

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

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I. HOW THE BYLAW WOULD BE CHANGED

5.4 Terms of Membership

5.4.1 Qualification and Eligibility

5.4.1.1 Each annual application for OSA membership shall be in a format as approved by the Board of Directors. The fees due shall accompany each application for the current period. Any application received that is incomplete or lacks the required supporting documentation shall be returned to the applicant.

5.4.1.2 Application shall be filed with Secretary of the Association.

5.4.1.3 Applications for “Associate” membership shall be acted upon according to the established policies and procedures of the Board of Directors.

5.4.1.4 Applications for new “Affiliate” membership **may be granted provisional status by the board of directors until the next General Membership meeting where it shall be presented to the membership at the next General Membership meeting.** New memberships must be approved by the membership by a majority of eligible votes. **Provisional status does not grant voting rights.** **Failure to obtain a majority of eligible votes will result in loss of provisional status.**

II. RATIONALE

Many affiliate membership applications file towards the end of the spring season. Waiting till the SAGM or following AGM could cause undo harm to their application for membership. Having provisional status also forces them to prove themselves before full membership voting.

Granting provisional status has been the past practice for several years and adding this to the bylaws just solidifies the practice.