

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHAT IS AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING?

An AGM is the meeting of the general membership that is presided over by the President or Chairman of the organization. Directors, officers, treasurer, and secretary would be in attendance to provide reports and record minutes. Membership of the organization have the right to attend, speak, and vote at the AGM in alignment with the organization's constitution and by-laws.

Organizations host AGM's for three key reasons:

1. It is a legal requirement set out by the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act.
2. To conduct the business of the organization.
3. To provide membership with an opportunity to address the board of directors.

Why should I attend an Annual General Meeting?

1. To Have an Impact

Amendments to bylaws are submitted to the organization by membership or the organization themselves in advance of the AGM. Time frame of submission of proposals is defined in the organizations bylaws prior to the AGM. These changes could have an effect on the organization and members. Use your voting power to impact decisions that are best suited for your association.

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2. **To Stay Up-to-Date**

A focus of most AGM's is reporting to membership inclusive of reports from the President/Chairman, Directors and Treasurer. Attending the AGM will provide you with insight into the performance and direction of the organization. Depending on the size of the organization, reviewed or audited financial statements will be presented. Your voice at the AGM will allow for key questions to be asked or concerns to be raised that help the organization remain on task.

3. **To Support the Organization**

Holding an AGM is a legal requirement and is hosted at a cost to the organization. If enough members do not attend, the AGM would have to be rescheduled and held at a later date at an additional cost to the organization. Your attendance is a service to your organization as it has an effect on quorum.

4. **Voting Power**

The directors create policy and make decisions that have a direct impact on membership. Your presence at an AGM allows you to hold the board of directors accountable and or show your support. Use your membership status to use your voting power and use your voice to get answers to pertinent questions