

TITLE/SUBJECT: **Associate Member Regional Vice-Director Eligibility**

WHEREAS: FMA bylaws state that “Associate members shall be entitled to all benefits and services offered by the Association except they may not hold any elected office above the chapter level in this Association.”

WHEREAS: FMA bylaws state that “When the Executive Board determines that a vacancy exists in the office of Region Director, if the region has a Regional Vice-Director, then the Regional Vice-Director will advance to Region Director and serve out the remainder of the term.”

WHEREAS: FMA will benefit from amending its bylaws to allow Associate members to serve as Regional Vice-Directors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That **National Bylaws Article III, Membership, Section 1(d), Associate Member**, be revised as follows:

This category includes all individuals not otherwise recognized in this Article who profess an interest in the purpose and goals of the Association. Associate members shall be entitled to all benefits and services offered by the Association except they may not hold any elected office above the Regional Vice Director level in this Association. Associate members may hold elected or appointed office in their local chapter if so authorized by the local chapter bylaws.

And, that **National Bylaws Article IV, Officers, Section 5(a), Duties of the Executive Board**, be revised as follows:

When the Executive Board determines that a vacancy exists in the office of Region Director, if the region has a Regional Vice-Director who is a Regular or Retired member, then the Region Vice-Director will advance to the Region Director position and serve out the remainder of the term. Otherwise, the Executive Board shall appoint an interim Region Director. A special election for Region Director shall be promptly conducted when more than sixty (60) days would elapse between the interim appointment and the next National Convention or Region Conference.

CONVENTION ACTION:

Adopt     Non-Adopt     Adopt as Amended     Withdrawn

VOTE:

Voice     Roll Call     Unanimous