

Bylaws Amendments Proposed To Enact Option For Two-Tier Membership Category

MSPE's Bylaws Committee has recommended amending the society's bylaws as the next step in allowing a two-tier, state and chapter, membership. Their recommendations affect Articles I, III and VI and will be considered during the Meeting of the Membership on Monday, June 22, 2009 as part of the Annual Convention activities at the Radisson Hotel in Branson.

Because, the proposed amendments change the society's governance procedures, passage requires approval by two-thirds of the members in attendance at the annual meeting of the membership. Pursuant to Article XVII, Section 2 of the bylaws, the secretary is required to transmit the amendments in writing at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment(s) will be considered. [To view a print out of MSPE's complete Bylaws with the proposed changes shown go to MSPE's homepage at www.mspe.org and choose Bylaws under the latest news.] The proposed revisions for June 22, 2009 are listed below. Deletions are crossed out in ~~blue~~ while additions are shown in green.

ARTICLE I - Member Categories and Definitions (Governance)

Section 1 provides the option of two-tiered membership consisting of state and chapter levels. Section 2 is a housekeeping change that adds one work to clarify the application process for members pursuing life membership.

~~Section 1. Necessity of NSPE Membership. All persons, in order to be eligible for membership in MSPE, must be members of NSPE, except upon adoption of a state-only membership category by MSPE.~~

Section 1. Membership. All persons, in order to be eligible for membership in MSPE, must meet the requirements for Licensed Member, Member or Student Member as stated in Section 2, Section 3 or Section 4 of this article. Members may choose between a three-tiered National, State and Chapter membership or a two-tiered membership consisting of State and Chapter levels.

Section 6. Life Membership. (D) Application for "life" membership may be made only by personal application to the Board of Directors. Each "life" member shall be given an option in writing annually to contribute to MSPE.

ARTICLE III -Loss of Membership

Section 3 is a housekeeping change that improves the wording regarding not-payment of dues. Section 4 provides the conditions for members who may have selected a national only membership category to be reinstated in MSPE.

Section 3. Non-Payment of Dues. Any member whose dues have not been paid ~~for~~ will be considered delinquent after 30 days and dropped 60 days after the due date and ~~thereof~~ thereafter shall automatically cease to be a member of MSPE.

Section 4. Reinstatement. Any member who has ceased to be a ~~NSPE-only member or ceased to be a MSPE~~ member for any of the causes or reasons set forth in Section 1, 2, or 3 of this ~~Article III~~ article may at any time thereafter apply to the Executive Director for reinstatement as a member of the Society.

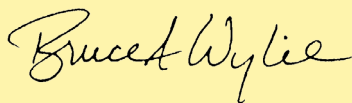
If the member so applying has lost his prior ~~NSPE-only or MSPE~~ membership by reason of having been suspended or expelled, the Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of ~~all~~ its members ~~to so do~~, shall recommend to the Board of Directors the reinstatement of the applicant as a member of the Society in the appropriate category upon such conditions as may be imposed by the Executive Committee, and, if the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting adopts the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the applicant ~~thereupon~~ shall be reinstated.

ARTICLE VII - Officers (Governance)

Section 2 adds a requirement that MSPE's officers (the president, president-elect, vice president and treasurer) hold three-tiered, National, State and Chapter, membership.

Section 2. Qualifications. To be eligible for election to an office, one must be a Licensed Member as defined in Article I of these Bylaws, ~~and be a three-tiered National, State and Chapter member.~~

Respectfully Submitted,



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