

such term as the by-laws may provide, in accordance with the provisions of this article, and until their successors are qualified.

Three-fifths at least of the directors shall be citizens of the United States, and after the first election, members only shall be eligible, but no director shall be disqualified from serving the term for which he was chosen by reason of the expiration or cancellation of his policy, provided, that in companies with a guaranty capital, one-half of the directors shall be chosen by and from the stockholders.

A majority of the directors who reside in this State shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the vote of a majority of those in attendance. The directors shall annually choose by ballot a president, who shall be a member of the board, a secretary, a treasurer, who may also be either the president or secretary, and such other officers as the by-laws provide. The secretary and treasurer severally shall give bond with sureties in such sum as the directors require, for the faithful performance of their respective duties.

The secretary shall keep a record of the votes, whether cast in person or by proxy, and the other proceedings of all meetings of the directors and of the members; a true list of the holders of the guaranty capital, if any, the number of shares owned by each, and a record of all transfers of such shares; and shall record all policies issued and all authorized assignments, transfers and cancellations thereof; and such other books and records as the president and directors may require. The records so kept shall be evidence of the transactions to which they relate, and for making any wilfully false record the secretary shall be deemed guilty of perjury. Such records shall be open to the inspection of any person interested therein.

Section 154 O. Every person insured by a mutual fire insurance company shall be a member while his policy is in force, entitled to one vote for each policy he holds, and shall be notified of the time and place of holding its meetings by a written notice or by an imprint in type not smaller than long primer upon the filing back of each policy, receipt or certificate of renewal as follows: The assured is hereby notified that by virtue of this policy he is a member of the Insurance Company, and is entitled to vote either in person or by proxy at any and all meetings of said company. The annual meetings are held at its home office in _____ on the _____ day of _____ in each year, at _____ o'clock.