

ARLINGTON RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
REPORT OF THE BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEE  
September 1, 2011

At the July, 2011, ARCA membership meeting a motion was made, and adopted by a vote of 20-14, *“to form a committee to propose changes to the by-laws, by September, to support expansion of positions on ARCA’s expanded slate.”*

Accordingly, the incumbent Executive Committee appointed four ARCA members, John Quinn, Chairman, Bud Wood, Aleks Zelenovic and Arthur Fox, to serve on this Bylaws Revision Committee to carry out the foregoing membership resolution.

The Committee met on two successive Sunday afternoons and engaged in very frank, far reaching, and constructive discussions. They exchanged, critiqued and refined various draft bylaws revisions. While Aleks Zelenovic did not vote in favor of the final draft, the other three Committee members did vote in favor, thereby agreeing by majority vote on August 30, 2011, to submit the following Resolution to the membership at its next meeting, currently scheduled for September 15, 2011, with a recommendation that it be adopted:

*BE IT RESOLVED, that Article V, Section 1, of the Bylaws shall be amended to read as follows:*

*Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be elected from the regular membership and shall consist of a President, four Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall consist of the above-named officers and, upon election by the membership of the Association, up to four additional persons whose duties shall be assigned by the membership. The precise number of additional members of the Executive Committee, if any, shall be determined from year to year by the membership of the Association, at a regular meeting of the Association held no less than approximately two months before the annual election of officers, depending on the amount of work to be done by the additional members of the Executive Committee during the ensuing year.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Article IX, Section 2, of the Bylaws of the Association shall be amended to read as follows:*

*Section 2. Vice Presidents. The four Vice Presidents shall, respectively, perform such specific duties, roles and responsibilities, as the President shall, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, assign to the individual Vice Presidents, taking into account the amount of time any particular Vice President is willing and able to devote to the Association’s affairs, the skills and capabilities of the respective Vice Presidents, and the anticipated level of effort required from year to year in order responsibly to fulfill the duties of office. In the absence of the President, or in the event of a vacancy in that office during the course of the term, the Vice Presidents shall, in the order determined from year to year by the President, and confirmed both*

*by the Executive Committee and membership, either temporarily perform the duties of the President or succeed to the office of President.*

During their discussions, all members of the Revision Committee unanimously agreed that while their mandate was limited to supporting the expansion of positions on ARCA's expanded slate, ARCA's existing Bylaws are in need of careful review and, potentially, comprehensive revision, a project they would, and do hereby, recommend that the incoming Executive Committee undertake promptly. In particular, it was agreed that ARCA's mission should be more fully set forth and that the Executive Committee should be made jointly responsible for carrying out that mission or set of objectives. In that connection, the following draft language was proposed, and it was agreed that it should be included in this Report for future discussion:

*The Association and/or its Executive Committee collectively shall:*

*(1) proactively keep informed about County and regional policies and proposed changes thereto that affect the Association's neighborhood and its environs; report such matters to the members; and provide leadership with respect to the Association's response to such policies and proposed changes thereto, which response shall be consistent with the goals of preserving and improving the Association's Neighborhood Conservation Plan, the beautification of common areas and parkland within the neighborhood, protecting and preserving the neighborhood's environment, including its air and water quality and its aesthetic appeal; and protecting and, subject to the goal of protecting and preserving the neighborhood's environment, including its air and water quality and its aesthetic appeal, promoting the social and economic diversity and sustainability of the neighborhood;*

*(2) provide leadership with respect to working and coordinating with the Aurora Highlands Civic Association and the Arlington Civic Federation the Association's approach to the County and any other decision-making body with respect to the policies or proposed changes thereto referenced in (1) above;*

*(3) nurture and recruit active members of the Association, keeping in mind the interests of both particular segments of the Association's neighborhood as well as of the entire neighborhood, and the possible diverse perspectives on how such interests shall be asserted and honored; and*

*(4) energetically act, to execute and improve the Association's Neighborhood Conservation Plan; to deal with traffic issues as they arise; to support neighborhood public schools; to promote beautification of common areas and parkland within the neighborhood; to protect and preserve the environment, including its air and water quality and the aesthetic appeal of the neighborhood; and, subject to the goal of protecting and preserving the neighborhood's environment, including its air and water quality and its aesthetic appeal, to protect and promote the economic and social diversity and sustainability of the neighborhood.*

Respectfully submitted,

John Quinn, Chairman

Bud Wood

Aleks Zelenovic

Arthur Fox