

## Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN)

### PROPOSAL FOR BY-LAW AMENDMENT

**From: RCEN Canadian Environmental Network**

*(Note: By-law amendments may be proposed by an RCEN Affiliate Network, an RCEN National Caucus, or a member of the RCEN National Council)*

**Date: July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006**

**BY-LAW SECTION TO BE AMENDED: 12.06 a)**

12.06 - Mail-in Ballots

Resolutions or nominations requiring a vote by the membership of the National Council may be put to those members by mail or electronically and voted on by mail-in or electronic ballot, except where the act or this Bylaw requires a meeting.

a) The Board of Directors shall prepare the necessary information and the corresponding ballots, and shall send them out to all members of the National Council, specifying a deadline by which the ballots must be returned, not less than 45 days and not more than 75 days after the date that the ballot package is mailed out.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

12.06.a) - "...specifying a deadline by which the ballots must be returned. *For mail-in ballots, the deadline shall be not less than 28 days and not more than 35 days after the date that the ballot package is mailed out. For electronic ballots, the deadline shall be not less than 14 days and not more than 28 days after the date of the ballot package email.*"

**ISSUE ADDRESSED:**

This change will reflect the realities of electronic communications and will enable the Nominations Committee and the National Council to move the election process along in a timely way.