

BY-LAWS

OF

**THE IOWA STATE
RIFLE AND PISTOL
ASSOCIATION**

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ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the **IOWA STATE RIFLE AND PISTOL ASSOCIATION**, a not-for-profit organization incorporated in the State of Iowa, and affiliated with the National Rifle Association of America.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

The objective and purpose of the Iowa State Rifle and Pistol Association shall be: to encourage marksmanship and organized shooting sports competition, to educate the youth and citizenry of the State of Iowa in marksmanship and firearms safety through progressive programs, to encourage the establishment and maintenance of safe, suitable ranges for all shooting sports, and to further the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play, and self-reliance, which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

It shall also be the purpose of this organization: to encourage the proper organization, operation, and administration of member clubs; to promote and coordinate statewide amateur athletic activities related to the ownership and lawful use of firearms; to conduct and/or sanction championships in the shooting sports, to assist in the planning, construction, acquisition, and preservation of civilian-owned shooting ranges of all types; and, to cooperate with other organizations in the conservation of our wildlife resources within the State of Iowa and throughout the United States.

Such purposes all being defined in accordance with and in compliance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Association, shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding provision of any subsequent United States Internal Revenue Law, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision).

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association shall be composed of two classes: individual and organizational, who pay such dues as may be set by the Association for the respective classes of membership, and meet all other requirements for membership as set forth in this article.

SECTION 2. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

A. Statement of Non-Discrimination

Individual membership in the Iowa State Rifle and Pistol Association shall be open to all citizens of good repute of the United States of America regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin; who subscribe to the purposes and objectives of the Association, and who meet the specific requirements for the type of membership for which application is made.

B. Types of Individual Membership shall include the following:

1. **ANNUAL** - Membership shall be open to any adult resident of the State of Iowa who makes application on the prescribed form, pays the required dues annually, and otherwise meets all criteria for such membership. An individual member may elect to become a Five- Year member by payment of fees computed by multiplying the amount of the annual dues in effect by a factor of 4.5.
2. **ANNUAL - NON-RESIDENT** - Non-Resident Annual Membership shall be open to any person who meets the qualification for annual membership except for residency in the State of Iowa. Such members shall exercise all privileges of membership except the right to vote and hold office.
3. **JUNIOR** - Junior Membership shall be open to any person who is under 20 years of age, makes application on the prescribed form, pays his dues annually, and otherwise meets all criteria for such membership. Junior members shall not be eligible to hold office or vote.
4. **LIFE MEMBER** - Life Membership shall be open to any person who makes application, tenders the required dues, and is approved by the Board of Directors of this Association. A Life Member shall be entitled to membership privileges for the balance of his/her natural life, and shall enjoy such special recognition and privileges accruing to Life Members as may be determined by the Board of Directors. The Individual may elect to pay Life Member dues on a payment schedule as determined by the Board of Directors and will be known as a Conditional Life Member until such time as full payment has been made. Life dues shall be the amount of the annual dues in effect multiplied by a factor of twenty (20).
5. **LIFE - NON-RESIDENT** - Non-Resident Life Membership shall be open to any person who meets the qualifications for Life Membership except for residency in the State of Iowa. Such members shall not be eligible to hold office or vote.
6. **ENDOWMENT MEMBER** -- Endowment membership shall be open to any Life Member who indicates his/her support of the Iowa State Rifle and Pistol Association by payment of fees determined by multiplying the dollar amount of annual dues in effect by a factor of twenty-five (25).
7. **PATRON MEMBER** - Patron Membership shall be open to any Life Member who indicates his/her support of the Iowa State Rifle and Pistol Association by payment of fees determined by multiplying the dollar amount of annual dues in effect by a factor of thirty (30).
8. **BENEFACTOR MEMBER** - Benefactor Membership shall be open to any Life Member who indicates his/her support of the Iowa State Rifle and Pistol Association by payment of fees determined by multiplying the dollar amount of annual dues in effect by a factor of forty (40).
9. **HONORARY MEMBER** -- Those individuals who are citizens of foreign countries or whose contributions to the shooting sports are deemed exemplary, may be appointed to the status of *HONORARY MEMBER* in the Iowa State Rifle and Pistol Association, upon two-thirds affirmative vote of the Executive Committee. Honorary members shall not be eligible to hold office or vote.

SECTION 3. ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

A. Organizational Membership shall include the following;

Organizational Membership shall be open to all organized and operating clubs, associations, or other non-for-profit corporations existing within the State of Iowa which have five or more members subscribing to the purposes and objectives of the Association; which make application and tender the required dues, and which are approved for membership by the Board of Directors.

B. Classes of Organizational Membership:

1. **SENIOR --** those organizations whose objectives and membership are for primarily for individuals of majority.
2. **JUNIOR --** those organizations whose objectives and membership are for individuals meeting the requirements for junior membership, and their adult leaders.

SECTION 4. ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

- A. Application for any type of membership or affiliation, excluding Honorary Member, shall be to the Secretary of the Association and shall be subject to review by the Executive Committee.
- B. Members desiring to change class of membership may do so by payment of the difference between the fee for their current membership and the fee for the new membership class.
- C. Each prospective member is required to subscribe to the following pledge:

I certify that I am a citizen of the United States of America and that I am not a member of any organization or group which has any part of its program the attempt to overthrow the government of the United States or any of its political subdivision by force or violence. I certify that I have never been convicted of a felony, assault while participating in a felony, going armed with intent, terrorism, or willful injury to another. I am not addicted to the use of alcohol or any controlled substance, nor do I have a history of mental illness or repeated acts of violence. If admitted to membership I will faithfully endeavor to fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship; and, will abide by the provisions of the By-Laws of the Association.

SECTION 5. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

A. Individual Members:

1. Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws, Individual Members shall have the right to receive Association publications, attend and be heard at all meetings of the Association, compete in any matches or competitions sponsored by the Association for which they meet eligibility standards, and exercise such other rights and privileges as may accrue to members of this Association.
2. Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws, Annual, Life, Endowment, Patron, and Benefactor Members shall have the right to vote in all matters which are put to a vote of the membership, and shall also have the right to hold any office of the Association for which they are otherwise eligible.

B. Organizational Members:

1. Organizational Members shall have the privilege of entering a team or teams in competition for association trophies, as now established or to be established under such competitive rules as may from time to time be promulgated by the Board of Directors.
2. Organizational Members shall also have the privilege of conducting State Championship competitions on behalf of the Association after making proper application therefore, and approval by the Board of Directors of this Association. '
3. Duly authorized representatives of Organizational Members shall have the right to cast the votes of the Organizational Members in all matters which are put to a vote of the membership as provided below.

SECTION 6. VOTING

A. Individual Members:

Each Annual, Life, Endowment, Patron, and Benefactor Member shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote on any matter which might come before a vote of the membership at any meeting of the Association.

B. Organizational Members:

Each Organizational Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any matter which might come before a vote of the membership at any meeting of the Association. The vote is to be cast by an officially designated delegate of that organization, as certified in writing to the Secretary of the Association, by the President or Secretary of the Organizational member.

C. Casting of Ballots:

All voting shall be done by each member and not by proxy. No member of any type who is in arrears on payments to the Association shall be eligible to vote. To be entitled to vote, the member shall have been a member in good standing for one calendar year immediately prior to said meeting.

SECTION 7. EXPIRATION, SUSPENSION, or EXPULSION of MEMBERS

A. Expiration for Non-Payment of Dues:

Membership in the Association shall automatically terminate on the thirtieth (30) day following the date on which renewal payments were due, if dues remain unpaid.

B. Suspension or Expulsion from Membership:

1. Right to Suspend or Expel from Membership:

Any member may be suspended or expelled from membership in the Association for any cause deemed sufficient by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

2. Temporary Suspension from Membership:

A member may be temporarily suspended from membership in the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Committee, for cause. Any temporary suspension will be pending final action of the Board of Directors. A hearing on the charges thought to merit such action, must be held by the Board of Directors within sixty (60) days of any action by the Executive Committee.

3. Statement of Charges:

Charges against a member may be brought by any member of the Association in good standing, but they must be in writing, with supporting documents, if any, attached. Charges should be submitted to the attention of the Secretary or President of the Association.

4. Right to Hearing

a. Notice of Charges and Pending Action

1. Within ten (10) days of receipt of charges, the Secretary will forward copies of the Charges to the Board of Directors.
2. Within ten (10) days of receipt of charges, the Secretary will forward copies of the Charges to the individual charged. Included in this notice will be notification of the member's right to request a hearing on the charges, and the specific procedures which will be followed in the conduct of said hearing.

b. Request for a Hearing

1. The accused member will have ten (10) days from receipt of the charges in which to respond to the charges and request a hearing be held. The request for a hearing must be in writing to the attention of the Secretary. Failure to request a hearing within the time lines will forfeit any rights to be heard.
2. If the member does not request a hearing on the charges, he/she will be deemed to have waived all rights to a hearing on the matter, and indicated his/her willingness to abide by the decision of the Board.

c. Conduct of the Hearing:

1. If the member requests a hearing, the Board of Directors must convene a hearing with 30 days of receipt of the written request.
2. At the hearing the accused member shall have the right to confront his accusers, examine witnesses, and present evidence bearing on the charges.
3. At the completion of the hearing, the Board of Directors by majority vote, may: affirm the charges and impose a suspension or expulsion; affirm the charges and impose some lesser penalty; or reject the charges.

C. Suspension or Expulsion by National Rifle Association:

1. Any member of the Association who is suspended or expelled by the National Rifle Association of America for cause, shall likewise be immediately suspended or expelled by this Association, upon notice of said suspension or expulsion of the member by the NRA being received by the Secretary of this Association.
2. Any member of the Association who is suspended or expelled by the National Rifle Association of America for cause, will not have the right to a hearing before the Board of Directors of this Association.

SECTION 8. RESIGNATION

A. Form of Resignation:

1. An individual member may resign from the Association by letter to the Secretary of the Association.
2. In the case of an Organizational Member, this letter must be accompanied by a resolution of resignation adopted by a majority vote of the Organizational member's Board of Directors.

B. Effective Date:

Resignations are considered to be effective upon the date received, unless a later date shall be specified therein.

C. Financial Obligations:

Resignation shall not release a member from financial obligations to the Association previously incurred, nor shall any member be entitled to any refund of dues or fees paid to the Association.

**ARTICLE IV
DUES**

SECTION 1. ANNUAL DUES:

The annual dues to the Iowa State Rifle and Pistol Association shall be as set by the duly elected Board of Directors of the Association.

SECTION 2. PAYABLE:

- A. The prescribed dues of the Association are due and payable to the Treasurer of the Association upon application for membership in the Association, and shall for Individual and Organizational Members expire after one (1) year.
- B. Annual and Organizational Members shall receive timely notice that their memberships will expire, and that renewals are due and payable.

SECTION 3. ARREARS:

- A. Any member or affiliate organization who has not paid the proper dues and fees to the Treasurer within thirty (30) days from the date of expiration shall be declared in arrears.
- B. Members who are in arrears shall not enjoy any of the rights and privileges of membership in this Association.

**ARTICLE V
MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING:

- A. During the last quarter of each calendar year, the Association shall hold its annual membership meeting for the purpose of electing Officers and the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the meeting at a site and time as designated by the Board of Directors.
- B. Notice of said meeting shall be given to the membership not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS:

- A. A special meeting of the Association may be held upon the call of the President, or the Executive Committee, or upon petition of 25 % of the members in good standing.
- B. Notice of said meeting shall be given to the membership not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 3. QUORUM:

- A. At any annual or special meeting of the membership, twelve (12) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.
- B. At any Board of Directors meeting or meeting of the Executive Committee, attendance by 25 % of the members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:

Robert's Rules of Order. Newly Revised. or any subsequent revision thereof, shall govern the deliberations of all meetings of the membership, Executive Committee, or Board of Directors of the Association.

**ARTICLE VI
OFFICERS**

SECTION 1. NUMBER AND ELECTION:

- A. The Officers of the Association shall be a President, four (4) Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. If necessary, the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.
- B. The Officers shall be elected annually.

SECTION 2. DUTIES:

A. President

The President shall serve as Chairperson of both the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, and shall preside at all meetings of the Association, of the Board of Directors, and of the Executive Committee. The President shall be a member, ex-officio, with right to vote on all regular and special committees. The President shall make all required appointments of standing and special committees and the chairperson thereof, subject to confirmation of the Board of Directors. The President shall perform all such duties as usually pertain to this office.

B. Vice-Presidents

1. The Vice-Presidents, in the order of seniority, shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence, at his/her request, or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act.
2. The Vice-Presidents shall perform such other duties as may be assigned the President or the Board of Directors.
3. The most senior shall be the first or Executive Vice-President.
4. In case a vacancy shall occur in the Office of President, the Executive Vice-President shall become President and shall serve for the balance of the term.

C. Secretary

1. The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Association, and of the Executive Committee, and Board of Directors. Unless expressible provided for herein, each and every written notice required to be given by these by-laws shall be given by the Secretary of the Association.
2. The Secretary shall make a detailed report at all meetings of the Executive Committee or Board of Directors and an annual report at the Annual meeting of the membership.
3. The Secretary shall attend to the proper publication of all non-fiscal reports, conduct official correspondence, attest documents, and perform such other duties as may pertain to the office, or as required of by the President, or Executive Committee, or the Board of Directors.
4. The Secretary shall have the custody of the non-fiscal records and archives of the Association.
5. The Secretary shall keep a correct roll of the membership and maintain the security of the membership roll.

D. Treasurer

1. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Association and general supervision of its books of account. The funds of the Association shall be placed in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Executive Committee. All monies payable to the Association shall be deposited to its credit and shall be withdrawn only on checks signed by the Treasurer.
2. The Treasurer shall attend to the proper publication of all financial reports, and perform such other duties as may pertain to the office, or as required of by the President, or Executive Committee, or the Board of Directors.
3. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the financial records and archives of the Association.
4. The Treasurer shall annually reaffiliate the Association with the National Rifle Association.

SECTION 3. SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- A. Any officer may be suspended for any cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee upon a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the membership of the Executive Committee present at any regular or special meeting.
- B. Any officer may be removed for any cause deemed sufficient by the Board of Directors, by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting.
- C. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing shall have been given to the officer of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee or Board of Directors at which such charges will be considered.

SECTION 4. VACANCIES AND DELEGATION OF DUTIES

- A. In the event of the death, resignation, suspension, or removal of any officer, the vacancy thereby created may be filled by the Executive Committee until the next meeting of the Association, at which time such vacancy shall be filled by election.
- B. In case a vacancy shall occur in the Office of President, the Executive Vice-President shall become President and shall serve for the balance of the term.

SECTION 5. COMPENSATION

- A. No officer or Director shall receive any salary unless specifically authorized by resolution of the Association.
- B. All Officers and Directors shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred on behalf of the Association, to the extent authorized by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 6. TERM OF OFFICE

All officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and shall serve until their duly elected successors take office.

SECTION 7. BONDING

All officers of the Association handling monies of, or property assigned to, the Association may be required to be bonded, as determined by the Board of Directors. The Association shall pay all fees incurred by bonding.

SECTION 8. NRA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

All duly elected officers of the Iowa State Rifle and Pistol Association shall maintain membership in good standing in the National Rifle Association during the term of their office.

ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION:

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Association and ten (10) members, elected as provided in this Article from among the members entitled to vote.

SECTION 2. TERM OF OFFICE:

- A. The term of office of a Director shall be two years, or until a successor is elected and qualified; provided however, that in the first election of Directors conducted pursuant to these By-Laws, one half (1/2) of the Directors shall be elected to a term of one (1) year, and the second half shall be elected to a term of two (2) years. The terms shall thereafter be arranged so that one half (1/2) of the Board must be elected each year.
- B. The term of each director shall commence on the day following the Annual Meeting at which he/she was elected.

SECTION 3. ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Directors shall be elected immediately following the election of the Officers at the annual meeting of members by a majority vote.

SECTION 4. POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- A. The Board of Directors of the Association shall direct the Association in accordance with the pertinent laws governing corporations and pertaining to the incorporation of the Association.
- B. Each member of the Board of Directors shall serve as a Committee Chair for one (1) or more of the shooting sports disciplines, and/or other standing committees.
 - 1. As Committee Chair, the Director shall communicate to the Executive Committee and Board such matters and make such recommendations as in his/her opinion promote the welfare and increase the usefulness of the Association as to the affairs and operations of the specific discipline(s).
 - 2. As Committee Chair for a shooting discipline, the Director will review applications to conduct championships in the discipline, attend and represent the Association at any such championships, and oversee the selection and operation of any state teams for regional or national competitions.

SECTION 5. VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled by vote of the Executive Committee at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

SECTION 6. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- A. A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association may be called by the President, or upon petition by six members of the Board.

- B. Notice of such meetings, including time and place, shall be given to all members of the Board with ten (10) days prior to the day of the meeting.
- C. Quorum - One-Fourth (1/4) of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

SECTION 7. COMPENSATION:

- A. No Director shall receive any salary unless specifically authorized by resolution of the Association.
- B. Directors shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred on behalf of the Association, to the extent authorized by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 8. BONDING:

All Board of Director members handling monies of, or property assigned to, the Association may be required to be bonded, as determined by the Board of Directors. The Association shall pay all fees incurred for bonding.

SECTION 9. NRA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT:

All members of the Board of Directors of the Iowa State Rifle and Pistol Association shall be members in good standing of the National Rifle Association during the tenure of their office.

**ARTICLE VIII
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The officers of the Association, shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Association.

SECTION 2. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- A. The Executive Committee shall have charge and control of the management of the Association and exercise all powers of the Board of Directors when the Board is not in session.
- B. The Committee shall have power to adopt such rules and regulations for the government of the Association and affiliated organizations as shall be necessary and suitable to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Association.
- C. The Committee shall make all arrangements for all competitions and have full control of their conduct.
 - 1. All appeals from decision of match officials shall be submitted to the Executive Committee and a decision by majority vote of the Committee shall be final.
 - 2. At any competition, the Committee may, by three-fourths (3/4) vote, disbar any individual or team competing in the matches of the Association, of those under its jurisdiction.
 - a. Such vote shall not be taken without giving reasonable notice to the offender of the charge made, and affording the so charged individual or organization a hearing.
 - b. Any team or individual so disbarred shall not be eligible to compete at any competition under the jurisdiction of the Association, unless reinstated by the Committee.

SECTION 3. VACANCIES IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

A vacancy in the Executive Committee shall be filled in accordance with Article VI, Section 4 of these by-laws.

SECTION 4. MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- A. **Notice** - Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held from time to time upon the call of the President, upon ten (10) days written notice.
- B. **Quorum** - one-fourth (1/4) of the members of the Executive Committee present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- C. **Telecommunications** - The Executive Committee can meet and confer by means of a telephone teleconference arrangement provided that all members are provided notice and a quorum is maintained.
- D. **Written Report** - A written report of all Executive Committee meetings and deliberations shall be presented to the Secretary within ten (10) days of any meeting in which the Secretary is not present.
- E. **Required Meeting** – all standing committees are required to meet at least once each year and to make an oral and written report at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IX STANDING and SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. PURPOSE:

A. Standing Committees:

- 1. Standing committees are established to advise the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and general membership in the conduct of shooting sports activities.
- 2. Standing committees shall be limited in focus to the specific shooting discipline or Association activity defined in their authorization.
- 3. Standing committees shall be established for:
 - a. Air Gun
 - b. Annual Meeting
 - c. Audit and Financial
 - d. Black Powder
 - e. High Power Rifle
 - f. Iowa Games
 - g. Junior Programs
 - h. Legislative Affairs
 - i. Membership
 - j. Newsletter
 - k. Pistol
 - l. Police Relations
 - m. Public Relations
 - n. Shotgun
 - o. Silhouette
 - p. Smallbore Rifle

B. Special or ad hoc Committees:

- 1. Special or ad hoc committees may be established from time to time to advise the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and general membership on a specific topic or task.
- 2. Any special or ad hoc committee shall be limited in focus to the specific topic or task defined in their authorization.

SECTION 2. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES:

- A. Appointment to a standing or special committee shall be made by the President, subject of confirmation of the Board of Directors.
- B. Appointment of a Committee Chair shall be made by the President, subject to confirmation of the Board of Directors.
- C. When appropriate, non-members may be appointed by the President to assist a committee in its work.
- D. Appointments to committees shall for a term of one (1) year, or as authorized, and shall be made annually.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS:

- A. Notice - Meetings of a committee shall be held from time to time upon the call of the committee chair, upon ten (10) days written notice.
- B. Quorum - one-fourth (1/4) of the members of a committee present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- C. Telecommunications - A committee can meet and confer by means of a telephone teleconference arrangement provided that all members are provided notice and a quorum is maintained.
- D. Written Report - A written report of all committee meetings and deliberations shall be presented to the Secretary within ten (10) days of any meeting.
- E. Required Meeting - All standing committees are required to meet at least once each year and to make an oral and written report at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws of the Iowa State Rifle and Pistol Association may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Association called for that purpose upon two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.

SECTION 1. EFFECT:

Amendments so approved shall take effect without action at a meeting.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP NOTICE:

Specific proposals to change the By-Laws must be communicated in detail to the membership 10 days prior to the meeting. No new amendments can be submitted which have not first met this notice requirement.