

Motion to Amend the FHSLA Bylaws

According to FHSLA Bylaws, **Article IX. Amendments, Section 1. Amendments, Part A** states:

“These Bylaws may be amended at any annual business meeting of the Association by a one-half vote of the members present and voting, or they may be amended with the approval of one-half of the registered membership. The proposed amendment(s) must be submitted in writing at the previous Annual Meeting or at least six (6) weeks before the proposed vote.”

The Executive Committee met via telephone conference on December 12, 2006 and suggested a change of the Bylaws regarding the election of Honorary Members.

As currently written, **Article II. Membership, Section 1. Classes, Part B. Honorary Members** states:

“Honorary Members may have membership conferred for distinguished service or as a tribute of respect or appreciation. A recommendation for honorary membership will be presented to the Executive Committee for consideration. If the Executive Committee approves the recommendation, it shall present to the membership the election of said candidate as an Honorary Member. A three-quarters vote of the members present is necessary for election. An Honorary Member may not vote or hold office in the organization unless said member has been an Active Member in good standing for at least five years prior to their election.”

The suggested change incorporates the Honor and Awards Committee into the process. This committee had not yet been formed when the bylaws were written. As the nominee(s) will be processed through both the Honor and Awards Committee and the Executive Committee, it was felt a three-quarters vote was not necessary and election by acclamation of Honorary Members would be sufficient.

The suggested changes are in red and eliminated text crossed out.

“Honorary Members may have membership conferred for distinguished service or as a tribute of respect or appreciation. A recommendation for honorary membership will be presented to the ~~Executive~~ **Honor and Awards** Committee for consideration **and they will forward their recommendation(s) to the Executive Committee for approval.** If the Executive Committee approves the recommendation(s), **the candidate(s) will be announced at the Annual Meeting and elected by acclamation.** ~~it shall present to the membership the election of said candidate as an Honorary Member. A three-quarters vote of the members present is necessary for election.~~ An Honorary Member may not vote or hold office in the organization unless said member has been an Active Member in good standing for at least five years prior to their election.”

Please give this some thought as this motion will be brought to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting on June 15, 2007 for a vote.