

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF THE  
ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL OF VANCOUVER  
JUNE 2025**

**Article 3 re membership** - delete and replace Article 3 with the following:

General Membership Categories: In addition to life members and honorary members, the membership of the Council shall consist of not more than 200 individuals, each of whom shall be a member of one of the following categories, with the maximum number of members and industry specific qualification in each category as follows:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Maximum Number of Members</b>	<b>Industry Specific Qualifications</b>
Lawyer	38	An individual who is a member in good standing with the governing body for lawyers in British Columbia, presently being the Law Society of British Columbia
Accountant	38	An individual who is a member in good standing with the governing body for accountants in British Columbia, presently being the Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia
Chartered Life Underwriter	10	An individual who is a member in good standing with any of: a) the Financial Advisors Association of Canada (Advocis), or b) the Conference for Advance Life Underwriting, or c) such other body as reasonably decided by the Executive Committee from time to time, including any successor organization of the above,  and holds a designation as a chartered life underwriter, or such designation as may replace it from time to time as reasonably decided by the Executive Committee.
Trust Company Representative	35	An individual who is a representative: a) of a trust company in good standing with the governing body for trust companies in British Columbia, presently being the British Columbia Financial Services Authority, and b) whose area of expertise is in estate and trust administration.
Financial Wealth Management	40	An individual who is a member in good standing with any of: a) the Financial Advisors Association of Canada (Advocis), or b) the Conference for Advance Life Underwriting, or c) the Canadian Institute of Financial Planning, or d) such other body as reasonably decided by the Executive Committee from time to time, including any successor organization of the above,

		<p>and holds a designation as any of:</p> <p>aa) certified financial planner, or</p> <p>bb) registered financial planner, or</p> <p>cc) chartered investment manager,</p> <p>dd) personal financial planner, or</p> <p>ee) such other designation as reasonably decided by the Executive Committee from time to time, including any successor designation of the above.</p>
Portfolio Manager	20	Individual licensed as a portfolio manager and in good standing with the licensing body for portfolio managers in British Columbia, presently being the BC Securities Commission
Family Enterprise Advisor	10	Individual holding the designation of family enterprise advisor, who is not otherwise eligible under any other category
Gift planners	5	<p>An individual who is:</p> <p>a) a member in good standing of the Canadian Association of Gift Planners, or such other body as reasonably decided by the Executive Committee from time to time, including any successor organization of the above, and</p> <p>b) either:</p> <p>i) an employee of or otherwise retained by a qualified donee as defined in the ITA (as defined below); or</p> <p>ii) an individual who holds a MFA-P (Master Financial Advisor in Philanthropy) designation, or such designation as may replace it from time to time as reasonably decided by the Executive Committee.</p>
Designated Others	4	<p>An individual who is:</p> <p>a) an academic: a member of the academic staff of any post-secondary institution within British Columbia;</p> <p>b) a pension consultant: a fellow of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries who specializes in pension consulting, or otherwise experienced in the field of pension consulting; or</p> <p>c) an individual who:</p> <p>i) does not meet the criteria for any other category of membership;</p> <p>ii) has specific qualifications, knowledge or experience that the Executive Committee considers will contribute towards the advancement of the Council; and</p> <p>iii) is approved for membership by at least a 2/3 majority of the Executive Committee.</p>

### General Qualification Requirements

Each member must have his, her, or their place of business within, or provide services within, greater Vancouver, British Columbia, the boundaries of which shall be at the reasonable discretion of the Executive Committee from time to time.

No more than 7 members of any category shall be members of one organization, unless:

- a) they are existing members of the Council whose firms or organization have merged or amalgamated. For the purposes of this paragraph, associate corporations, as defined in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) as amended or replaced from time to time (the "ITA"), of a corporate group are considered separate organizations; or
- b) the overage for the subject organization arises as a consequence of a member in good standing having relocated to the subject organization.

### Life Membership Qualifications, Term, and Membership Fee

- a) Qualifications. Life membership is not automatic and will be issued only upon application. Any existing member may apply for life membership if they meet the following qualifications:
  - i) the member has completed 20 years of membership in the Council, or
  - ii) the member has completed 10 years of membership in the Council and is aged 65 or over, or
  - iii) the member has completed 10 years' membership in the Council and has retired from active business, or
  - iv) the member does not meet the requirements above but is approved for life membership by at least a 2/3 majority of the Executive Committee.
- b) Term. Life membership confers membership for the lifetime of the member.
- c) Membership Fee. At the option of the life member, the life member may paying annual dues in the same manner as other members or may pay for attendance at individual meetings at the prevailing per meeting rate for guests.

### Honorary Membership Qualifications, Term, and Membership Fee

- a) Qualifications. An honorary member shall be an individual who is approved unanimously [*new* approval threshold] by the Executive Committee and, in the opinion of the Executive Committee,:
  - i) has distinguished themselves as a practitioner or scholar in the area of estate planning, or
  - ii) has made an outstanding contribution to the Council, or
  - iii) holds a position relevant to the activities and membership of the Council and the Council considers that the Council will be enhanced or served by membership of a person holding such position. Such positions currently include the Dean of the law school of the University of British Columbia, the Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia, and the BC Superintendent of Pensions.
- b) Term. Honorary membership confers membership from the date of appointment as an honorary member until the end of the membership year, which is not typically the same as the calendar year.
- c) Membership Fee. There shall be no membership fee to an honorary member and shall be guests of the Council at each meeting attended.

### Membership Meeting Attendance Requirement

Any member, other than a life or honorary member, who fails to attend at least 4 meetings of the Council within the Council year, presently being September to June, may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee and by 2/3 majority approval of the Executive Committee, be removed as a member.

### Conduct Unbecoming of Respectful Environment

It is a core value of the Council that all members and presenters share a respectful and safe environment. If a member, including honorary and lifetime members, demonstrates conduct that is inconsistent with this core value, the Executive Committee may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee and by 2/3 majority approval of the Executive Committee, be removed as a member.

In the event of termination of membership prior to the termination of the Council year, there shall be no refund to the removed member.

**Article 5 re Officers** – delete the second para and replace with the following:

The offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall not be:

- a) concurrently held by the same member of the Executive Committee, excepting in the event of filling a vacancy, or
- b) held for more than a one year term, excepting in the event of filling a vacancy.

Any individual shall not:

- a) hold to role of President more than once, although a former President may again assume the role in the event of filling a vacancy; and
- b) be a member of the executive committee for more than a total of 10 years.

The Executive Committee may fill any vacancy in the Executive Committee or its offices for the unexpired term, provided the approval must be by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority of the Executive Committee.

**Article 6 re Quorums** – delete and replace it with the following:

### Executive Committee Quorums

Any 4 members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

### Executive Committee Majorities

Except as otherwise set out in these Articles, all decisions of the Executive Committee shall be by majority.

### Member Quorum

A quorum of the members for any meeting of the members, including annual general meetings and special meetings, shall be one half of the membership in good standing, excluding honorary members.

In respect of any particular meeting, any member whose dues have not been paid for that meeting is not a member in good standing. For the avoidance of doubt, this include payment for attendance by a life member.