

MEGUG By-Laws Changes Summary

Membership Fees

- Will no longer prorate membership fees
- Changed all “30 day” references to actual dates (e.g. June 1st instead of 30 days prior to July 1st)
- Notices sent to those who have not paid their fees by Aug 1st
- All membership fee notices can be sent by mail or email
- New Members joining on/after April 1st shall be credited to the next membership year

Classes of Membership

- Regular Member (*formerly called an individual member*)
 - Pays typical fee and is a voting member
- Student Member (*removed the “full-time status” portion*)
 - Student, pays reduced rate fee and is a voting member
- Life Member (*New*)
 - Pays no fee and is a voting member
- Sustaining Member (*replacing the former corporate membership*)
 - Pays additional fee
 - Includes one individual membership
 - Incentives and other benefits to be set by the Board
- Honorary Member (*New*)
 - Pays no fee and is NOT a voting member

Regular Business Meetings

- At least 2 Business Meetings per year (*reduced from 3 meetings a year*)
 - Business Meetings can be held in conjunction with other meetings/conferences
 - No cost to attend business meetings, but there may be a cost to attend the meetings/conferences held in conjunction with the business meeting

Annual Business Meeting

- Vote on new Officers and/or Board of Directors (*since officers will hold office for 2 years, not all positions will be voted on annually*)

Locations of Meetings

- Removed the wording that gives specific locations of the meetings

Voting

- Can be held at any business meeting or by mail and added (or electronic means)
- Elaborated on the procedure in order to get rid of ambiguity

Board of Directors

- All positions are held for 2 years (*formerly only held for 1 year*)
- Vice-chair is no longer the chair-elect and will not automatically become the chair
 - Officers are elected in even years
 - At-large Directors are elected in odd years

Committees

- Publicity Committee – no longer responsible for producing quarterly issues of the newsletter “Maine Coordinates”
- Scholarship Committee – reviews scholarship applications (*New*)
 - Education Coordinator presides over this committee

Amendments

- Amendments to the by-laws can be done at the annual business meeting or by mail and added (or electronic means)
- Elaborated on the procedure in order to get rid of ambiguity