

Proposed Bylaws Changes – July, 2021

1. **Implementing Procedures.** The current bylaws are too prescriptive and there is potential for inconsistency among existing and board-approved procedures and operations. The following changes aim to eliminate “how” sections from bylaws and reference the appropriate supporting documents.
 - a. SAME Membership Business Procedures Guide. With the creation and approval of this guide, several portions of the bylaws can be transferred to this document and expanded upon to be more clear about membership procedures. See:
 - i. Article III, 1. – remove categories
 - ii. Article III, 2. – remove
 - iii. Article III, 3. – remove
 - iv. Article III, 4. – add SAME Membership Business Procedures Guide
 - v. Article III, 6. – move AOF classification to Fellows, Article VIII, 2., a.

	Current	Proposed
i.	Individuals may be an individual member of SAME and a Sustaining, Public Agency, Academic Member, or Nonprofit Representative.	Membership Business Procedural Guide (clause removed)
ii.	Annual Dues (Individuals). The Board of Direction shall prescribe dues for individual membership in SAME. Dues for all members shall be reviewed periodically and adjusted by a majority vote of the Board of Direction. Dues shall be paid to the SAME National office annually or as otherwise determined by the Board of Direction. An individual member may be classified in only one of the following categories...	Membership Business Procedural Guide (clause removed)
iii.	Annual Dues (Organizations). The Board of Direction shall prescribe dues for the following categories of membership for companies, non-profit organizations, academic institutions and public agencies as follows...	Membership Business Procedural Guide (clause removed)
iv.	Not in current bylaws.	Membership Business Procedures. The Executive Committee has the authority to oversee business related aspects of membership. Changes to membership structure will be approved by the executive committee. Dues increases will be approved by the Board of Direction. The National Office will maintain the SAME Membership Business Procedures Guide.