

By-law Change

Subject: By-law Associate Members

Original By-law:

Article III –Section B, 4) c : Associate membership carries the benefit of being entitled to be a member of a chartered section, right to hold appointive office, right to hold elective office in the section with the exception of Section Director, Alternate Director and other National offices, and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the membership. (June '89)

Proposed change:

Article III –Section B, 4) c : Associate membership carries all rights and benefits as regular membership. No special rights to Associate Members in Associate sections will be granted

Motion by: Gary Coyne

Second by: Hans Rohner

Decision: 12 votes for the motion 3 votes against (Motion is carried to the November BoD Meeting)

Gary Coyne explained this motion to the board by saying he knew Dan Wilt would be having his name brought forth to be instated as a Regular Member. The issue has gone back and forth at the past BoD and now this one. And as he understands the By-law, it was meant to create a Regular Member when it was vital to a section, or in that nature, as opposed to a reward for a job well done. He agrees with that concept but has a problem with limiting the opportunities for Associate Members to be a part of the organization. He did not think we would be overrun with associates trying to run for office. But with dwindling membership and the problems of getting people to help run various parts of our functions, now is the time to get their involvement.

Bob Ponton was recognized and spoke against the By-law change. He reminded the board about how he felt last year on the matter and his opinion was still unchanged. There are membership classifications within all organizations and there is good reason for that. He is active in the ACS but cannot serve on their BoD because he is a glassblower. "The people who started this organization had a very clear idea on where this organization should go. And allowing salesmen to sit at this table – two of which are very good friends of mine – is wrong. It's going to come back to bite us."

Original By-law:

Article III –Section A, 7: The Board of Directors may, in the best interest of the Society, elect persons other than glassblowers to Regular Membership in the Society. An appeal to elect a non-glassblower to Regular Membership must be made by a regular member to the Board of Directors. To be a valid request, it must be accompanied with a 3/4 vote of approval at two (2) consecutive Board of Directors meetings separated by at least four (4) months. (November '87)

Proposed change: Delete this By-law

(Current: Article III Section A, B International memberships may be granted to those persons residing in areas not represented by the Board of Directors, outside the continental United States and Canada. (November '87)

Motion by: Gary Coyne

Second by: Hans Rohner

Decision: (motion was withdrawn)

During discussion Gene Nelson pointed out this was too early to change this By-law. We could have an instance where the Associate Member By-law change does not get passed. This, despite a majority for the change and we could be stuck with having no way at all for an Associate Member to get the right to vote.

The floor found that there were no more motions. Mike Palme spoke on behalf of the entire Board to thank President Hatz for her hard work and service. At which time, the board gave a round of applause to affirm their gratitude. Afterwards, President-elect Coyne was sworn into office by outgoing President Hatz and the meeting was moved to adjournment.

Subject: Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the Board of Directors Meeting under President Doni Hatz in Colorado Springs, CO June 19, 2001

Motion by: Hans Rohner

Second by: Allan Brown

Decision: Unanimous for the motion