

FASNY BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Proposed Changes for 2021

1. Change Numbering scheme throughout for consistency. The uniform numbering system eliminates the use of letters or other characters. All paragraphs and subparagraphs will use sequential numbers.

Example

Article I- Membership

Section 1. *Classes of Membership Authorized.* ...

Section 2. *Regular Members*

2.1 *Criteria for Membership* ...

2.1.1 an individual volunteer firefighter;

2. Capitalization of the first letter of the words “Annual Meeting” throughout as the term is a proper noun.

3. Article II- Meetings of the Membership, Section 1. adds a new section 1.2 entitled *Annual Meeting Contingency Plan* and subsequent sections are re-numbered. The new Section 1.2 reads as follows:

1.2 *Annual Meeting Contingency Plan.* In the event that a declared state of emergency by a federal, state, or local government entity makes it impossible or impractical to conduct the Annual Meeting at the designated time and place, the Board of Directors shall be allowed to change the date, time, and place -- - and manner of the Annual Meeting by electronic communications equipment or similar electronic equipment.

4. Article II- Meetings of the Membership Section 6 *Voting and Action by Membership* modifies Section 6.1 by striking surplus and confusing language. The stricken language was both confusing and unnecessary. New 6.1 reads as follows:

6.1 Generally. Each Regular Member in good standing shall have one vote. ~~whether as an Individual or Organizational Member.~~

5. Article II- Meetings of the Membership Section 6 *Voting and Action by Membership* modifies Section 6.2 by adding language that requires that a Delegate (and Alternate Delegate) be a member of the Organizational Member for which they are serving as a Delegate. This provision is intended to eliminate the possibility of an individual being named as Delegate for an Organizational Member of which the Delegate is not a member.

6.2 Organizational Members. Organizational Members must designate one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate to represent such member; the Alternate Delegate shall only be entitled to act in the absence of the Delegate. Delegates and Alternate Delegates must be volunteer or exempt firefighters **and must be a member of the Organizational Member for which they serve as Delegate.**

6. Article II- Meetings of the Membership Section 6 *Voting and Action by Membership* modifies Section 6.2 by adding a new Section 6.2.1 that limits an individual to serving as a Delegate (or Alternate Delegate) for only one Organizational Member

6.2.1 A person may serve as Delegate or Alternate Delegate for one Organizational Member only.

7. . Article II- Meetings of the Membership Section 6 *Voting and Action by Membership* modifies Section 6.4 *Election of Officers, Directors, and Trustees* by changing the language that requires voting be conducted “at” the Annual Meeting to being conducted “during” the Annual Meeting.

6.4 Election of Officers, Directors and Trustees. Elected Officers, Directors and Trustees shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast **during** the **Annual Meeting** of the Regular Membership.

8. Article V- **Officers of the Corporation** Section 5. *Vacancies* adds a new section 5.3 entitled *Second Vice President* and subsequent sections are re-numbered. The new section allows the Board to appoint a 2nd Vice President in the event of a vacancy in the office. The new section conforms the Board’s authority with that of the two other Presidential offices.

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The new Section 5.3 reads as follows:

5.3 Second Vice President. In the event that the office of the Second Vice President becomes vacant for any reason, said vacancy shall be filled by a vote of the Board of Directors. The person selected by the Board of Directors to fill any such vacancy shall hold such office until the next Annual Meeting of members, at which time an election shall be held for the unexpired term of that office.

Respectfully Submitted

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