

## **CURRENT**

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP DUES**

There shall be seven classifications of membership listed as follows:

**A. DELEGATE:** Membership in the Association shall be extended to a political subdivision, (i.e.: County, Township, City, Village or Incorporated Town) and such membership rights and duties shall be exercised only by the individual responsible for the administration of their emergency management program and with the duty of carrying out the requirements of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act of 1994 and any revisions of said Act. A Delegate membership will be accorded to the individual who has been appointed by their political subdivision to be the coordinator, director or liaison charged with the responsibility and has met all educational requirements to hold that position as outlined in the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Administrative Rules.

**B. PROFESSIONAL DELEGATE:** Membership in the association may be extended to a political subdivision, (i.e.: County, Township, City, Village, or Incorporated Town). Such membership rights and duties shall be exercised only by the individual responsible for administrative duties of their emergency management program and must be duly appointed and sponsored by the Delegate of that political subdivision as assistant coordinator, assistant director, regional coordinator or assistant regional coordinator charged with that responsibility and has met the same educational requirements as a Delegate.

**C. PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL:** Individuals with responsibility in emergency management/preparedness, emergency services or related fields, other than as a qualified delegate member who are sponsored by a Delegate member of the Association. Individuals in local, state, and Federal governments, as well as public safety, health and medical, private industry, educational, military, local emergency response planning and coordination also qualify for professional/technical membership.

**D. ASSOCIATE:** Individuals sponsored by a delegate member of their political subdivision, who do not qualify for a professional/technical membership, but are concerned with and are involved with the emergency management/preparedness program in their discipline.

**E. AFFILIATE:** Individuals, businesses, groups and organizations from the private and/or non-profit sectors, sponsored by a delegate member that support the goals and objectives of the Association and/or provide a service and product useful to the emergency management/preparedness, emergency services and related fields.

**F. HONORARY:** Honorary membership may be awarded to individuals and/or businesses, groups and organizations from private and non-profit sectors for outstanding contributions to the advancement of emergency management/preparedness or distinguished contributions to the advancement of the goals and objectives of the Association.

**G. LIFE:** Life membership shall be accorded to each Delegate, Professional Delegate or Professional/Technical member who have been continuous member for 15 years or more, and; that Delegate or Professional/Delegate or Professional/Technical member is no longer associated with a political subdivision in a capacity which would make them eligible for such membership; or those who are Past-Presidents of this Association, having served their term of office, shall be by virtue of their accomplishments be known as Past-Presidents/Life Members. All lifetime memberships must be approved by a majority of the executive board.

**H. STUDENT:** Full time students attending a recognized educational facility, to further their knowledge and pursue a college degree in emergency management/preparedness, emergency services or related fields. This does not include instructors, teachers, consultants, or other educators.

## PROPOSED

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP DUES

There shall be four classifications of membership as follows:

- A. **Member** – Individuals in local, state, and Federal governments, as well as public safety, health and medical, private industry, educational, military, local emergency response planning and coordination qualify for membership.
- B. **Honorary** – Honorary membership may be awarded to individuals and/or businesses, groups and organizations from private and non-profit sectors for outstanding contributions to the advancement of emergency management/preparedness or distinguished contributions to the advancement of the goals and objectives of the Association.
- C. **Life** – Life membership shall be accorded to each paid member who have been continuous member for 20 years or more, and; that paid member is no longer associated with a political subdivision in a capacity which would make them eligible for such membership; or those who are Past-Presidents of this Association, having served their term of office, shall be by virtue of their accomplishments be known as Past-Presidents/Life Members. All lifetime memberships must be approved by a majority of the executive board.
- D. **Student** - Full time students attending a recognized educational facility, to further their knowledge and pursue a college degree in emergency management/preparedness, emergency services or related fields. This does not include instructors, teachers, consultants, or other educators.

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### Article IV – Voting Rights

#### **Section 1 - Voting Rights:**

Voting rights for all members are contingent upon meeting and maintaining qualifications for membership and payment of all dues, fees and special assessments.

#### **Section 2 - Voting Membership:**

Membership shall be accorded voting rights as follows:

- A. **Delegate:** shall be accorded one (1) full vote per membership.
- B. **Professional Delegate:** shall be accorded one (1) full vote per membership.
- C. **Professional/Technical:** shall be accorded one (1) full vote per membership.
- D. **Associate:** shall be considered a non-voting membership.
- E. **Affiliate:** shall be considered a non-voting membership.
- F. **Honorary:** shall be considered a non-voting membership.
- G. **Life:** shall be accorded one (1) full vote per membership.
- H. **Student:** shall be considered a non-voting membership

#### **Section 3 - Proxy/Absentee Voting:**

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- D. **Student:** shall be accorded one (1) full vote per membership.

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### **ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Section 1 - Regular Meetings:**

The Association Membership shall meet at times and places designated at least one (1) year in advance, and at such times and places as established by the Executive Board at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

#### **Section 2 - Annual Meeting:**

The first regular Membership Meeting shall be designated as the annual meeting.

#### **Section 3 - Special Meeting:**

By authority of the President or a majority vote of the Executive Board, a special meeting of the Membership of the Association may be convened for a special limited purpose, such specific limited purpose shall be in the notice of the meeting announcement at least thirty (30) days previous to the date set for the meeting and published to the Association Membership

#### **Section 4 - Quorum:**

At any Regular or Special Meeting of the Association, there shall be in attendance, voting delegates representing at least thirty-five (35) votes to constitute a quorum.

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### **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

#### **Section 1 - Officers:**

- A. **Officers Elected:** Officers elected by the voting membership shall be:
  - a. President
  - b. Vice-President
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer
  
- B. **Officers Appointive/Regionally Elected:** Regional Vice-Presidents shall be elected by their Region and sworn in by the President. Each region shall certify to the President at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Association their selection of Regional Vice-President for the ensuing year

Regional Vice-Presidents must hold membership from a political subdivision located within the region from which they are selected.

- C. **Officer Appointed:** Officers appointed by the President and with consent by the Executive Board shall be:
  - a. Sergeant at Arms
  
- D. **Officer Designated:** If a vacancy occurs in the office of Immediate Past-President the next most Immediate Past-President will assume the position with the consent of the Executive Board.

#### **Section 2 - Qualifications for elective/Appointive Office:**

With the exception of the office of Regional Vice-President, no person may be elected or appointed to an office or continue to hold an elective or appointed office unless they are a member in good standing of the Association and with at least one year consecutive membership prior to being elected or appointed.

All persons elected or appointed to office shall exhibit qualities of leadership and have an active interest in the Association and emergency management/preparedness program. The Office of President and Vice-President must hold a delegate or Professional Delegate membership. The Office of Secretary and Treasurer and Regional Vice-President must hold, at a minimum, a Pro/Tech Membership.

#### **Section 7 - Nominating Committee:**

A. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of one (1) delegate member from each region and a Chairman chosen from those selected. With the consent of the Executive Board the Committee shall be affirmed. This Committee shall be named at least ninety (90) days prior to election. Each member shall be considered the Nominating Committee Regional Representative.

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No person may be elected or appointed to an office or continue to hold an elected or appointed office unless they are a member in good standing of the Association and with at least one year consecutive membership prior to being elected or appointed.

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### **ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD**

#### **Section 1 – Membership:**

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Regional Vice-Presidents and Chairperson of the Past Presidents Committee. Past Presidents serving on the Executive Board as of the 2016 Training Summit shall remain as members of the Executive Board so long as they hold a Delegate or Professional Delegate membership. Pursuant to the articles of incorporation, this shall constitute the Board of Directors.

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### **ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENT/REVISION PROCEDURE**

This constitution may be amended and/or revised by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any regular membership meeting of the Association, providing that notice of such proposed amendments shall be circulated to all members at least thirty (30) days in advance of said meetings; and, provided further that such notice shall contain a copy of the amendment to be considered. Proposed amendments shall be submitted by or through the Constitution and By-Laws Committee or the Executive Board at least ninety (90) days in advance of the general meeting of the Association.

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Proposed amendments shall be submitted by or through the Constitution and By-Laws Committee or the Executive Board at least forty-five (45) days in advance of the general meeting of the Association.

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### **ARTICLE XVI – REGIONAL CHARTER**

#### **Section 1 - Regional Organization:**

If a Regional Organization, conforming to regional boundaries as established by the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association, Executive Board and provided they have a minimum of ten (10) Delegate members and adopt a constitution in harmony with the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association Constitution, a Charter shall be issued by the President with consent of the Executive Board.

#### **Section 2 - Annual Charter Fee:**

The Executive Board of the Association may authorize an annual charter fee for each Regional Organization upon begin issued a charter from the President and may authorize an annual renewal of charter fee.

#### **Section 3 - Charter Revoked:**

A Regional Charter may be revoked by the Executive Board for failure to maintain minimum membership requirements.

#### **Section 4 - Fund Raising:**

No fund raising activity shall be undertaken by or on behalf of any Regional Organization chartered under this Article unless prior approval has been obtained from the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association's Executive Board.

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