

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERS

4.1 Voting Members.

4.1.1 Newspapers. Any publication that meets the following definition is eligible to apply for membership in the Association and if approved by the Members, its representative is entitled to vote and become a Director and an Officer of the Association:

- a. Printed publication;
- b. Four or more pages in length;
- c. Issued at least every other month;
- d. Principally devoted to the dissemination of local or general news and other editorial content (not less than 25% percent of overall content);
- e. Must not primarily serve as a platform for dissemination promoting the interests and/or opinions of a special interest group, individual or cause.

4.1.2 Online Publications. An online publication is eligible to apply for membership in the Association if it conforms to the following criteria, and if approved by the Members, its representative is entitled to vote and to become a Director and an Officer of the Association:

- a. Available to the general public via the World Wide Web;
- b. Content must be updated on a regular basis, not less than twice per week;
- c. Must follow the ethics and standards of print journalism;
- d. Links to other web content may be included, but the publication's core content must reside on a server and/or web site;
- e. Principally devoted to the dissemination of local or general news and other editorial content (not less than 25% percent of overall content);
- f. Must not primarily serve as a platform promoting the interests and/or opinions of a special interest group, individual or cause.

4.2 Nonvoting Members. The following individuals, organizations and publications are eligible to apply for nonvoting membership in the Association and if approved by the Members, are not be eligible to vote or to become a Director or an Officer of the Association.

4.2.1 Associate. Newspaper publishers, executives or managers retired from a Member or Affiliate Member.

4.2.2 Affiliate. Any individual, company or organization that furnishes machinery, equipment, supplies or services to the newspaper industry.

4.2.3 College Newspaper. College newspapers that:

- a. Are printed in an accepted newspaper format (standard or tabloid size) or are published online;
- b. Are published on an announced, regular schedule or regularly update their content on their web site no less than twice per month;
- c. Have an office in Pennsylvania;
- d. Must follow the ethics and standards generally of professional print journalism;
- e. Publish, verify and submit accurate circulation figures to the Association;
- f. Are prepared entirely by students, except for mechanical assistance, or assistance by faculty advisors.

4.2.4 College Journalism Departments. Colleges with degree programs in journalism or communications.

4.3 Other. Publications that do not otherwise qualify for membership under this Article 4 may apply for membership if they meet any other definition of newspaper that may in the future be adopted by the Board and approved by the Members.

4.4 Minimum Requirements. To be eligible for voting membership, a publication must have been published continuously for a period of at least six months or as the successor of such a publication issued during an immediate prior period of at least six months. In addition, all voting Members must annually publish, verify and submit to Association accurate circulation figures based on a recognized auditing agency, a sworn Post Office statement, or a duly notarized statement. Members shall be subject to periodic review by the Board of Directors to ensure ongoing compliance with all relevant membership requirements.

4.5 Approval Procedure. All applications for all classes of membership shall be subject to review and approval first by the Board of Directors and subsequently by the Voting Members, which approval may be withheld for any reason. Any Member approved by the Board of Directors but not yet approved by the Members will be deemed a provisional Member responsible for all fees and dues and eligible for any and all Association membership benefits but without voting rights (if applicable) until such time as it is approved by the Members.

4.6 Voting and Participation. Each Voting Member, as defined in Section 4.1 above is entitled to one (1) vote. The Member may delegate the voting privilege to its publisher, general manager, editor or other manager.

4.7 Membership Privileges. Membership privileges in the Association may be withdrawn as follows:

- (a) For any reason upon recommendation of the Board and subsequent approval by two-thirds (2/3s) of the Voting Members present at a duly called regular or special meeting of the Members. The Board may recommend withdrawal of membership privileges only after making a thorough investigation of complaints. The Association shall provide at least one (1) written notice to

the Member in question of its intent to withdraw membership privileges, allowing the Member a reasonable opportunity to answer and to be heard by the Board.

- (b) A Member that fails to pay its dues or otherwise comply with the Association's membership requirements for a period of ninety (90) days is subject to expulsion at the sole discretion of the Board. The Board's failure to expel a Member for nonpayment does not waive its right to expel such Member at a later date. The Association will provide at least one (1) written notice of its intent to expel, allowing the Member a reasonable opportunity to answer and to be heard by the Board. In addition, the Association reserves the right to take any and all action allowed at law and in equity to compel payment from a Member, including withholding monies owed to the Member through one or more of the Association's or any of its affiliates' programs. In the case of expulsion for nonpayment, the decision to reinstate an expelled Member is at the discretion of the Board.