meeting is called, either by mail or by presenting it to him personally or by leaving it at his residence or usual place of business. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the stockholder at his post office address as it appears on the records of the corporation, with postage thereon prepaid.

- 36. (Fixing Record Date and Closing of Transfer Books.)
  (a) The by-laws may provide for, or in the absence of such a provision in the by-laws the board of directors may fix, in advance, a date as the record date for the purpose of determining stockholders entitled to notice of, or to vote at, any meeting of stockholders, or stockholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend or the allotment of any rights, or in order to make a determination of stockholders for any other proper purpose. Such date in any case shall be not more than forty days, and in case of a meeting of stockholders, not less than ten days, prior to the date on which the particular action, requiring such determination of stockholders, is to be taken.
- (b) In lieu of fixing a record date, the by-laws, or in the absence of such a provision in the by-laws, the board of directors may provide that the stock transfer books shall be closed for a stated period but not to exceed, in any case, twenty days. If the stock transfer books are closed for the purpose of determining stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders, such books shall be closed for at least ten days immediately preceding such meeting.
- (c) If no record date is fixed and the stock transfer books are not closed for the determination of stockholders:
- (1) The record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of, or to vote at, a meeting of stockholders shall be at the close of business on the day on which notice of the meeting is mailed or the day thirty days before the meeting, whichever is the closer date to the meeting; and
- (2) The record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive payment of a dividend or an allotment of any rights shall be at the close of business on the day on which the resolution of the board of directors, declaring the dividend or allotment of rights, is adopted.
- 37. (Quorum of Stockholders.) Unless otherwise provided in the charter, at any meeting of stockholders, the presence in person or by proxy of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of the votes thereat shall constitute a quorum; but this section shall not affect any requirement under this Article or