

Outline of Main Bylaws Changes

1. Allow persons under 18 to join the Association
2. Allows the Board to spend more than the current \$60 for specified items without getting approval from the general membership. Can spend up to \$1,200 per show for all show costs and can make filings with government agencies and pay required fees or taxes. Any other expenditure in excess of \$250 must be voted on by the general membership.
3. Adds language about the purpose of the Association to make clear its education nature so that the Association can apply for IRS charitable organization status.
4. Established that the Board can establish an audit of the books or a member can. If the audit is performed by other than a member and the services for the audit are not donated and the audit is requested by a member or members, then the audit must be paid for by the requestor if the general membership does not authorize the payment for the outside auditor.
5. Requires the Board to keep a record of the board meetings and publish the record on the web site.
6. Makes clear that no contracts can be made by other than the President on behalf of the Association and that all contracts entered into by other than the President on behalf of the Association contain a clause stating that written authorization for the contract from the President is attached to the contract.
7. Allows the Board to make administrative changes to the bylaws without membership voting, and allows the Board to propose Bylaw change or for the general membership to propose bylaw changes, sets notice periods for the bylaw changes before a vote, and allows voting by paper or email.
8. Clarifies that insurance to be carried by the Association is liability insurance.
9. Allows the Board to establish educational programs, grants, and scholarships.
10. Eliminates the Events Coordinator from the Board and added it to committees.
11. Removes the awards program requirements and volunteer rules from the bylaws and make them a separate document that can be amended without requiring a change to the bylaws.