

## SCRC Bylaws:

Amendment April 12, 2021:

Under Article III: Membership, Section 5. Absences, before “Membership may be restored...” Insert the following:

“For this section, a meeting shall include all properly called meetings of the SCRC at which roll is called, whether or not a quorum is present.”

## Background:

The SCRC bylaws state:

### **Article III: Membership, Section 5. Absences**

*A member automatically loses his/her status as Member if absent three (3) consecutive meetings without representation by a person holding a proxy. Membership may be restored without additional membership application or payment of dues by a majority vote of the SCRC.*

The historical interpretation of this Section (informally known as the 3 strikes rule) has been that if quorum was not achieved, then it was not an official meeting and those absent did not miss a meeting. Obviously, this interpretation makes it harder to remove inactive members from the Membership Roll. This, in turn, makes it more likely that we will fail to achieve quorum on an ongoing basis.

This amendment would change how Section 5 is applied. Each meeting that is properly called at which roll is taken will count as a missed meeting, regardless of achieving quorum or not. This will allow for inactive members to be removed from the Membership Roll.