

## **Proposed Revisions to the SCLA Bylaws (May 26, 2018) Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Why is the SCLA Board recommending revisions to the SCLA Bylaws?**

SCLA recently formed a Grants Team in an effort to increase extramural funding to advance the mission of SCLA. Early in the work of this new team one of the members learned about the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 281.68(3m) for a lake association to be deemed a “qualified lake association.” The significance of being deemed a “qualified lake association” is it positions lake associations to qualify for grant funding and other support from the State of Wisconsin.

The key provisions for a lake association to be deemed a “qualified lake association” are outlined in Wisconsin Statute 281.68(3m). A review of these provisions suggests that the SCLA Bylaws largely conform to the requirements for SCLA to be deemed a “qualified lake association” with three possible exceptions. The proposed revisions to the SCLA Bylaws are designed to help ensure SCLA conforms to all provisions of the Wisconsin Statute 281.68(3m) to be deemed a “qualified lake association.”

### **What are the proposed revisions?**

The proposed revisions are limited to SCLA Bylaws Section 2.12 now designed to clarify the difference between SCLA members and participants.

The proposed revisions includes explicit language required by the Wisconsin Statute 281.68(3m) that in order to be considered a “qualified lake association” voting membership must be extended to *“any individual who for at least one month each year resides on or within one mile of the Spider Chain of Lakes shall be entitled to be a Voting Member of the Association.”*

### **What are the advantages of these revisions?**

The advantages of these proposed revisions is that they help SCLA clarify and improve alignment of the SCLA Bylaws with Wisconsin Statute to be deemed a “qualified lake association” thereby strengthening SCLA’s position in competing for funding and other support from Wisconsin.

### **What are the disadvantages of these revisions?**

The SCLA Board is not aware of any disadvantages of these proposed revisions.

### **When is the SCLA Board planning on presenting these revisions for approval?**

The SCLA Board unanimously approved and will propose revisions to the bylaws at the Annual Association Meeting schedule from 8:30 – 10:30am on May 26, 2018 at the Town Hall in the Town of Spider Lake.