

ARTICLE III  
Members

**SECTION 1. QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.** (new section, establishing overall qualifications, using the old intro to Classes of Members as the base) Membership in the Corporation shall be open to ~~persons engaged in the reporting, writing, editing and broadcasting of news for radio, television and/or cable radio and television~~ **electronic news professionals in radio, television and all digital media** serving the state of Illinois; to ~~persons engaged in broadcast and/or cable news education at colleges and universities~~ **electronic journalism educators and students** in the state of Illinois and media markets serving the state of Illinois; **(added)** and to other persons interested in promoting the ideals **(changing from ideas to ideals)** of the Corporation. **All such memberships may be granted provided such persons are not engaged in activities that conflict with the goals or Code of Ethics of the Corporation. (moved from old Article III.1.A.1. to this section so it applies to all classes – it removes the word ‘outside’ that had preceded activities)**

~~SECTION 1. CLASSES OF MEMBERS. The corporation shall have six (6) classes of members. The designation of such classes and the qualifications of members in such classes shall be as follows:~~

~~1. Voting membership in this Corporation may be vested in those persons enumerated above who are primarily engaged in the reporting, writing, editing or broadcasting of news for broadcast licensees, cable radio and television stations, recognized news services or networks serving the State of Illinois. Provided, however, that persons so engaged and employed shall be headquartered in the State of Illinois or in metropolitan areas adjacent to the State of Illinois AND IS NOT ENGAGED IN OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES THAT CONFLICT WITH THE GOALS OF THE ORGANIZATION.~~

~~Voting membership in this Corporation may also be vested in those persons primarily engaged in broadcast and/or cable news education at colleges and universities in the State of Illinois, or students of those institutions who are interested in broadcast and/or cable news.~~

~~2. Associate membership may be vested in those other persons who are enumerated in Paragraph A, or who are otherwise employed or interested in the purposes of this Corporation.~~

~~3. Honorary membership may be conferred on those who have made significant contributions to the purpose of the Corporation.~~

~~4. Charter membership is conferred on those persons qualified under Paragraph A who registered at the first general meeting of the Illinois News Broadcasters Association. Charter members may be voting members subject to the provisions of Sections 4,5,6, and 7 of this Article and the payment of annual dues as charged other voting members.~~

~~5. Life membership may be conferred on those voting members of former voting members of the Corporation who have distinguished themselves as broadcast journalists and/or have made significant contributions to the ideals and purposes of the Corporation.~~

~~6. Student non-voting membership may be conferred on those persons who are regularly enrolled students at high schools, colleges and universities in the State of Illinois, in markets serving the State of Illinois OR ILLINOIS RESIDENTS ENROLLED AT COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES OUTSIDE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.~~

~~SECTION 2. ELECTION OF MEMBERS. Members shall be elected by the Board of Directors. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors shall be required for election of persons as voting, privileged and student members. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors and two-thirds of the voting members registered and voting at a general or special meeting of the Corporation shall be required for election of persons as honorary members. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board of Directors shall be required to recommend persons for life membership in the Corporation. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting membership registered at a general or special meeting of the Corporation shall be required to ratify the Board's recommendation and to grant life membership.~~

~~The Board of Directors by a two-thirds affirmative vote of all of the members of the Board may confer voting membership on persons qualified for other classes of membership in the Corporation.~~

## **SECTION 2. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP. (entirely re-written to replace above)**

### **1. Voting**

a. Active News Professional. Voting membership in this Corporation may be vested in those persons enumerated in Section 1 of this Article who are primarily engaged in producing news content in the state of Illinois or in producing news content in media markets adjacent to the state of Illinois.

b. Educator. Voting membership in this Corporation may be vested in those persons primarily engaged in education of producing news content at schools in the state of Illinois or schools in media markets adjacent to the state of Illinois.

c. Retired News Professional. Voting membership in this Corporation may be vested in those persons who spent a significant portion of their careers as electronic news professionals or educators in the state of Illinois or in media markets adjacent to the state of Illinois, but have since retired.

d. Life Member. Voting membership may be conferred on those voting members or former voting members of the Corporation who have distinguished themselves in producing news content or have made significant contributions to the ideals and purposes of the Corporation.

e. Charter Member. Charter membership is conferred on those persons qualified under Section 1 of this article who registered at the first general meeting of the Corporation.

## 2. Non-Voting

- a. Associate. Non-voting membership may be vested in those other persons who are enumerated in Section 1 of this Article, or who are otherwise employed or interested in the purposes of this Corporation.
- b. Honorary. Non-voting membership may be conferred on those who have made significant contributions to the purposes of the Corporation. Honorary membership provides no additional benefits.
- c. Student. Non-voting membership may be conferred on regularly enrolled students at high schools, colleges and universities in the state of Illinois and in media markets adjacent to the state of Illinois. Such membership may also be conferred on Illinois residents enrolled at colleges or universities outside the state of Illinois.
- d. Out-of-State. Non-voting membership may be conferred on those persons not in the state of Illinois or media markets adjacent to the state of Illinois who would otherwise qualify for voting membership.

**SECTION 3. (formerly Section 2) MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL AND REVIEW.** (new title, replacing word 'election' with 'approval') Members shall be ~~elected~~ **approved** by the Board of Directors. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of **all the members of (added)** the Board of Directors shall be required for ~~election approval~~ of persons as voting, ~~privileged and student~~ and non-voting members of the Corporation, with the exception of honorary and life members.

An affirmative vote of two-thirds of **all the members of (added)** the Board of Directors and two-thirds of the voting members registered and voting at a general or special meeting of the Corporation shall be required for ~~election approval~~ of persons as honorary **and life (added)** members. ~~An affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board of Directors shall be required to recommend persons for life membership in the Corporation. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting membership registered at a general or special meeting of the Corporation shall be required to ratify the Board's recommendation and to grant life membership.~~

The Board of Directors by a two-thirds affirmative vote of all of the members of the Board may confer voting membership on persons qualified for other classes of membership in the Corporation.

The Board of Directors may at any time review a person's eligibility for membership.

**SECTION 4. (formerly Section 3) VOTING RIGHTS.** Each voting member of the Corporation shall be entitled to one vote ~~one~~ **on** each matter submitted to a vote of the membership.

**SECTION 5. (new section) CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP CLASS.** Members who, through a change of status, no longer qualify for their current membership class may continue in that class, with all privileges therein, until the next renewal of their annual dues, or until the Board of Directors takes action as stated in Section 6 of this Article.

**SECTION 6. (formerly Section 4) TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.** The Board of Directors by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board **(second reference to Board of Directors within the same sentence will be simply as 'Board' throughout by-laws)** may suspend or expel a member for cause after an appropriate hearing, and may, by a majority vote of those present at any regularly constituted meeting, terminate the membership of any member who becomes ineligible for membership, or suspend or expel any member who shall be in default in the payment of dues ~~for the period fixed as stipulated~~ in Article ~~XIII~~ **XII** of these By-laws.

**SECTION 7. (formerly Section 5) CAUSE FOR SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION.** Cause for suspension or expulsion as described in Section ~~4~~ **6** of this Article will include, but not be limited to the following: misappropriation of any funds or property of the ~~Illinois News Broadcasters Association Corporation~~, repeated or flagrant violations of the Code of Ethics of the Corporation, **or (added)** any action which tends to place the ~~Illinois News Broadcasters Association Corporation~~ in public disrepute.

**SECTION 8. (formerly Section 6) RESIGNATION.** Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Executive Secretary, but any such resignation shall not relieve the member ~~so resigning~~ of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments or other charges accrued and unpaid. **Such resignation does not automatically qualify the member for a refund of dues or other payments already submitted to the Corporation. (added)**

**SECTION 9. (formerly Section 7) REINSTATEMENT.** Upon written request signed by an expelled, suspended **or terminated (added)** member and filed with the Executive Secretary, the Board of Directors may by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the board reinstate such former member to membership upon such terms as the ~~Board of Directors~~ may deem appropriate.

**SECTION 10. (formerly Section 8) TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP.** Membership in the Corporation is not transferable or assignable.