

## ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

### Section 1. ASSOCIATION

The Association shall be composed of all duly qualified and regularly approved members currently in good standing with Boards, and Individual members currently in good standing with the International Office, who are affiliated with this Association in a manner prescribed in this Constitution. As used in this Constitution, words of any gender shall be construed to include any other gender, and words in the singular number shall be construed to include the plural, unless the context otherwise requires.

### Section 2. CLASSES OF MEMBERS

Chartered Boards shall classify their members as follows:

- a. ACTIVE/OFFICIATING (AO). Active member—duly registered to officiate in compliance with Section 4.
- b. ACTIVE/NON-OFFICIATING (AN). Active member—non-officiating.
- c. DUAL (D). Active members in good standing with their Parent Board may apply for Dual membership to (an)other Board(s) which may grant him/her membership as a Dual member. Such Dual member shall have all the privileges of the Board(s) to which he/she has been granted Dual member status, except that each Board may determine for itself if Dual members may vote and/or hold office. Dual members shall not be subject to any rules or regulations greater than that required of a regular member of the Board. Note: A Dual member must meet all of the requirements of his/her Parent Board and such meeting attendance requirements as stipulated by the Dual Board(s).
- d. IAABO LIFE (IL). Elected by the Executive Committee following evaluation, screening, and recommendation by the Life Membership Committee in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Handbook and with no restrictions as to the number elected from any geographical area.
- e. IAABO HONORARY (IH). Elected by the International Assembly in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Handbook and with no restrictions as to the number elected from any geographical area.
- f. BOARD LIFE (BL). Elected by their respective Board in accordance with the requirements as set forth in the Board's Constitution, and in its absence, as set forth in the requirements of the International.
- g. BOARD HONORARY (BH). Elected by the respective Board in accordance with the requirements as set forth in the Board's Constitution, and in its absence, as set forth in the requirements of the International.

### Section 3. QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any person who meets the requirements set forth in this Article is eligible for membership in the Association. Any person of good character over the age of 18 years is eligible to file an application for membership with either an Area Board or the Association office as provided below. The Area Board involved, and/or the Association shall require the applicant to furnish additional information and/or to authorize such inquiries as appropriate and sufficient to determine whether the initial qualifications stated above are met.

A person eligible for membership who resides in the territory of an Area Board must apply to the Area Board by completing an application for membership in the Association in the form prescribed by the Area Board.

A person eligible for membership who resides in an area where no Area Board exists may apply for membership directly to the International Office for classification as Individual member. If an Area Board is formed in the territory where an Individual member resides or if an Individual member relocates to a territory under the jurisdiction of an Area Board, he or she shall become a member of such Board at such time as the International Office transfers his or her membership to the appropriate Area Board. Thereafter, the member shall meet all requirements of the Area Board to which he or she is transferred.

### Section 4. ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership. Active/Officiating Membership is open to applicants eighteen (18) years of age or older who establish a satisfactory record of health and character; and file a written application in the form prescribed by the Area Board or Association Office. In addition to the requirements set forth below, qualified applicants must pass an official

IAABO Written Examination prepared by the Rules Examination Committee, and administered on the first or last Monday in November with a passing grade of eighty-six percent (86%). Boards which conduct applicant classes in the spring shall administer the IAABO Written Examination prepared by the Rules Examination Committee no later than the second Monday in June. The Rules Examination Committee shall prepare separate sets of questions for the respective examinations.

b. Practical Floor Test. Those applicants that pass the official IAABO Written Examination will be eligible to take the IAABO Practical Floor Test. The Board will send the examination results to the Executive Director.

c. Additional Requirements—Option of Area Board. In addition to the foregoing, applicants must pass all testing requirements, comply with all attendance requirements, pay all dues and assessments, and otherwise comply with all requirements established by the Parent Board to which the application is made.

d. Registration. Every applicant who passes the IAABO Written Examination, the IAABO Floor Examination, any applicable oral examinations or other evaluation criteria, complies with meeting and attendance requirements and pays the appropriate dues, must be registered with the Association Office on or before the ensuing fifteenth day of May as an Active/Officiating (AO) member. Area boards shall collect the international registration fee and remit the international registration fee and register members with the Association office.

e. Waiver. An applicant who has had at least three (3) years experience officiating basketball at the sub-varsity high school or college level and has been certified by a duly qualified commissioner or Association, may be admitted as an Active/Officiating member. The Parent Board may waive the requirements of Subsections b, c and/or d above.

f. Optional Examination Procedure. Those applicants who fail to attain a score on an Official IAABO Written Examination of eighty-six percent (86%) but whose grade is at least seventy-six percent (76%) may, at the option of the applicant's Area Board, take the IAABO Practical Floor Examination and an alternate official IAABO Written Examination prepared by the Rules Examination Committee as follows:

1. For Area Boards administering the Written Examination on the first Monday in November, applicants must take the Alternate Written Examination on either the last Monday in November; or, on the first Monday in March of the following year, at the option of the Area Board.
2. For Area Boards administering the Written Examination on the last Monday in November, applicants must take the Alternate Written Examination on the first Monday in March of the following year.

## **Section 5. EXAMINATION**

Every Active/Officiating member shall take an annual Written Examination. Boards have the option of using either the annual or refresher examination for this purpose. If the annual examination is utilized, it shall be administered on the last Monday in November subsequent to the time it is taken by the applicant. Each Area Board may use the results of the examination as it feels will be most beneficial for the interest of the Board and members.

## **Section 6. TERM OF MEMBERSHIP**

Subsequently, and as long as such member shall remain in good standing according to the regulations and other criteria of his Area Board, he shall be entitled, except for the permissible limitation stated in Section 2(c) of Article III concerning Dual members, to all the rights and privileges of membership and shall be bound by the rules and regulations expressed herein and by the Rules and Constitution and By-Laws of his Board.

## **Section 7. LAPSED MEMBERSHIP**

A member whose name is dropped from the membership rolls by reason of resignation or failure to pay dues may reinstate his or her membership within two years of termination thereof by written application to his or her Parent Board. The Parent Board involved may impose such requirements as provided in its By-Laws as a condition for granting of member's request for reinstatement, including but not limited to a written or practical test in order to reinstate membership. If reinstatement is sought by a member whose name was dropped from the membership rolls by reason of failure to pay dues, his Parent Board shall require payment of all delinquent dues and assessments.

### **Section 8. REQUIRED ATTENDANCE**

All Active/Officiating (AO) members of this Association shall be required to attend not less than three meetings of his or her Board immediately before or during a basketball season, at least one of which shall be a designated interpretation meeting.

### **Section 9. FINANCIAL OBLIGATION**

Members shall be required to pay all dues, fines and assessments to their Boards, or through such Boards to the Association by designated due dates.

### **Section 10. GOVERNING AUTHORITY**

Members shall comply with the requirements of this Constitution and the Constitution and By-Laws of their own Boards.

### **Section 11. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS.**

Members may wear the official uniform; annually receive a membership card and the Handbook; officiate with other members of this Association; and shall receive such other benefits as may be provided by the Association or its Boards. There are no restrictions upon members as to where they function. Members officiating in an area outside the geographical jurisdiction of their Parent Board may be governed by the contracts, rules, regulations and fee schedules which govern Board members in that area.

### **Section 12. ACCEPTANCE OF TRANSFER**

A Board must accept a member who, because of a change in his/her legal residence, comes within the jurisdiction of such Board. Such member shall have the same status of membership as he/she had at the time of the transfer and shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Board to which he/she transfers. If at the time of the transfer, the transferring member has paid dues to the Board from which he/she is transferring, the transferring member shall not be required to pay additional dues for that year. However, the transferring member shall be subject to the same assessments which the new Board requires of its members.

### **Section 13. TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY**

The secretary of the Board from which a member is transferring, shall notify the secretary of the Board into whose jurisdiction the member is transferring, as well as the Executive Director, of such transfer. Such notification shall include the status of the member and any other information which the secretary deems necessary.

### **Section 14. MEMBER'S STANDING**

A Board may not accept into membership a member who is not in good standing with the Association and the Board from which he is transferring.

### **Section 15. GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE**

For the failure to comply with the Constitution of the Association, the Constitution or By-Laws of a chartered board, or regulation(s) of a member's Area, District or State Board, International Association or the Executive Committee, delinquency in the payment of dues, assessments or penalties; or for any other conduct conclusively established to be contrary to the best interests of the Association or conduct which reflects discredit upon the Association, a member may be suspended for not more than one year, may be expelled, and/or fined. All suspensions and expulsions of members from an Area or District Board shall be promptly reported by the Board to the Executive Director, who shall inform all affected dual and parent boards of the suspension or expulsion. No member who is suspended or expelled from an Area or District Board shall be deemed to be in good standing with any dual or parent board unless and until: (1) The member is reinstated to membership by the Board imposing the suspension or expulsion; (2) The member is reinstated to membership at the direction of a State Board following a successful appeal; or, (3) The member is reinstated to membership at the direction of the Executive Committee following a successful appeal. Should a suspended or expelled

member be reinstated to membership in an Area or District Board, his membership with parent and/or dual board(s) shall be reinstated as applicable. An expelled member desiring reinstatement to membership in the Association shall successfully complete all requirements of Article III Section 4a through d. No waiver or optional examination procedures are permitted.

#### **Section 16. APPEAL**

Any member who has been suspended or expelled by a Board may appeal such suspension or expulsion to a District and then a State Board (if the Area Board is affiliated with a District and/or State Board). Following the disposition of all appeals to the local, District, and State boards, the Board involved shall notify the appealing member and the Executive Director. Within 30 days following such notification the suspended or expelled member may then appeal directly to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall conduct a plenary hearing on notice to all parties which notice shall set forth the procedure and governing rules for the conduct of the hearing. In appropriate cases, including, but not limited to when an expedited procedure is necessary, the Executive Committee may direct that an appeal hearing be conducted by a telephone conference call or other electronic means, subject to the quorum requirements set out in this Constitution. The statements and testimony presented during the telephone conference call or meeting conducted by other electronic means or shall be recorded and reflect that the appeal hearing was conducted by a telephone conference call or by other electronic means at which all parties and participants could simultaneously hear each other. Any action taken in an appeal hearing held via telephone conference shall be reported by the President at the next regular Executive Committee meeting. All Out of pocket costs and expenses associated with the hearing by the Executive Committee shall be apportioned and assessed in such amounts as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee in its sole discretion. The appellant shall deposit with the Association a deposit for costs or a surety bond, in an amount to be determined by the Executive Director. The decision of the Executive Committee on the appeal shall be final.

#### **Section 17. JURISDICTION**

If a Board shall fail to act in the event of a violation of Section 15 of this Article, the Executive Committee may take jurisdiction and enforce the provisions of this Constitution in accordance with Section 18 below.

#### **Section 18. RIGHT OF HEARING**

A member charged with a violation of this Constitution or the Constitution of a Chartered Board, or any other violation of rules and regulations governing conduct of members of this Association, shall have the right to be heard in person and shall be notified in writing of the date, time and place of the hearing, the nature of the charge or charges, and the name of the person or persons so charging him or her. The member charged shall be afforded a reasonable time to prepare for the hearing.

#### **Section 19. DISCIPLINE NOTICE**

A suspended or expelled member may not accept assignments or officiate as a member of the Association during the period of suspension or subsequent to the member's name being stricken from the membership rolls as a result of expulsion. The Parent Board or the office of the Executive Director shall keep on file and have available for inspection a current membership roster denoting the status of all members as to eligibility to officiate as a member of the Association. Such membership rolls shall be available for inspection at such reasonable times as determined by a Chartered Board and may, at the option of the Board or the office of the Executive Director, be reproduced and disseminated in printed, electronic, or magnetic form, or via electronic means upon request of individuals or institutions so requesting same.