

AOSA BYLAW PROPOSAL #2, 2024

PURPOSE:

To streamline the application for membership process. There are currently 5 mentions of the “Membership Committee” in the By laws, none of which are under “Committees”. The “Membership Committee” was dissolved somewhere in the past and has operated with 1 member since then. The current unwritten procedure requires applications for membership to be sent to this person for review, sent to the Executive Board and then presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting for voting. This is also the case for Honorary members.

This will allow the process of membership to move quickly.

PROPOSAL:

To eliminate the 5 references to the “Membership Committee”. To have applications for all memberships sent directly to the Vice President of AOSA for review and to allow the Executive board to determine if each becomes a member.

CURRENT RULE:

ARTICLE IV-Membership

4.e Honorary Members - Any person who has rendered signal service in one or more of the fields of activity of the Association mentioned in Article III is eligible for Honorary Membership. Any Member of the Association may nominate a person for Honorary Membership. Such nominations shall be submitted to the **Membership Committee**. If approved by the Executive Board, the name will be presented to the members during the Annual Meeting. They shall be declared elected upon a two-thirds majority vote. Honorary Members shall be eligible for appointment to committees and committee chairs and may enter motions in meetings of the Association but shall not be eligible for election as an officer or member of the Executive Board of the Association or entitled to vote in Association elections or other business of the Association. Honorary Members shall have a free limited registration at the Annual meeting that may or may not include meals, workshops, symposiums, etc., as determined by the AOSA Executive Board. (2008)

5. Application for Official, Allied, or Associate membership in the Association must be made to the **Membership Committee**. The **Membership Committee** will determine the membership category following the guidelines as set forth above. If approved by the **Membership committee**, the names of applicants will be presented to the members during the Annual Meeting. They shall be declared accepted upon majority vote. (1998)

ARTICLE V 3(2)

Duties of the Vice President

(f) Serve as a member of the **Membership Committee**.

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5. Application for Official, Allied, or Associate membership in the Association must be made to the **Vice President for review and determination of membership category following the guidelines as set forth above. The Executive board will vote for acceptance into AOSA.** (2024)

ARTICLE V 3(2)

Duties of Vice President

- (f) **Responsible for membership applications and reviews.**

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