

2009 Proposed Bylaws – Break Down of Changes

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It is not necessary to list these members in the bylaws, as we do not list regular, associate, judicial and sustaining members in the bylaws. The membership chairperson will maintain a list of honorary members.

Sustaining Membership. Vendors may apply for Sustaining Membership of the Texas Court Clerks Association. Sustaining Members are entitled to receive copies of the association newsletter as well as a copy of the Association's current membership list. Copies of the Association newsletter and membership lists will be mailed to the representatives indicated in the Sustaining Membership ~~Contract~~ application.

~~Sustaining Members will be required to enter into a contract or mutual agreement to uphold the requirements for Sustaining Membership.~~ Sustaining Members may underwrite any hospitality and promote their product. Sustaining Members may not use the Texas Court Clerks Association logo on their advertising material. Application for Sustaining Membership will be reviewed and voted on by the Board for approval.

This changes a sustaining membership *contract* to an *application* to be consistent with other membership renewal processes.

2. The city selected for the site of the Annual Meeting shall be determined by vote of the membership at ~~the~~ a previous Annual Meeting.

This allows members to vote for conference locations several years in advance, giving the host more time to plan for the conference.

Recommendations for ~~chapter~~ bylaw amendments must be presented to the TCCA Board for consideration. All proposed ~~state and chapter~~ bylaw amendments shall be referred to the Committee on Bylaws for study and recommendation.

This is a clean-up from a previous bylaw change. Since there are no longer separate chapter bylaws, this section should only refer to the state bylaws.

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The Treasurer will remit chapter membership dues to chapter Treasurers ~~by March 31, August 31 and October 31~~ of each year at least twice per year.

This gives the treasurer some flexibility in remitting chapter dues. The due dates will be set up in the Board Policies and Procedures Manual.

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2. This Association ~~shall be made up of two (2) Sections:~~
 - ~~a. Municipal Court Clerks~~
 - ~~b. Justice Court Clerks~~was founded in 1972 by and for Texas Municipal Court Clerks and Justice Court Clerks.

This is a change that was requested at a board meeting in 2007. It clarifies why and for whom this association was formed.

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Regular Membership. Any person serving in a non-judicial, **non-vendor** capacity as Court Clerk, Administrator, or in any other **administrative** capacity **within the framework of municipal court or justice of the peace court**, serving on a full time or part time basis, is eligible for membership upon paying the dues as provided for herein.

Honorary Membership. Any **non-vendor** person who has made a significant contribution to the science of court administration or rendered distinguished service in related fields may be elected an Honorary Membership in the Association by a majority vote of the membership in attendance at an Annual Meeting.

This change to the Regular Membership definition will make this section of the bylaws consistent with Article II Purposes – “To associate any person serving in a non-judicial capacity as court clerk, administrator, or in any other administrative capacity within the framework of court administration in an effort to better court administration.” This proposed change also reflects member’s opinions based on the 2009 membership survey results.

75.8% of the 306 members that responded to the survey did not want a vendor to be able to vote, 82.2% did not want a vendor to be able hold office and 69.6% did not want a vendor to serve on a committee. However, the survey did reflect that members want vendors to be able to maintain their certification. A provision for non-members to maintain certification is added in proposed bylaw change #5.

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1. The membership of this Association shall be divided into ~~six~~ three classes: Regular Membership, ~~Associate Membership, Retired Membership,~~ Honorary Membership, and Sustaining Membership ~~and Judicial Membership~~. Non-members may attend the TCCA Annual Conference and chapter training sessions as non-members, but shall not vote, hold office, or attend the Annual Business meeting or chapter business meetings. If qualified, a non-member may serve on a committee (See Article IX).

This change allows non-members to attend the conference and chapter training sessions in order to maintain their certification. The survey reflected that a majority of members did not want vendors to vote, hold office or serve on committees. Conferences will allow 20 hours of training for non-members, without requiring attendance at the annual business meeting, which allows them to maintain their certification.

- ~~B. Associate Membership. Any person engaged in an allied field, and/or maintaining certification,” may become an Associate Member upon the approval of the Executive Board. Persons engaged in an allied field shall include persons employed by a municipality or county and their job duties are such that they have a working relationship with a Municipal or Justice Court.~~

~~Associate Members in good standing shall receive copies of the association newsletter and attend the Annual Conference. Associate Members shall have the right to attend the Annual Business Meeting and chapter meetings, but may not vote or hold office. An Associate Member may serve on a committee.~~

- ~~C. Retired Membership. Any member in good standing upon retirement, as defined by the municipality or county for whom they were employed, may retain their membership as a Retired Member.~~

~~Retired Members shall be entitled to receive copies of the Association newsletter and all other mailings, attend the Annual Conference, attend the Annual Business Meeting and chapter meetings, vote, hold office, and serve on committees. A retired member may not hold office. Registration fees for the annual conference will be determined on an annual basis and no retiree shall pay more than one half of the normal registration fee.~~

- ~~F. Judicial Membership—Any person engaged in a judicial field may become a Judicial Member. Persons engaged in a judicial field include persons employed by a municipality or county as a Judge, Associate Judge or Justice of the Peace and whose job duties are such that they have a working relationship with a Municipal or Justice Court.~~

- ~~Judicial Members in good standing shall receive copies of the Association newsletter. A Judicial Member may not hold another class of membership in the Association. A Judicial Member may attend the Annual Business Meeting and chapter meetings, but cannot vote or hold office. A Judicial Member may serve on a committee.~~
- ~~A. Associate Membership. \$40.00 each year. Annual dues shall be payable in January and shall be for the calendar year. The calendar year shall run from January through December. Associate Membership dues include automatic chapter affiliation. \$25.00 will be applied to state membership and \$15.00 will be applied to chapter membership.~~
- ~~B. Retired Membership. \$40.00 each year. Annual dues shall be payable in January and shall be for the calendar year. The calendar year shall run from January through December. Retired Membership dues include automatic chapter affiliation. \$25.00 will be applied to state membership and \$15.00 will be applied to chapter membership.~~
- ~~E. Judicial Membership. \$40.00 each year. Annual dues shall be payable in January and shall be for the calendar year. The calendar year shall run from January through December. Judicial Membership dues include automatic chapter affiliation. \$25.00 will be applied to state membership and \$15.00 will be applied to chapter membership.~~

Local chapters will receive \$15 from each Regular ~~Associate, and Retired and Judicial~~ Membership that is registered from that chapter's region.

Removing Associate, Judicial and Retired Membership levels affects less than 1% of current TCCA membership. The Bylaws Committee has determined that too many exceptions have been added over the years to membership rules to accommodate less than 1% of the membership. Retired members may apply to their Chapter President for Honorary Membership so we may honor their service and value to TCCA. Current Associate and Judicial Members may still attend the conference and chapter training sessions as non-members to maintain their certification. This also simplifies the membership categories, for bookkeeping purposes.

1. The President shall appoint a ~~regular member~~ as the Chairperson of the Standing Committees or ~~an individual~~ a ~~regular member~~ to a non-board position with the approval of the Board of Directors except as otherwise provided herein.
3. Standing Committees shall be composed of ~~non-vendor individuals, who may provide value and expertise in that area, of eligible members of the Association in good standing~~ appointed by the Chairperson of each of the respective committees.

This change reflects the membership's opinion based on the survey results as it relates to committees. This change will allow any non-vendor person to serve on any TCCA committee. It stipulates that the committee chairperson must be a regular member, which also reflects the membership's stance based on the recent survey.