

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP DUES, MEETINGS

5.1 Dues, Other Means of Support, Newspaper Subscriptions. The Association is supported by annual dues, duly authorized assessments, and such other income as may be derived from approved services and projects as determined by the Board of Directors within its sole discretion except as otherwise set forth in these Bylaws. The Board shall from time to time establish a formula for determining annual dues for all categories of Members. In addition, each newspaper Member must supply four (4) free subscriptions to the Association. These subscriptions must be forwarded according to procedures outlined by the Board and are deemed part of the annual dues obligation of each Member.

5.2 Special Assessments. The Association may levy special assessments upon recommendation of the Board and subsequent approval of two thirds (2/3s) of the Voting Members present at a regular or special membership meeting. The proposed assessment must be circulated to all Members in writing at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

5.3 Membership Meetings. At least one (1) general membership meeting must be held annually, the purpose of which is to elect Directors and the Secretary/Treasurer, review Association budget and finances, and conduct such other business as may be necessary to oversee the affairs of the Association. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or of at least ten (10) or more Voting Members may petition to hold a special membership meeting, if such a meeting serves the interests of the Association. At least fourteen (14) days' written notice must be given of all special membership meetings, and such notice must include the subject of such special meeting.

5.4 Member Action by Partial Written Consent. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Members may be taken without a meeting upon the written consent of Members who would have been entitled to cast the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize the action at a meeting at which all Members entitled to vote thereon were present and voting. The consents must be filed with the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association. The action will not become effective until after at least ten (10) days' written notice of the action has been given to each Member entitled to vote thereon who has not consented thereto.

5.5 Place of Meetings. Meetings may be held at such place as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

5.6 Proxies. Every Member entitled to vote at a meeting of the Members or to express consent or dissent to corporate action in writing without a meeting may authorize another person or persons to act for such member by proxy. The presence of, or vote or other action at a meeting of Members, or the expression of consent or dissent to corporate action by writing, by a proxy of a Member constitutes the presence of, or vote or action by, or written consent or dissent of the Member.

5.7 Notice. Whenever notice is required to be given to any Member, it may be given to such person either personally, by telephone or by sending a copy thereof by e-mail, first class or express mail, postage prepaid, or by courier service, charges prepaid, or by facsimile transmission, to that Member's contact information contained in the Association's database. If the notice is sent by mail or courier service, it will be deemed to have been given to the person entitled thereto when deposited in the mail or with the courier service for delivery, or in the case of facsimile, when dispatched. Such notice must specify the place, date and time of the meeting and any other information, which may be required by law or these Bylaws.

5.8 Waiver of Notice. Any required notice may be waived by written consent of the person entitled to such notice either before or after the time for giving of notice; and attendance of a person at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice, except where a person attends only to object to the transaction of any business because the meeting was not lawfully called or convened.