



June 28, 2020

RE: Summer update and Bylaws revision

Dear Watershed/Community Members,

We hope you have enjoyed the emergence of the summer and all the plants, fish and wildlife that comes with it! Our small group of committed staff have been very busy with restoration projects, partnership meetings, grant management, job postings, and organizing community meetings. This year has posed challenges to offer all the activities we have in past summers. We are so thankful to all of you for your patience and support during this time! Our Board continues to assist staff with capacity and look forward to improving the function and health of the Stuslaw Watershed Council.

As we invited to Watershed/Community members in an [April 12th letter](#), the Board has identified that our bylaws are in need of an update. Late last year we identified several key issues related to board capacity and sought to address them; however, we missed a key amendment clause in the bylaws and were unable to formally adopt bylaws amendments after our January meeting. This mistake led to a deeper discussion by the Policy and Bylaws Committee. The result is a more comprehensive review of the bylaws. For transparency, we are providing our bylaws revision as one [Clear Bylaws Draft](#) and one [Track Changes Bylaws Draft](#). We are not perfect, but we do believe that we have made clarifying and sensible changes to the bylaws. We have also updated the bylaws in substantive ways like Board composition and addition of goals to align with current DMC strategies.

We ask that you take the time to review the updated bylaws, which have been posted for a review period of 30 days, prior to the July 28th meeting. They have been posted on the DMC website for your consideration. If you have major concerns, or even as small types, please reach out and let us know. The Board will be bringing a motion to adopt the new draft bylaws at the July meeting. We value your participation in this process, and hope that you plan to attend the July meeting. All members are eligible to vote on the bylaws. Please make sure that you have paid your 2020 dues prior to the July 28th meeting, as voting requirements in the current bylaws require payment in order to be considered a current member and for your vote to be counted. If you have questions about your membership status, please call or email Mike Barnes at membership@stuslaw.org or 541.268.3646, Christine Ward at finance@stuslaw.org, or 541.268.6707.

Please help us Stuslaw's lasting change to support a healthy watershed and stronger community here in the Stuslaw! We look forward to seeing you at our July 28th meeting! Please look for the meeting announcement in the coming week.

Respectfully,

Margaret Card, Board President and Mike Barnes, Executive Director