

Propose DCTA Bylaw Amendment
For consideration at January 15, 2020 Membership Meeting

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(b) The adoption of the annual budget and dues may be ratified by electronic ballot of the towns if necessary.

(c) Remote meeting participation is allowed at the Annual Meeting and Membership Meetings. To participate remotely the following requirements shall be met:

(i) Any member who wishes to participate remotely shall, at least 24 hours or as soon as reasonably possible prior to the meeting, notify *the Secretary and President in writing* of his or her desire to do so.

(ii) At the start of the meeting the *meeting* chair shall announce the name of any member who will be participating remotely. This information shall be recorded in the minutes.

(iii) Members who participate remotely shall have reasonable access to the same materials being used at the meeting location.

(iv) Members who participate remotely and all persons at the meeting location shall be audible to each other.

(v) Remote participants should be aware that meeting participation is not guaranteed. If technical difficulties arise as a result of utilizing remote participation, the *meeting* chair shall suspend discussion while reasonable efforts are made to correct any problem that interferes with the remote participant's ability to hear or be heard. If the chair determines that technical difficulties are inhibiting the progress of the meeting, the chair may elect to terminate the

participation of the remote member. If technical difficulties result in a remote participant being disconnected from the meeting, the fact and the time at which the disconnection occurred shall be noted in the meeting minutes.

(vi) The remote participant must *participate* in a substantial part of any agenda item to be allowed to *vote on that item*.

(vii) All votes taken during any meeting in which a member participates remotely shall be *by roll call* vote. *Subject to (a), above, if members from the same town are both physically present at the meeting (not participating remotely) and participating remotely, the town member physically present shall vote for that town.*

(viii) *Remote participation in meetings should be an infrequent event, and, as a general rule, due to the inherent benefits of physical presence at a meeting, attendance in person is encouraged and desired.*