

Review of the SCVVMA Bylaws

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The following changes are proposed to the standing SCVVMA bylaws by unanimous vote of the committee:

- Recommendation to clarify that elections can be by voice (*Article VI, Section 2C*)
- Recommendation that immediate past board members have 1 year of waived membership dues to aid in continuity of procedural matters (*Article IV, Section 1I*)
- Recommendation to clarify that Executive Board discussions and approvals can happen virtually (*Article VII, Section 2*)
- Recommendation to remove the requirement of quarterly board meetings (*Article V, Section 1*)
- Recommendation to eliminate the prorated membership fee halfway through the year (*Article IV, Section 1L*)
- Recommendation that the President can appoint a Parliamentarian to assist and advise the board. The Parliamentarian will be exempt from membership dues during their term. (*Article XII, Section 3*)
- Recommendation that the membership application be approved by the Executive Board instead of the general association (*Article IV, Section 1A*)
- Recommendation that the outgoing Treasurer audit be performed by someone who is not related by blood or marriage, nor resides in the same household, of the outgoing Treasurer (*Article VII, Section 3*)
- Recommendation to eliminate a formal installation of an elected board, state that the newly elected board shall be automatically installed on the first day of the association's following fiscal year (*Article VI, Section 2D*)
- Recommendation that the membership applications be filed with the President (not the Secretary) or a member of the Executive Board delegated by the President. (Creation of *Article VIII, Section 1B* and elimination of *Article VIII Section 3C*)

- Recommendation to amend language:
 - *Article IV, Section 1 change: “The membership of the Executive Board of the Association shall be...” to “The officers of the Executive Board of the Association shall be...”*
 - *Article IV, Section 3D change: “Active membership shall endure for life from the time of application unless terminated” to “Active membership shall endure for life from the time of application to election unless terminated”*
 - *Change the word “Chairman” to “Chair” throughout the bylaws (*Article VIII Section 1A, Article XII Sections 1, 5C, and 5E*)*



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