

## Bylaws Amendment article

The following is a proposed amendment to the ASHRAE Bylaws, approved by the ASHRAE Board of Directors during its Wednesday, July 1, 2020 meeting and announced at the Meeting of the Members on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. This proposed amendment will appear on the 2021 ASHRAE Membership Ballot for the consideration of the ASHRAE eligible voting membership.

### *Background on the proposed change:*

*Upgrading the ASHRAE membership grade is a Presidential Awards Of Excellence (PAOE) point as well as a main agenda item for the Chapter Membership Promotion Chairs. However, the explanation of the capital "M" Member category is often convoluted, and the members have trouble understanding why they should upgrade because they are already a "member." Internationally, the distinction between Associate and Member is extremely important, so the member grade and the advancement are a vital piece of our Society.*

*To simplify the process and emphasize the importance of the title, we propose the current "Member" grade be renamed to "Full Member." This is a broad term that manufacturer representatives, contractors, consultants, architects, and other facets of our society can easily identify with as a prestigious title to recognize our members for acquiring the professional experience within the HVAC industry and their dedication to the ASHRAE Society.*

Changes are presented in **red**; **strikeouts** show proposed deletions and **double underlines** show proposed insertions.

**Section 2.1 Grades of Membership.** These shall be designated as follows: (A) Honorary Member, (B) Presidential Members, (C) Fellow, (D) Life Member, (E) Life Associate Member, (F) **Full** Member, (G) Associate Member, (H) Affiliate Member, and (I) Student Member.

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**Section 2.4 Fellow.** A **Full** Member who has attained distinction in the arts relating to the sciences of heating, refrigerating, air conditioning, or ventilating, or the allied arts and sciences, or in the teaching of major courses in said arts and sciences, or who by reason of invention, research, teaching, design, original work, or as an engineering executive on projects of unusual or important scope, has made substantial contribution to said arts and sciences, and has been in good standing as a **full-grade Full** Member for at least ten (10) years is eligible for election to the grade of Fellow by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.5 Life Member.** A Member who has been a **~~full~~ Full** Member in good standing for an accumulative total of thirty (30) years and who has attained the age of sixty-five (65) years. The member shall retain all the rights and privileges of the most recent membership grade.

**Section 2.7 Full Member.** A **Full** Member shall have the equivalent of twelve Society-approved years of experience composed of an approved combination of (a) completed education beyond high school, (b) work experience, and (c) professional engineering or related professional registration or license issued by a legally authorized body.

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**Section 2.11 Voting Membership.** Voting members shall consist of Honorary Members, Presidential Members, Fellows, Life Members, Full Members, Life Associate Members, and Associate Members.

Student Members shall have the right to vote and hold office at the Student Branch level only.

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**Section 2.19 Dues Payment.** If any Fellow, Full Member, Associate Member, or Affiliate Member shall fail to pay the current dues by three months after the due date, the member shall be classed as delinquent and, if a Voting Member, shall lose the member's right to vote. If such dues are not paid by six months after the due date, membership in the Society shall cease."

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**Section 4.2 Election.**

... Only Fellows, Life Members, and Full Members shall be eligible for election as voting member of the Board of Directors.