

Proposed BQSI/MB Bylaws Changes: Fall Meeting 2008

Article III: Membership

Section 2: Retired Members

Retired members who have maintained continuous membership in BQSI/MB for five years prior to retirement are granted retired membership with all of its privileges including the right to vote. These members shall be known as "Emeritus" members. They are required to renew their membership every year by submitting a membership form. If they do not renew within two years, counting from April 30th of the current year, their membership will be cancelled and they will be removed from the membership roster. Emeritus members do not pay dues.

Section 3: Dues

Dues shall be determined by the Executive Board and voted on by the members. The fiscal year runs from May 1st through April 30th of the following year. If dues are not paid by June 30th of the membership year, the dues shall be considered in arrears. After June 30th, the member shall be reminded once and their dues must be received within 30 days of the notice, or their membership will be cancelled, and the member will be removed from the roster. Only dues paying and emeritus members who have renewed their membership shall have a vote.

ARTICLE VI: NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS

Section 1: Nominations

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Immediate Past President, who will chair the committee, and two other active members. ▼ The Nominating Committee shall annually prepare a slate of at least one nominee for Chair-Elect and for each elective officer whose term expires. Ballots shall have a provision for a write in candidate. Members of the Nominating Committee shall not nominate themselves. Ballots shall be in print or electronic format.

Deleted: The Nominating Committee shall notify the membership of one nominee for each office. The slate of nominees shall be distributed to the membership at least 30 days prior to the Spring meeting

Section 2: Elections

▼ The ballots shall be distributed by the Nominating Committee to the voting membership at least 30 days prior to the Spring meeting. Ballots shall be returned to the Nominating Committee Chair by the date previously announced for counting ballots. Candidates shall be declared elected upon receiving the majority of votes cast. Where there are more than two candidates, a plurality shall elect. If a tie occurs, the election shall be decided by a majority vote at the Spring meeting. The results of the election will be announced at the Spring meeting.

Deleted: Elections shall be by mail ballot. Each nominee must be elected by a majority vote. Ballots shall have a provision for a write-in candidate. Ballots shall be returned to the Nominating Committee Chair. The results of the election shall be announced at the Spring meeting. If a nominee has not been elected, any name proposed at least three (3) times on the ballot will be put to a vote. If there are in sufficient write-in names, or the write-in name is voted down, additional nominations will be called for and voted on at the Spring meeting