



ILLINOIS FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Dedicated to excellence in the Fire Service

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The following By-Law changes have been proposed. The vote will take place at the Annual Conference during the election of officers on Monday, October 14, 2019.

2019 Proposed By-Law Change #1 October 14, 2019 Article 4, Section 1

ARTICLE 4 MEMBERSHIP

There shall be three classes of membership: active, associate and honorary.

Section 1: Active members - Active membership shall be comprised of:

1. The Chief of regularly organized public, governmental, private industrial fire departments and the Director or Chief of public safety departments.
2. Chief Officers or those officers designated by the Chief of Department.
3. Retired officers of a fire department who wish to remain active but do not qualify less than 1 or 2 above.
4. **Elected, Appointed Officials of a member Fire Department or Fire Protection District (i.e. Mayor, Village Administrator, Trustee, Commissioner)**

Only active members shall be entitled to vote on all matters requiring a vote unless otherwise prohibited by the Constitution and By-Laws, and shall be entitled to hold elective office, serve as members of the Board of Directors and to participate fully in the affairs of the association.

Section 2: Associate Members - An associate member shall be any person or firm whose interests are in the protection of life and property from fire. No one eligible for active membership may apply for associate membership. Associate members shall be entitled to participate fully in the affairs of the association, with the exceptions of holding elective office and they shall not have voting privileges.

Section 3: Honorary member - An honorary member for the purpose of these By-Laws shall be:

1. Any person who has been an active member of this association upon retirement as an active member.
2. Any person who has rendered conspicuous service to this association's aims and purposes.

Those honorary members shall make application to the Executive Director of this association and subject to the approval of the President and Board of Directors shall become honorary members.

Honorary members shall be entitled to participate fully in the affairs of the association, with the exceptions of holding elective office and they shall not have voting privileges.

2019 Proposed By-Law Change #2 & 3
October 14, 2019
Article 5, Section 1 & Section 2

ARTICLE 5 **OFFICERS**

Section 1: Only Fire Chiefs or Exempt Senior Officers who are active members in good standing are eligible to hold elective office. ~~Attributable to the scope of the Illinois Fire Chief's organization the preferred progression of holding office is serving as an Area Representative (2-3 years); Director (at least one 2-year term); and then progress through the chairs (2nd VP, 1st VP, President) the preference for progression does not prohibit any otherwise eligible member from seeking election to an office without proceeding through the preferred progression.~~

Section 2: The elective officers of this Association shall be: a President; a First Vice-President; a Second Vice-President, who shall also serve as the Secretary-Treasurer; and six (6) elected Directors, one (1) of whom would be a retired officer and one (1) will be elected from a Volunteer/Combination Department; there shall also be elected Area Representatives as defined in Article 2 Section 3. Elective officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation. They shall assume office the day following the close of the annual meeting at which they were elected and shall hold the office to which they were elected, for the term of that office, until the close of the annual meeting at which they are replaced. All elected officers are eligible to succeed themselves as identified in Article 5; Section 3; F. In the event an elective office becomes vacant during the term and prior to the next scheduled annual election, the President with concurrence from the Executive Board will appoint an interim replacement to fill the remaining term until the next scheduled annual election. This appointment shall not exceed the next scheduled annual election at which time a ballot candidate must be voted upon. In the event the vacancy and subsequent election occurs with only one-year remaining on the original term, the election encompass the remaining one year only and not the full two-year term in order to keep the positions staggered. When multiple candidates are on the ballot for the same position, the candidate(s) with the highest total vote count will fill the longest term(s). A temporary appointment will not interfere with an elective officer's ability to seek or be elected to ~~two~~ (three) consecutive two-year terms. As a result of an interim appointment, at no time will an elective officer hold office (excluding Area Representatives) for any more than ~~five~~ (seven) years.

2019 Proposed ByLaw Change #4
October 14, 2019
Article 9

ARTICLE 9 **FINANCES**

The work and activities of this corporation shall be financed as follows:

A. By the collection from each member the annual dues in such amount as the Board of Directors may determine, said amount of annual dues being subject to approval by an affirmative vote of a majority of those members in good standing at the time of voting, present and voting at the annual meeting held just preceding the year in which said annual dues are to be effective.

B. By the collection of such special assessments from the membership as the Board of Directors may determine subject to approval in the same manner as that designated for approval of annual dues, such special assessments are directed by the Board of Directors.

C. By the acceptance of such contributions from outside sources as the Board of Directors deems proper to accept.

D. The annual dues in the Illinois Fire Chief's Association shall be as follows:

- a.(1) Active membership:
 - For department with 25 or fewer Paid on Call, Volunteer or Contract Personnel \$ 125.00
 - For department with 26 or more Paid on Call, Volunteer or Contract Personnel \$ 200.00
 - For department with more than 5 to 20 Career Members or Contract Personnel \$ 325.00
 - For department with 21-100 Career members or Contract Personnel \$ 450.00
 - For department with 101-500 Career members or Contract Personnel \$ 600.00
 - For department with 501 or more Career members or Contract Personnel \$1,000.00

- a (2) Active membership dues include membership for a Chief Officer and two designees from each department within categories 1.1 through and including Category 1.4. Categories 1.5 and 1.6 active membership dues include membership of a Chief Officer and one designee from each department. Each additional member, from the same department, shall be at the rate of \$50.00 per year.

- a (3) Career shall mean any paid of full-time member working in excess of 30 hours per week with any firefighting or EMS response or command duty and includes personnel obtained through an independent contractor.

- a (4) Retired Officers - \$ 40.00

- a (5) Elected, Appointed Officials of a member Fire Department or Fire Protection District (i.e. Mayor, Village Administrator, Trustee, Commissioner) may join the Association as an Active member at a rate of \$ 50.00

- b. Associate membership: \$ 150.00

- c.(1) Honorary member: No Charge

- c (2) The designation of Honorary Member will be conferred upon the retirement of a member in good standing who served the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association as President.

- d. Dues for reinstatement must be paid in full.