

MCRA BY-LAW SUMMARY CHANGES:

TABLE OF CONTENTS: **Renumbered pages**

BACKGROUND: **Rewrote for clarification.**

ARTICLE I: No changes

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES: No changes

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP: **Change from 4 classes of membership, active – life – associate – corporate to 5 classes of membership – Green, Red, Gold, Benefactor, Corporate.**

SECTION 2

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: **Deleted the extended definition of ACTIVE – LIFE – ASSOCIATE-CORPORATE membership. Replaced with the simplified definition of the new classes, GREEN-RED-GOLD-BENEFACTOR-CORPORATE.**

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP: **Provided recommended language to establish criteria.**

SECTION 3

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP: **Deleted admission requirements of ACTIVE-LIFE-ASSOCIATE-CORPORATE membership. Replaced according to new admission requirements:**

- **GREEN:** all that is required is an email address. Once received, a Marine will forever be a member of the Association.
- **RED, GOLD, BENEFACTOR:** an email address and payment of the first month's dues are required. Each member may choose their own local chapter. If members fail to pay at this level they become a member at the Green level.

Changed wording on payment of dues. Added "either monthly or annually."

SECTION 4

VOTING RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES: **defined rights and privileges at all levels of membership.**

- **GREEN, RED, GOLD, BENEFACTOR:** representation
- **RED, GOLD, BENEFACTOR:** can vote on any & all Association matters
- **GOLD, BENEFACTOR:** can hold office
- **CORPORATE:** only a member

SECTION 5

EXPULSION AND DISCIPLINE: No changes

SECTION 6

NON-TRANSFERABILITY OF MEMBERSHIP: No changes

ARTICLE IV: No changes

ARTICLES V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: No changes.

SECTION 2

ASSOCIATIONS OFFICERS: **Deleted the delineation of VPs Membership Engagement, Professional Development, Development Director, Communications and Legislative Affairs. This was done for clarity.**

SECTION 3

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND ADVISORS TO THE BOARD: No changes

SECTION 4

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY: No changes

SECTION 5

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: No changes

ARTICLE VI: No changes

ARTICLE VII

NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, VOTING, PROXIES AND INSTALLATION

SECTION 1

NOMINATIONS:

- a) No changes
- b) **Clarified the “call for nominations”, will be published on the Association’s Website, in the “E-Word” or a special e-mail.**
- c) No changes

SECTION 2

ELECTIONS

- a) No changes
- b) **Clarifies the ballot will be communicated via the “E-Word” or a special communication.**

SECTION 3

VOTING

- a) No changes
- b) Clarified voting may be done in person at the annual meeting, electronically via ballots published on the Association’s website or the “E-Word.”
- c) **Changed due dates of ballots from 10 to 5 days prior to the convening of the annual meeting.**
- d) No changes

SECTION 4

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: No changes

ARTICLE VIII: No changes

ARTICLE IX

REMOVAL AND EXPULSION

SECTION 1

REMOVAL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS: No changes

SECTION 2

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS: Modified language to the new membership tiers; **Green; Red, Gold, Benefactor, Corporate.**

ARTICLE X: No changes

ARTICLE XI: No changes

ARTICLE XII

DUES

- a) No changes
- b) No changes
- c) **Added language that all dues collected at the Benefactor level will be distributed to the MCRA LIFE TRUST, replacing the funds that were distributed from Life Memberships.**

ARTICLE XIII: No change

ARTICLE XIV: No change

ARTICLE XV: BYAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

SECTION 1

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

- a) No changes
- b) No changes
- c) **Clarified language that proposed amendment(s) will be published in the "E-Word" or special communication to the voting membership.**
- d) No changes
- e) **Changed that electronic ballots must be received 5 days prior to annual meeting.**

SECTION 2

RESOLUTIONS: No changes

ARTICLE XVI: No changes