

Article & Summary	Proposed Language (in BOLD)
<p>XIX – Annual Dues</p> <p>Increases dues for regular members to \$100.</p> <p>Increases dues for seniors to \$50.</p> <p>Current membership of 1,032 = estimated \$50,010 in dues. This increase will result in an increase of \$47,490 in dues for a total of \$97,500. (\$92,600 for regular members, \$5,300 for seniors)</p> <p>Average of \$1.00 per week per member increase.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE XIX Annual Dues</p> <p>The annual dues shall be One Hundred dollars per year an amount approved by the membership, payable on or before the first WEDNESDAY of February of each year, unless an extension has been granted by the BOD</p> <p>Any member 75 years of age or older shall pay annual dues in the amount of Fifty (\$50) per year; an amount approved the membership payable on or before the first WEDNESDAY of February of each year, unless an extension has been granted by the BOD.</p>
<p>XX – Assessments – New article that defines the purpose and process for assessments with a simple majority (51%) approving.</p> <p>The current bylaws mention the word assessment once. This article provides substance on when an assessment may be appropriate and a high-level overview of the process to do so.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE XX Assessments</p> <p>From time to time, financial emergencies arise that must be dealt with to assure continued viability of the Corporation. It is appropriate to deal with those situations via an assessment. Such assessment would be proposed by the Board and presented to the membership at the next regular monthly meeting. The Secretary shall notify all members via email (or regular mail if no e-mail). The assessment will be voted upon at the following regular monthly meeting. A simple majority (51%) of those voting will determine acceptance or rejection.</p> <p>Collection of the assessment shall be done in a finite period as determined by the Board. Failure to pay the assessment may result in loss of membership privileges until paid.</p> <p>All members, including Life and Honorary Members, shall be subject to all assessments levied by the Corporation, unless the assessment is dues-related.</p>
<p>XXVIII – Amendments</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE XXVII Amendments</p>

<p>Removes limitation of only making by-law amendments once a year to when necessary due to prevailing issues such as financial or administration requiring immediate change.</p> <p>Changes vote to paper ballot from a show of hands.</p> <p>Changes 2/3 vote to a simple majority (51%).</p> <p>Changes the method of notifying members of upcoming amendments to include e-mail. Currently calls for snail mail which may not meet the required 7 days prior to the next meeting requirement.</p>	<p>These By-Laws may be amended, altered, repealed, or revised annually or on an as needed basis. By-Law amendments will be presented at the next regular member meeting once formulated but no later than the October meeting as deemed appropriate by the Board. The amendment will be posted and discussed at the monthly member meeting following its introduction but no later than at the November meeting. The amendment will be voted upon using paper ballots at the member meeting following the discussion meeting but no later than at the December meeting. Any amendment changes will take effect immediately, unless stipulated otherwise, but no later than on January 1st of the New Year. By Law amendments must be approved by a simple majority (51%) vote of the members present.</p> <p>The Secretary shall notify each member at the address provided by the member, at least seven (7) days before the next meeting, of the proposed By-Law change via email or regular mail if no e-mail available. The By-Law change will be voted upon at that following meeting.</p> <p>The By-Law change, as proposed, shall be posted on the bulletin board by the Secretary at the close of the meeting that the change is proposed and seconded.</p>
<p>XVIII – Membership</p> <p>Increases application fee to reflect the current amount of first year dues plus a one-time \$50 administrative fee for joining the membership.</p> <p>If membership dues increase over time, there need not be a By-Law amendment to change the amount of the application fee. It always aligns the fee with the current dues.</p> <p>Clarifies that former members re-applying for membership may</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE XVIII Membership</p> <p>An applicant for membership must have attained the age of twenty-one (21) years.</p> <p>An applicant for membership shall contain the name, age, place of residence of the applicant, contact information, and the names of at least two members who sponsor the applicant. An Applicant for membership shall post the sum of the administrative fee plus the first year’s dues with their application. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) of this sum is the administrative fee for membership in the Association. All monies received for membership applications shall be deposited in the General Fund. The application shall be given to the Membership Committee Chairperson who shall read it at the first regular meeting following the receipt of the application. The name of the applicant shall be posted in the quarters of the Association and in the newsletter. At the meeting following the reading of the application, the Membership Committee shall report on the applicant as “Move to Vote” or “Return Application”. If the report is to be “Return Application”, the Membership Committee may so notify the applicant’s sponsor so that they may withdraw the application if they so desire. On balloting night, one of the sponsors must be present</p>

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when the applicants' names are read off. If neither of the sponsors is present at that time, then the application shall be put aside until the following monthly meeting. If an application must be held over for two consecutive meetings because neither of the applicant's sponsors are present, then that application shall be automatically withdrawn, and the money which the applicant is required to post shall be returned.

Three (3) negative votes of the members present will reject an applicant for membership.

If an applicant receives (3) negative votes, the applicant is not accepted for membership. They will be refunded their money and will not be allowed access to the club room or any club function even as a guest for a period of 2 years. After the 2-year period, they may reapply for membership. This does not include attendance at a private function in the function hall.

Prior to balloting by the membership, applicants shall attend an orientation on the history, purpose, activities, and regulations of the Club. The orientation shall be given by the officers of the Club, the Membership committee, or a combination of both groups. Attendance at an orientation shall generally be required for all applicants prior to their becoming a member of the Club, but may be waived when such attendance would cause an applicant extreme hardship such as excessive travel or loss of wages. Requests for such waivers must accompany the application for membership in writing and will be granted or denied by the Membership Committee prior to the balloting on the application.

Those applicants re-applying after a lapsed membership may not be required to attend orientation.