



## **Issue Summary – Amending Bylaws to replace “Assembly” by “Assembly of Leaders”**

### **Purpose**

To amend the term “Assembly” to “Assembly of Leaders” under Bylaw 1(4) ‘Definitions’.

### **Background**

This motion comes as advise from RNAO’s CEO Dr. Doris Grinspun, to RNAO’s Board of Directors (BOD).

Assembly members – as a whole -- play a central role leading RNAO’s signature political events, representing the Association in their local media, and protecting our branding. Assembly members demonstrate incredible commitment in growing local and specialty presence, as well as expanding our collective voice and membership.

Given the vital role “the Assembly” and “Assembly members” play in the Association’s vibrancy and growth, RNAO’s CEO advises the BOD that a change of name is necessary to adequately recognize the role of the Assembly. Amending the definition of “Assembly” and “Assembly Members” to “Assembly of Leaders” conveys the true leadership and mentorship members of the Assembly provide to the RNAO at the local and specialty levels.

As directed by the RNAO Bylaws and Bylaw Committee terms of reference, changes to Association bylaws must be reviewed and passed by the Bylaw Committee. The RNAO Bylaw Committee met on March 9, 2021 and a motion was passed to approve the proposed amendments to Assembly under definitions.

Bylaw 7.5(1) states: “For greater certainty, members shall only be entitled to vote on such matters as required by the Act, this Bylaw or as determined by the Board.” In this case, a consultation with members through One Member One Vote is required. This consultation will take place June 8-24, 2021. Results of the One Member One Vote will be shared with members at the upcoming Annual General Meeting on June 25, 2021.

If passed, the change will come into effect immediately.

### **Action Required**

A motion to amend the RNAO Bylaws to amend the term “Assembly” to “Assembly of Leaders”

Board of Directors motion to:

1. Approve the proposed changes, or
2. Reject the proposed changes, or
3. Ask the CEO for more information and bring item to the next BOD meeting.