

Notice of Proposed Amendments to IAABO Constitution

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The proposed amendments below to the IAABO Constitution have been approved by both the Constitution Committee and the Executive Committee. Pursuant to the notice provisions of Article XI of the Constitution these amendments will be presented to the International Assembly for adoption at the Spring Meeting in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, April 30, 2023.

Art. III - Membership

Sec. 3. Qualifications for Membership

Presently reads:

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 (over the age of 21 years for a Collegiate Basketball Officials Board) is eligible to file an application for membership with either an Area Board in the designated territory of the applicant's residence, a Collegiate Basketball Officials 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 authorize such inquiries as appropriate and sufficient to determine whether the initial qualifications stated above are met. Such inquiries may include, but are not limited to, investigative background reports and reports commissioned by recognized governing bodies or other entities.

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 an 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.

Proposed amendment:

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 (over the age of 21 years for a Collegiate Basketball Officials Board) is eligible to file a membership application with an Area Board in the designated territory of the applicant's residence, a Collegiate Basketball Officials Board, or, the Association office. A person eligible for membership who applies to an Area Board must complete a membership application in the form prescribed by the Area Board. The Area Board, and/or the Association, may require the applicant to furnish additional information and/or authorize such inquiries as appropriate and sufficient to determine whether the initial qualifications stated above are met. Such inquiries may include, but are not limited to, investigative background reports and reports commissioned by recognized governing bodies or other entities.

A person eligible for membership may apply for membership directly to the Association Office for designation to an Area Board, or, for classification as an Individual member. If an

Area Board is located or 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 they transferred. *Remainder of the Section (the last paragraph) is unchanged.*

Rationale:

Deletes the provision that a prospective member must file a membership application with an Area Board in the designated territory of the applicant's residence. Applicants have the option to submit a membership application to an Area Board in the designated territory of the applicant's residence, or, to the Association office.

Art. III – Membership

Sec. 4 – Admission to Membership

a. Membership

Presently reads:

- 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 percent (80%). 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.

Proposed amendment:

- 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 the Association office. In addition to the requirements set forth below, qualified applicants must pass the IAABO Examination with a passing grade of eighty percent (80%).

Rationale:

Applicants who take the online IAABO University rules study course and examination may take the examination upon completion of the online course at any time, and not necessarily on the first or last Monday in November or no later than the second Monday in June. Deletes the reference to the Rules Examination Committee preparing the questions for the examination, as the IAABO University examination questions are not prepared by the Rules Examination Committee. Also deletes references to the: (1) 'written' examination as the examination is not written; and (2) the 'official' IAABO Examination as the term 'official' is unnecessary.

Art. III – Membership

Sec. 4 – Admission to Membership

f. Optional Examination Procedure

Presently reads:

- f. Optional Examination Procedure.** Those applicants who fail to attain a score on an official IAABO Written Examination of eighty percent (80%) but whose grade is at least seventy percent (70%), 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 shall take the Alternate Written Examination on the first Monday in March of the following year.

Proposed amendment:

- f. Optional Examination Procedure.** Those applicants who fail to attain a score on the IAABO Examination of eighty percent (80%) but whose grade is at least seventy percent (70%), may, at the option of the applicant’s Area Board, take the IAABO Practical Floor Examination and an alternate IAABO Examination. The date(s) of the alternate IAABO Examination shall be determined by the Area Board. In the event the Association office administers the alternate IAABO Examination to the applicant, the Association office shall determine the date of such test.

Rationale:

With the IAABO Examination now available at any time of the year through IAABO University, it is not necessary to designate a specific date for the alternate IAABO Examination. Area Boards may choose to administer the alternate examination at any time.

Art. III – Membership

Sec. 5 – Examination

Presently reads:

Every Active/Officiating member shall take an annual examination. Boards have the option of using either the annual or refresher examination for this purpose. If the November applicant examination is utilized, it shall be administered after the respective November examination date. 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.

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Rationale:

Deletes the reference to the November examination dates.

Art. V – Fees, Dues and Assessments

Sec. 2 – International Fee

Presently reads:

The fees shall be determined by the Executive Committee each year, subject to the approval of the International Assembly. Payment of such fees shall include all membership benefits of the organization for each member. Fees herein shall apply equally to members in the military service.

Proposed amendment:

Association dues shall be determined by the Executive Committee each year, with any modifications subject to the approval of the International Assembly.

Rationale:

Brings the international dues provision in line with current practice.

Art. VII – Meetings

Sec. 1 – Annual, Interpretation and Executive Committee Meetings

Presently reads:

The Association shall conduct an annual in-person or virtual meetings of the International Assembly and an in-person or virtual educational seminar on dates and at locations as designated by the Executive Committee. In-person or virtual meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held prior to both the annual meeting and educational seminar. In the event of an in-person meeting or educational seminar, information on the date(s), time(s), and location(s) shall be sent by electronic communication and dissemination to all members to their email addresses on file with the Association, or mailed to the member at the member's address as it appears on the records of the Association; and, published in one of the Association's recognized publications for distribution to members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. In the event of virtual meetings, information on how members may access the meeting remotely or online shall be sent by electronic communication and dissemination to all members to their email addresses on file with the Association or mailed to the member at the member's address as it appears on the records of the Association; and, published in one of the Association's recognized publications for distribution to members at least thirty (30) days prior to the virtual meeting. Committee reports of the standing committees shall be made available to board secretaries on the Association's web site at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the International Assembly.

Proposed amendment:

The Association shall conduct an annual meeting at which time the International Assembly and an educational seminar shall be convened on dates and at a place as designated by the Executive Committee. Such meeting(s) may be held partially or solely by means of remote communication. Notice of the date(s), time(s), and place of the annual meeting shall be sent by electronic communication and dissemination to all members to their email addresses on file with

the Association, or mailed to the member at the member's address as it appears on the records of the Association; and, published in one of the Association's recognized publications for distribution to members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. In the event of virtual meetings, information on how members may access the meeting remotely or online shall be sent by electronic communication and dissemination to all members to their email addresses on file with the Association or mailed to the member at the member's address as it appears on the records of the Association; and, published in one of the Association's recognized publications for distribution to members at least thirty (30) days prior to the virtual meeting. Committee reports of the standing committees shall be made available to board secretaries on the Association's web site at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the International Assembly. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held prior to both the annual meeting and educational seminar. Such meeting(s) may be held partially or solely by means of remote communication.

Rationale:

Brings the Constitution in line with recently enacted provisions of Maryland law.

Art. VII – Meetings

Sec. 2 – Special Meetings

Presently reads:

In addition to the above meetings, the President and/or a majority of the members of the Executive Committee may call special meetings of the International Assembly and/or the Executive Committee at times and places to be determined by the executive director. The Executive Committee may hold a meeting by telephone conference call, video conferencing, or other electronic communication, subject to the quorum requirements set out in this Constitution. Minutes of such meetings shall be recorded, and any action taken by vote shall reflect that it was done in a manner in which all participants could simultaneously hear each other or shall reflect that it was done via e-mail and record the participants. Any action taken in a meeting held by electronic communication shall be reported by the President at the next regular Executive Committee meeting. The minutes of a meeting held via e-mail communication shall consist of a hard copy print out of the e-mail transmissions on the subject of the meeting and shall be reported by the president at the next regular Executive Committee meeting.

Proposed amendment:

The President and/or a majority of the members of the Executive Committee may call special meetings of the International Assembly and/or the Executive Committee at times and places to be determined by the Executive Director. Such meeting(s) may be held partially or solely by means of remote communication. Special meetings of the International Assembly may be noticed in the manner set forth in Section 1 of this Article.

Rationale:

Brings the Constitution in line with recently enacted provisions of Maryland law.

Art. VIII – Officers

Sec. 6 – Term of Office

Presently reads:

The term of office of the President shall be for one (1) year. The term of office of the President-Elect/Secretary shall be for one (1) year. The term of office of the Vice-President/Treasurer shall be for one (1) year. The term of office of the Past President shall be for one (1) year. The President shall serve as Past President at the conclusion of his or her one (1) year term. The President-Elect/Secretary shall serve as President at the conclusion of his or her one (1) year term. The Vice-President/Treasurer shall serve as President-Elect/Secretary at the conclusion of his or her one (1) year term.

Proposed amendment:

Subject to the provisions below governing the officers elected in 2023, the term of office of the President shall be for one (1) year. The term of office of the President-Elect/Secretary shall be for one (1) year. The term of office of the Vice-President/Treasurer shall be for one (1) year. The term of office of the Past President shall be for one (1) year. The President shall serve as Past President at the conclusion of their one (1) year term. The President-Elect/Secretary shall serve as President at the conclusion of their one (1) year term. The Vice-President/Treasurer shall serve as President-Elect/Secretary at the conclusion of their one (1) year term.

In the event the 2024 annual meeting is held more than one (1) year into the above officers' terms of office, each respective officer's term shall expire upon the election next held subsequent to the 2023 annual meeting. The term of office of the President elected in 2023 shall be for a term expiring upon the election of the President at the 2024 annual meeting. The term of office of the President-Elect / Secretary elected in 2023 shall be for a term expiring upon the election of the President-Elect / Secretary at the 2024 annual meeting. The term of office of the Vice President / Treasurer elected in 2023 shall be for a term expiring upon the election of Vice President / Treasurer at the 2024 annual meeting. The term of office of the Past President following the election of the President at the 2023 annual meeting shall be for a term expiring upon the election of the President elected in 2024. The President elected in 2023 shall serve as Past President at the conclusion of their term. The President-Elect/Secretary elected in 2023 shall serve as President at the conclusion of their term. The Vice-President/Treasurer elected in 2023 shall serve as President-Elect/Secretary at the conclusion of their term. The provisions of this paragraph shall expire and be of no further effect at the close of the 2024 annual meeting.

Rationale:

With the contemplated elimination of the annual (spring) meeting effective with the 2024 spring meeting, and the annual and interpretation meetings being combined and held in the fall of each year beginning in 2024, the officers elected at the 2023 annual meeting shall serve until the combined fall annual and interpretation meeting in the fall of 2024, a period of approximately an additional five to six months. Following the election of officers at the 2024 fall annual meeting, the normal one year terms of office will be back in place.

Art. IX – Executive Committee
Sec. 1 – Members of Executive Committee

Presently reads:

The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed under the direction of a board of directors hereinafter known and referred to as the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of sixteen (16) Directors (hereinafter referred to as “Director” or “member of the Executive Committee”) as follows: the officers of the Association together with twelve (12) Directors elected in accordance with Section 2 of this Article. Only delegates or former delegates to the International Assembly shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee. Four (4) Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting to serve three (3) year terms. Directors may succeed themselves subject to the limitations set forth in Section 2 of this Article. All former Past Presidents shall be honorary non-voting members of the Executive Committee and serve in an advisory capacity. Expenses will be paid only if such member is the chairperson of a standing committee and/or his or her presence is required at the meeting.

Proposed amendment:

The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed under the direction of a board of directors hereinafter known and referred to as the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of sixteen (16) Directors (hereinafter referred to as “Director” or “member of the Executive Committee”) as follows: the officers of the Association together with twelve (12) Directors elected in accordance with Section 2 of this Article. Only delegates or former delegates to the International Assembly shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee. Four (4) Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting to serve three (3) year terms.

In the event the 2024 annual meeting is held more than one (1) year into the terms of office of director’s elected at the 2023 annual meeting, the term of each such director shall expire upon the election next held subsequent to the 2023 annual meeting. Directors elected at the 2023 annual meeting will serve until the annual meeting in the fall of 2024.

Directors may succeed themselves. All former Past Presidents shall be honorary non-voting members of the Executive Committee and serve in an advisory capacity. Expenses will be paid only if such member is the chairperson of a standing committee and/or his or her presence is required at the meeting.

The provisions of the second paragraph of this Section regarding directors elected at the 2023 annual meeting shall expire and be of no further effect at the close of the 2024 annual meeting.

Rationale:

With the elimination of the annual meeting effective with the spring 2024 meeting and the annual and interpretation meetings being combined and held in the fall of each year beginning in 2024, the directors elected at the 2023 annual meeting will serve until the combined fall annual and interpretation meeting in the fall of 2024, a period of approximately an additional five to six months. Following the election of director at the 2024 fall annual meeting, the ‘Note’ sentence of this Section can be deleted. Deletes the phrase concerning Directors succeeding themselves subject to the limitations set forth in Section 2 of this Article as there are no succession limitations in Section 2 of this Article.

Art. IX – Executive Committee

Sec. 5 – Handbook

Presently reads:

The Executive Committee shall cause to be published annually a Handbook of the Association which shall include the names and addresses of the officers and members of the Executive Committee, the committees of the Association, the officers and members of Boards, and the Individual members, the Constitution, the Manual of Basketball Officiating, the Basketball Rules, and such other material as the Executive Committee may deem necessary and advisable.

Proposed amendment:

The Executive Committee shall annually publish a Handbook of the Association which shall such include information and material as the Executive Committee may deem necessary and advisable.

Rationale:

Deletes references to the specific material which must be published in the Handbook.