

## **PROPOSED LLAW BYLAWS REVISIONS**

The Special Bylaws Committee met in an effort to revise the Bylaws and Procedure Manual to reflect a more “realistic” view of things. Committee members include Bev Butula, Victoria Coulter, Diane Duffey, Pamela Noyd, Candace Hall Slaminski, Carol Schmitt and Marc Weinberger.

The Board has approved the revisions listed below. These changes will be on the agenda of the fourth quarterly membership meeting held later this term. Member comments will be welcome at that time. Paper voting will occur shortly after the membership meeting.

Below please find the final recommendations of the Bylaws Committee as approved by the Board.

### **ARTICLE IV SECTION 3 (B) - NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

#### **OLD LANGUAGE:**

The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members. No member of the Nominating Committee shall be an officer or a candidate for office.

#### **NEW LANGUAGE:**

The Nominating Committee will consist of three members.

#### **REASONS:**

While technically not an officer, the Past President is the Chair of the nominating committee each year. Also, the nominating committee is formed at the beginning of the term, and the committee did not want to restrict members in case someone on the Nominating committee decided to run for office.

### **ARTICLE V SECTION 2 - Committees**

#### **OLD LANGUAGE:**

The vice-president/president elect, with the consent of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the committee chairs to serve during his/her presidency. The vice-president/president elect shall be the co-chair of the Program Committee together with a member from the other city in which programs are regularly held (Madison or Milwaukee). Each committee chair shall, jointly with the vice-president/president elect, appoint the members of his/her committee to serve during his/her term as chair.

#### **NEW LANGUAGE:**

The vice-president/president elect, with the consent of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the committee chairs to serve during his/her presidency. He/She shall also serve as co-chair of the program committee. Each committee chair shall, jointly with the vice-

president/president elect, appoint the members of his/her committee to serve during his/her term as chair.

**REASON:**

The committee eliminated the sentence, “together with a member from the other city in which programs are regularly held (Madison or Milwaukee).” The reason is that meeting sites have also included Delafield and Johnson Creek. Another issue is that in the recent past, both members of the Programming committee have been from the same city without any problems. The Bylaws Committee believes that participation from the general membership is important and location should not limit involvement. The individuals who plan the programs clearly make an effort to have Madison host, Milwaukee host, and vary the other two meeting locations depending on weather, speakers, restaurants, etc.

**ARTICLE II, SECTION 3. Dues**

**OLD LANGUAGE:**

- (A) Active Members. The annual dues for active members shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00). Dues for members who join after January 1 shall be ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.00).
- (B) Associate Members. The annual dues for associate members shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).
- (C) Sustaining Members. The annual dues for sustaining members shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00).
- (D) Student Members. The annual dues for student members shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).

**NEW LANGUAGE:**

Dues and any reasonable increase in same for each class of membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by two-thirds of the members present and voting at any regular meeting, provided that notice shall have been sent either via regular or electronic mail to the members at least 60 days in advance of the meeting.

The dues year is June 1 to May 31 of the following year. Dues are payable on June 1 of each year.

Sustaining members shall pay dues at three times the rate of the individual membership dues. Associate members and student members shall pay dues at one-half the cost of the individual membership dues. These dues are non-refundable.

**REASON:**

Obviously, having the bylaws contain a specific dollar amount for dues presents problems when any increase is necessary. With this revision, the Board can increase dues as needed (with membership approval).