

IMSA Proposed Bylaw Changes

The IMSA Bylaws Committee and Board of Directors are proposing the following changes to the IMSA Bylaws.

The changes below will ensure the appropriate classification of membership in IMSA allowing clarification of benefits, services and voting privileges.

Changes to the Active Member category are to make sure individuals that join and have voting rights to the organizations governance are involved in the various certified sectors of IMSA. While individuals employed in fleet management may be engaged in some form of public safety, they are not engaged in an IMSA certified sector. This change would make it clear they were better suited for the Associate category

Changes to the Associate Member category clarify that this is an individual membership as IMSA is primarily structured. All company and organizational membership will belong in the Sustaining Member category.

Changes in the Sustaining Member category clarify that an individual single member would be in the Active or Associate category and that only represented companies, firms and organizations would be members (with various numbers of individuals getting member benefits) in the Sustaining category.

Below are the proposed changes for Article 2 Section (a), (b) and (c) of the IMSA bylaws. Please submit any comments for review by the IMSA Board of Directors and Council of Delegates by May 1, 2021 to tcummings@imsasafety.org

Proposed Bylaw Changes (redline text)

Active Member: Any employee or official of a governmental agency, or employee of a private contractor, who is actively engaged in IMSA certified ~~any~~ public safety operations shall be eligible for Active Membership.

Associate Member: Any individual (not eligible for Active Membership) ~~or any commercial, industrial or non-profit organization,~~ having special knowledge, experience, or interest in any aspect of the Corporation's activities shall be eligible for Associate Membership. ~~Each Associate Member that is an entity and not an individual shall designate an individual to represent and act on behalf of the Associate Member at meetings of the membership.~~

Sustaining Member: Any ~~individual,~~ firm, organization, or corporation with special knowledge, experience or interest in the objectives of the Corporation shall be eligible for Sustaining Membership. The annual Sustaining Member membership fee includes up to four (4) memberships, or such other number of memberships as determined by the Board. Firms, organizations, or corporations may designate an individual as its representative at the Sustaining Members Section meetings.