

LOUISIANA HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Current Bylaw	Proposed Bylaws Amendment	Rationale
<p>Article III. Membership</p> <p><i>Section 3.1: Classes of Members</i></p> <p>There shall be four classes of membership: Active, Associate, Student, and Honorary</p> <p>Associate: The associate membership of this corporation shall be composed of the associate members of the American Health Information Management Association employed and residing in the state and associate members living in the state but employed in another state who select Louisiana for their state association membership. Associate members shall have all the privileges accorded this class of membership by the American Health Information Management Association. They shall be eligible to serve on projects and committees with voice and vote.</p> <p><i>Section 3.2 Application for membership and Initial Dues</i></p> <p>Application for active, associate, and student membership shall be in writing on the form provided by the American Health Information Management Association and shall be sent by the applicant directly to the Executive Director of the American Health Information Management Association. The total amount of initial dues/ or assessments as provided in the Bylaws of the American Health Information Management</p>	<p>Article III. Membership</p> <p><i>Section 3.1: Classes of Members</i></p> <p>There shall be three four classes of membership: Active, Associate, Student, and Honorary</p> <p>Associate: The associate membership of this corporation shall be composed of the associate members of the American Health Information Management Association employed and residing in the state and associate members living in the state but employed in another state who select Louisiana for their state association membership. Associate members shall have all the privileges accorded this class of membership by the American Health Information Management Association. They shall be eligible to serve on projects and committees with voice and vote.</p> <p><i>Section 3.2 Application for membership and Initial Dues</i></p> <p>Application for active, associate, and student membership shall be in writing on the form provided by the American Health Information Management Association and shall be sent by the applicant directly to the Executive Director of the American Health Information Management Association. The total amount of initial dues/ or assessments as provided in the Bylaws of the American Health</p>	<p>Comply with AHIMA membership categories.</p> <p>To cover the workforce demand of our ever growing association and profession.</p> <p>To foster inclusiveness, flexibility and potential growth in membership.</p>

<p>Association shall accompany such application.</p>	<p>Information Management Association shall accompany such application.</p>	
<p>Article IV. Meeting of Members</p> <p><i>Section 4.3 Notice of Meeting</i></p> <p>Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes of which such meeting is called, shall be delivered either personally or by mail to each member not less than five (5) days and not more than forty(40) days before the date of the meeting, by or at the discretion of the President, or the Secretary, or the officer or persons calling the meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, with postage fully prepaid thereon, addressed to the member at his most recent address as it appears on the records of the corporation. Publication of such notice in an official publication of this corporation sent to each member shall be sufficient if it otherwise complies with this requirement of notice.</p>	<p>Article IV. Meeting of Members</p> <p><i>Section 4.3 Notice of Meeting</i></p> <p>Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes of which such meeting is called, shall be electronically mailed delivered either personally or by mail to each member not less than five (5) days and not more than forty(40) days before the date of the meeting, by or at the discretion of the President, or the Secretary, or the officer or persons calling the meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, with postage fully prepaid thereon, addressed to the member at his most recent address as it appears on the records of the corporation. Publication of such notice in an official publication of this corporation sent to each member shall be sufficient if it otherwise complies with this requirement of notice.</p>	<p>To move our association forward in the current trend of electronic mail.</p>
<p>Article V. Board of Directors</p> <p><i>Section 5.2 Number and Tenure</i></p> <p>The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, the President-elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Immediate Past-President, all designated herein as officer members, six Strategy Managers (appointed by the incoming President) and six district representatives (one from each LHIMA district: Central, Greater</p>	<p>Article V. Board of Directors</p> <p><i>Section 5.2 Number and Tenure</i></p> <p>The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, the President-elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Immediate Past-President, all designated herein as officer members, six Strategy Managers (appointed by the incoming President) and six district representatives (one from each LHIMA district: Central, Greater</p>	<p>To comply with AHIMA bylaw standard.</p> <p>To maintain the integrity and value of the AHIMA approved credentials.</p>

<p>New Orleans, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest) elected at large from those active members of each respective district who are not officers of the Board of Directors. The President shall act as a chairman of the Board of Directors, and the Secretary shall act as Secretary of the Board of Directors.</p> <p><i>Section 5.9 Notice of Meetings</i> Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of any meeting shall be given at least five (5) and no more than forty (40) days before the day of such meeting, either personally or by mail addressed to each member of the Board of Directors at his address as it appears on the records of this corporation. Such notice shall be effective when given to the member in person, when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid as the case may be. A waiver of notice in writing, signed by the number of members entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated herein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance of a member at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where a member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted or the purpose of any meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, except as may otherwise specifically be provided by the Articles of Incorporation, by these Bylaws or by law.</p>	<p>New Orleans, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest) elected at large from those active members of each respective district who are not officers of the Board of Directors. The President shall act as a chairman of the Board of Directors, and the Secretary shall act as Secretary of the Board of Directors. The President, President-elect and Immediate Past President shall be AHIMA approved credential holders.</p> <p><i>Section 5.9 Notice of Meetings</i> Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of any meeting shall be given at least five (5) and no more than forty (40) days before the day of such meeting, either personally or by electronic mail addressed to each member of the Board of Directors at his address as it appears on the records of this corporation. Such notice shall be effective when given to the member in person, when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid as the case may be by electronic mail. A waiver of notice in writing, signed by the number of members entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated herein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance of a member at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where a member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted or the purpose of any meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such</p>	<p>One way we can accomplish this is by ensuring that the BOD of LHIMA consists of a majority of AHIMA credential holders.</p>
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<p>Article VI. Officers</p> <p><i>Section 6.4 Nominating and Election</i></p> <p>Nominations for the office of President-elect, Treasurer (in odd-numbered years), and Secretary (in even numbered years) and for President, should the office of President-elect become vacant, shall be made by the Nominating Committee at least 60 days prior to the annual business meeting. Voting for officers shall be by mail ballot only. Ballots with instructions for their use, shall be placed in the mail to all active members at least forty-five (45) days prior the annual business meeting. In order to be counted, a ballot must be returned by mail to the Credentials Project Manager, and must be received at least five (5) days before the annual business meeting. The Credentials Project Committee shall meet prior to the annual meeting and shall open and tabulate the ballots. Ballots received after the deadline shall be destroyed, unopened. The officers shall be elected by the plurality of the votes cast by the active members in good standing. In the cases of a tie, the election shall be decided by a lot. Results of the election shall be announced at the annual business meeting and the officers shall assume office on July 1.</p>	<p>Article VI. Officers</p> <p><i>Section 6.4 Nominating and Election</i></p> <p>Nominations for the office of President-elect, Treasurer (in odd-numbered years), and Secretary (in even numbered years) and for President, should the office of President-elect become vacant, shall be made by the Nominating Committee at least 60 days prior to the annual business meeting. Voting for officers shall be by mail electronic ballot only. Ballots with instructions for their use, shall be placed in the mail will be posted on the AHIMA Website to all active members at least forty-five (45) days prior the annual business meeting. In order to be counted, a ballot must be returned by mail to the Credentials Project Manager, the member must log onto the AHIMA Website using their member ID number to cast their vote and must do so in the time frame allotted. and must be received at least five (5) days before the annual business meeting. The Credentials Project Committee shall meet prior to the annual meeting and shall open and tabulate the ballots. The Election Project Committee will tally the votes using the electronic voting system by AHIMA. after the deadline shall be destroyed, unopened. The officers shall be elected by the plurality of the votes cast by the active members in good standing. In the cases of a tie, the election shall be decided by a lot. Results of the election shall be</p>	

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<p>Article VII. Committees/Projects</p> <p><i>Section 7.7 Nominating Committee</i></p> <p>(B) Duties: This Committee shall prepare and mail to each active member in good standing, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the annual business meeting, the ballots for officers of the Board of Directors, and the delegates to the American Health Information Management Association. When elections are in even-numbered years, the Committee shall include on the ballots nominees with summaries of qualifications for the State's nomination for the Nominating Committee of the American Health Information Management Association. Election of the nominee shall be by mail ballots of the active members in good standing. The ballots shall indicate the membership classification of each nominee. A plurality vote shall elect. The AHIMA nomination shall be submitted in even-numbered years to the Executive Director of the American Health Information Management Association as directed by the Bylaws of the American Health Information Management Association.</p>	<p>Article VII. Committees/Projects</p> <p><i>Section 7.7 Nominating Committee</i></p> <p>(B) Duties: This Committee shall prepare and mail post to the AHIMA Website to each active member in good standing, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the annual business meeting, the ballots for officers of the Board of Directors, and the delegates to the American Health Information Management Association. When elections are in even-numbered years, the Committee shall include on the ballots nominees with summaries of qualifications for the State's nomination for the Nominating Committee of the American Health Information Management Association. Election of the nominee shall be by mail electronic voting of the active members in good standing using the AHIMA tool through the Communities of Practice. The ballots shall indicate the membership classification of each nominee. A plurality vote shall elect. The AHIMA nomination shall be submitted in even-numbered years to the Executive Director of the American Health Information Management Association as directed by the Bylaws of the American Health Information Management Association.</p>	
<p>Article VIII. National Representative</p> <p><i>Section 8.4 Nomination and Election</i></p> <p>Nominations for delegates shall be</p>	<p>Article VIII. National Representative</p> <p><i>Section 8.4 Nomination and Election</i></p> <p>Nominations for delegates shall be</p>	

<p>made as provided in Section 7.7 (d) of these Bylaws. The President and President-elect shall automatically serve as delegates and additional delegates shall be elected as provided in Section 8.1 of this Article. 5th delegate position, if required by membership size, shall be filled by second year Secretary or second year Treasurer in alternate years. Election of delegates shall be by mail ballots of the active members in good standing. The ballots shall indicate the membership certification of each nominee. A plurality vote shall elect. The one receiving the next highest number of votes shall be called to serve as an alternate in case an elected delegate finds it impossible to serve during the two years</p>	<p>made as provided in Section 7.7 (d) of these Bylaws. The President and President-elect shall automatically serve as delegates and additional delegates shall be elected as provided in Section 8.1 of this Article. 5th delegate position, if required by membership size, shall be filled by second year Secretary or second year Treasurer in alternate years. Election of delegates shall be by mail electronic ballots, using the AHIMA Website, of the active members in good standing. The ballots shall indicate the membership certification of each nominee. A plurality vote shall elect. The one receiving the next highest number of votes shall be called to serve as an alternate in case an elected delegate finds it impossible to serve during the two years</p>	
<p>Article X. Amendment of Bylaws</p> <p><i>Section 10.3 Notice</i></p> <p>Written or printed notice of a proposal for alteration, amendment or repeal of any Bylaw, or adoption of any new bylaw, shall be mailed to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the proposal is to be submitted to the vote of the members. Such notice shall include the text of any Bylaw which it is proposed to alter, amend or repeal reflecting the proposed alteration or amendment, the text of any proposed new Bylaw, the comments and recommendation of the Board of Directors, if any and a statement that the proposal will be submitted to a vote of active members at the meeting to be held on the date specified on the notice.</p>	<p>Article X. Amendment of Bylaws</p> <p><i>Section 10.3 Notice</i></p> <p>Written or printed notice of a proposal for alteration, amendment or repeal of any Bylaw, or adoption of any new bylaw, shall be mailed to each member posted to the LHIMA Website at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the proposal is to be submitted to the vote of the members. Such notice shall include the text of any Bylaw which it is proposed to alter, amend or repeal reflecting the proposed alteration or amendment, the text of any proposed new Bylaw, the comments and recommendation of the Board of Directors, if any and a statement that the proposal will be submitted to a vote of active members at the meeting to be held on the date specified on the notice.</p>	

<p>Section 10.5 Conformance with AHIMA Bylaws</p>	<p>Conformance with AHIMA Bylaws. These Bylaws shall automatically conform to any provisions of the Bylaws of the AHIMA affecting the CSA to the extent permitted by state law.</p>	<p>Comply with AHIMA Bylaws.</p>
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