Proposed Bylaws Changes

These proposed changes add a classification of membership, honorary, to the voting and non-voting classification. The classifications would be:

1 - voting classification, which would include four membership categories: sports turf manager, sports turf manager associate, academic, and commercial

2 - non voting classification, which would include four membership categories: commercial associate, student, affiliate and retired

3 - honorary classification, which would include Past Presidents and Honorary Lifetime

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