

JTEL Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes

Oct. 19, 2025

- I. Call to order: 4:05pm
Present: Syrilyn Tong, Sarah Albers, Darwin Cameron, Kristin Haney, Devta Khalsa, Kathy Nava, Mindy Gallagher, Karyn Holder, Elizabeth Dawson, Jon Taylor & Ritchie Musick
- II. PowerPoint presentation by President Syrilyn Tong of FY25's highlights
- III. Proposed revisions to Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws
 - A. Decrease number of check signers to one
 1. Reason for change to the Bylaws – We have had single signer checks for several years. This change officially recognizes this.
 2. Article VIII, Section 2: CHECKS AND NOTES. Except as otherwise specifically determined by resolution of the board of directors, or as otherwise required by law, checks, drafts, promissory notes, orders for the payment of money, and other evidence of indebtedness of the corporation shall be signed by one officer of the corporation.
 3. Moved to approve by Kathy, seconded by Sarah, approved by unanimous consent
 - B. Use Modern Rules of Order instead of Robert's Rules of order
 1. Reason for change to the Bylaws - Modern Rules of Order are not as cumbersome as Robert's Rules. Formal voting will still occur if there is no unanimous consent
 2. 2 articles need to be changed: "Article IV, Section 10: Conduct of Meeting. Membership meetings will be conducted based on Modern Rules of Order" and "Article V, Section 13: Conduct of Meeting Board of directors meetings will be conducted based on Modern Rules of Order."
 3. Moved to approve by Sarah, seconded by Karyn, approved by unanimous consent
 - C. Decrease minimum number of directors from 7 to 5
 1. Reason for change to the Bylaws - We have, on occasion, had difficulty filling board member positions. State law allows dropping the number of board members to 3 – "The number of directors of a corporation shall be at least three. The number of directors shall be fixed by the bylaws..." and "Two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of president and secretary".
 2. 2 articles need to be changed: "Article V, Section 2. NUMBER OF DIRECTORS. The board of directors may number seven (7): four (4) officers and three (3) additional elected directors. Two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of president and secretary. The minimum number of directors shall be five (5)." And "Article VI, Section 1. DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS. The officers of the corporation shall, at a minimum, be two: a president and a secretary. The positions of vice president and treasurer can be combined into the president and secretary positions."
 3. Moved to approve by Kathy, seconded by Devta, approved by unanimous consent.
 - D. Change the name of the organization to the Ester Village Library
 1. Reason for change to the Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation – While searching for "Ester Library" in the Pick, Click, Give website, ST couldn't find "JTEL". Many

people didn't know who John Trigg was and we wanted better brand recognition. We chose "Ester Village Library" because we liked the folksy feel of "village" and wanted to stand apart from "Ester Community Library" (too much like ECA). We are still going to honor John through a ceremony and plaque. Ritchie said we should have a grand celebration when we officially change the name, so that everyone knows.

2. All references to John Trigg Ester Library and "JTEL" in both the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws will be changed to the Ester Village Library
 3. Moved to approve by Sarah, seconded by Devta, approved by unanimous consent.
- IV. New Directors
- A. Officer positions expire after 2 years. Cat Stephenson's tenure expired and she does not wish to run again. ST, Sarah, Kristin and Kathy's positions expire and they do wish to run again. Elizabeth Dawson would like to run. No one else wished to run for a director position.
 - B. Sarah moved to vote in the entire slate of directors. Devta seconded. All approved by unanimous consent
- V. Adjournment: 4:48pm