

Proposed MREA By-Laws Amendment

ARTICLE I VOTING MEMBERS

SECTION 1. VOTING MEMBERSHIP. Voting members shall meet the qualifications enumerated in the following section of this Article. They shall pay dues, if any, according to a schedule established by the Board. A list of the voting membership of this corporation shall be kept by the Secretary of the corporation pursuant to Article III, Section 4 of these By-Laws.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATION AND CLASSES OF MEMBERS. Membership shall consist of, and be classified according to, the following structure:

- 2.1 ~~Voting members~~ "Full" members ~~—(members who have paid the entire cost of membership as established by the Board of Directors.)~~ Eligibility for such membership is available to all independent public school districts within Minnesota, including cooperatives such as: service cooperatives and education districts with ISD numbers, ~~professional organizations,~~ and post-secondary institutions ~~and governmental or other institutions~~ who show an interest in MREA's mission and values and who support the corporation's purposes and activities and have paid the entire cost of membership as established by the Board of Directors. (Revised 12/15/00)
- 2.2 Associate/Individual members
 - 2.2.1 Associate members. Eligibility for such membership is restricted to any business or chamber of commerce, post-secondary institution, service cooperative, education district or educational organization (such as Education MN or MSBA), who wishes to support some portion of the corporation's efforts and receive the corporation's publications and paid the dues established by the Board of Directors
 - 2.2.2 Individual members. Eligibility for such membership is restricted to natural persons with an interest in rural education who petition for, and achieve, acceptance by the Personnel Committee, and paid the dues established by the Board of Directors.
 - 2.2.3 Lifetime members. Eligibility for such membership is restricted to persons who have served on the MREA Board of Directors or Legislative Action Committee any time since the 1996-1997 membership year and is no longer affiliated with a school district - administrator, teacher, and/or school board member. ~~—eligible for full membership.~~ (Revised 3/6/03)

SECTION 3. VOTING RIGHTS. ~~Each voting member shall have one (1) vote with the exception of the respective voting rights of Full Members versus Associate and Individual Members~~

~~relative to the election of Representative Board members, which shall be governed by Article II, Section 3.2.2. Lifetime members shall not have any voting rights. No amendment or alteration to voting members' rights as provided by these By-Laws in this or any other Article shall be effected unless same is recommended to the membership by the Board of Directors, and same is thereafter approved by the membership.~~

Each full member as defined in Section 2.1 shall have voting rights; procedures shall be established by the Board of Directors.