

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

Current Language	Proposed Language
Section 3.2 Membership Classification: There shall be two (2) classifications of Members: voting and non-voting. All other rights, interests and privileges shall be equal.	Section 3.2 Membership Classification: There shall be three (3) classifications of Members: voting, non-voting and honorary . All other rights, interests and privileges shall be equal.
Section 3.3 Categories of Voting Members: There shall be six (6) categories of voting membership.	Section 3.3 Categories of Voting Members: There shall be four (4) categories of voting membership.
3.3.1 Category I – Sports Turf Manager: Person with primary responsibility of employment in the management/maintenance	No changes recommended
3.3.2 Category II - Sports Turf Manager Associate: Person with primary responsibility of employment in the management/maintenance	No changes recommended
3.3.3 Category III – Commercial (includes consultants, architects, designers, contractors, management companies, distributors and manufacturers, etc.): Company engaged in a commercial enterprise ...	No changes recommended
3.3.4 Category IV – Academic: Person engaged in research, education or in extension outreach programs related to sports fields ...	No changes recommended
3.3.5 Category V – Past President: Upon retirement in good standing, Past Presidents shall be awarded a lifetime voting membership and is eligible to hold elective office.	Move to Honorary Classification
3.3.6 Category VI - Honorary Lifetime: By majority vote of the Board of Directors, Honorary Lifetime Voting membership shall be conferred upon a nominee who has made a significant contribution to the sports turf management profession.	Move to Honorary Classification
3.4 Categories of Non-Voting Members - There shall be four (4) non-voting categories of membership.	No changes recommended
Category VII- Student: Any full-time student, upon payment of dues, verification of enrollment and being accepted for membership ...	Renumber to Category V
3.4.2 Category VIII - Commercial Associate:	Renumber to Category VI

Person employed by the same Category III member company, but who is not the designated representative ...	
3.4.3 Category IX – Affiliate (includes coaches, athletic directors, administrators, owners, trainers, equipment managers, volunteers, etc.): Person who is indirectly or ...	Renumber to Category VII
3.4.4 Category X - Retired: Person who is retired and no longer seeking full-time employment within the scope of activities...	Renumber to Category VIII
(New)	3.5 Classification of Honorary Membership There shall be two (2) categories of Honorary Membership.
Category V – Past President: Upon retirement in good standing, Past Presidents shall be awarded a lifetime voting membership and is eligible to hold elective office.	Category IX – Past President: Upon completion of board service in good standing, Past Presidents shall be awarded a lifetime membership . Past Presidents can simultaneously hold another category of membership, which corresponds to their employment responsibilities, and will receive the rights, privileges and limitations of that category.
Category VI – Honorary Lifetime: By majority vote of the Board of Directors, Honorary Lifetime voting membership shall be conferred upon a nominee who has made a significant contribution to the sports turf management profession.	Category X– Honorary Lifetime: By majority vote of the Board of Directors, Honorary Lifetime membership shall be conferred upon a nominee who has made a significant contribution to the sports turf management profession. Honorary Lifetime Members can simultaneously hold another category of membership, which corresponds to their employment responsibilities, and will receive the rights, privileges and limitations of that category.