

From the By-Laws Committee

By Jim Baker

Three amendments to our By-Laws will be presented at the General Membership Meeting during the upcoming reunion at Branson, MO. The By-Laws require that notification any proposed amendments be made to the membership at least thirty days in advance of the GMM.

The proposed amendments are attached below:

ARTICLE I deals with adjusting the membership year and the dues structure.

ARTICLE IV refines the procedure for early succession to office.

ARTICLE VIII states clearly what the Association awards are and the procedures for administrating them.

A vote to approve the attached amendments will be taken at the GMM.

ARTICLE I - Membership

Section 4. Membership and Dues Assessments:

a. To become a member of the Association, a qualified individual must submit a New Application form as found at the Association website, or in the Association newsletter. Annual membership dues are \$25.00 and are due and payable on 1 Jan each year. The membership year of the Association begins 1 Jan and ends 31 Dec.

b. Life Membership dues may be paid in one payment or over a period of one year in no more than six payments including the down payment. These payments, including the down payment, must be initiated and completed within the timeframe of a membership year. Upon completion of the last payment, a Life Membership card will be issued by the Membership Chairman. Should a member initiate payment toward a Life Membership and fail to pay the full amount within the established timeframe, the amount paid will be considered to be paid-up Annual Membership Dues and will be amortized over a period that will be equal to the amount of money paid based upon the price of Annual Dues.

c. Fees and dues that do not reach the Association by 31 Jan shall be considered to be delinquent.

d. Annual Association Membership dues are established as scheduled below: A member shall not be considered in good standing with the Association until the dues have been paid. Members that are not in good standing forfeit their rights and privileges to vote, hold elected or appointed office, serve on committees, or participate in general membership meetings.

(1) Regular Membership	\$25.00
(2) Associate Membership	\$25.00

(3) Honorary Membership	Contribution Only
(4) Life Membership	\$300.00
(5) Corporate Membership	\$500.00

ARTICLE IV - Early Succession to Office

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Section 1. Should the President resign, become incapacitated, or otherwise be unable to fulfill the duties of the Presidency, then the Vice President (President Elect) shall succeed him as President for the remainder of the resigning or incapacitated President's term. At the completion of the resigning or incapacitated President's term, the President shall begin serving the term of the Presidency for which he was initially elected. The position of Vice President shall remain vacant until the next General Membership Meeting.

Section 2. Should the Vice President resign, become incapacitated, or otherwise be unable to fulfill the duties of the Vice Presidency, the position of Vice President shall be filled by appointment by the President and confirmed by the Executive Board. Any member, in good standing, may be considered for this appointment. The newly appointed Vice President shall serve the duration of the term of the resigning or incapacitated Vice President, but shall not automatically succeed to the office of President. A President and a Vice President shall be elected at the next Association Election. **Should the Vice President resign effective with the end of his term and decline to serve as President, the sitting President shall remain in office one more term and the sitting Immediate Past President shall remain in office for one more term.**

ARTICLE VIII - Association Awards

Section 1. Awards Committee:

- a. The Association shall establish an Awards Committee to administer the recognition of members, and other appropriate individuals, who warrant special recognition for their contributions/service to the Association.
- b. Members of the Awards Committee shall be appointed by the President.
- c. Each award established by the Association to be administered by the Awards Committee shall have its name, criteria, nomination and eligibility, selection process, type of award, and guidelines specified as an amendment to this Article.

- d. Any requirements/restrictions for any award may be waived upon unanimous affirmation by all members of the Executive Board.
- e. No monetary awards benefit shall be attached to or accompany any Association award for contributions/service to the Association.

Section 2. Association Awards

- a. **INTRUDER OF THE YEAR AWARD:** This award shall be awarded annually to the "Intruder of the Year" (hereinafter referred to as IOYA).
 - (1) **CRITERIA:** The IOYA shall be given to the Association member who has set himself apart from his peers by demonstrating actions that best exemplify the ideals and traditions of the stated goals of the Association.
 - (2) **NOMINATION, ELIGIBILITY and SELECTION:** Nominees for IOYA shall be accepted from the membership and submitted to the Awards Committee not later than 60 days prior to the next scheduled annual reunion. All Association members in good standing shall be eligible for the IOYA. Members shall submit their nominee's name in writing to the Awards Committee Chairman along with appropriate justification as to why their nominee deserves the award. The nominee's meritorious service to the Association shall not be limited to the year of the award. The Awards Committee shall confirm each nominee's eligibility for the award prior to deliberations. Selection of a single nominee from the submitted nominations shall be done by the Awards Committee. Final selection by the committee shall be made in sufficient time to complete the nameplate engraving and the certificate with the recipient's name and year of award prior to the presentation at the next annual reunion.
 - (3) **TYPE OF AWARD:** The IOYA shall be embodied by a traveling plaque. The plaque will have individual nameplates for adding the recipient's name and year of award each year. The recipient may keep the plaque during the year subsequent to receiving it, and return it to the Awards Committee Chairman prior to or at the next annual reunion for presentation to the next recipient. Additionally, the recipient shall receive an appropriate printed certificate as their permanent record of the award.
 - (4) **GUIDELINES:** The following guidelines shall govern the selection of the IOYA recipient:
 - a. There will be only one IOYA recipient annually
 - b. No individual shall receive the IOYA more than once.

- c. Only members of the Association shall be eligible to receive the IOYA.
 - d. Monetary contributions to the Association alone shall not be sufficient basis for selecting an individual as IOYA recipient.
 - e. Posthumous status alone shall not be sufficient basis for selecting an individual as IOYA recipient.
 - f. Presentation of this award shall be made by the President.
- b. **PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARD:** This award shall be presented to and retained by the outgoing President of the association.
- (1) **TYPE OF AWARD:** The Presidential Service Award shall be embodied in a plaque. The plaque shall be engraved with the name of the President and the dates of the term of his service in that office for the association.
- (2) **GUIDELINES:** The following guidelines shall govern the presentation of this award.
- a. Processing and handling of this award will be the responsibility of the Awards Committee.
 - b. The award shall be presented during the time set aside for awards presentations as determined by the Reunion Committee.
 - c. Presentation of this award shall be made by the Immediate Past President.