifying the Corporation, in which case that Person shall cease to be treated as a Member and shall no longer be recorded on the roll of Members.

*For reference, the full text of the current SLCS bylaws is available [here](#).*