

**TO:** MAPOR members

**FROM:** Timothy P. Johnson, MAPOR President

**DATE:** 3 November 2011

**RE:** Proposed changes to the bylaws

This memo documents the proposed changes to the MAPOR bylaws that will be discussed and voted upon at the business meeting this year. A review of the bylaws was motivated by the desire to bring the document into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and to take into consideration the technologies available today. However, in reviewing the document, the Council discovered a number of inconsistencies and references that needed clarification. Below we document the main changes proposed in the bylaws.

If you cannot attend our annual conference this year and wish to vote, you may do so by proxy, as allowed by our bylaws. Operationally, that means notifying the President or Secretary-Treasurer of the person who will be serving as your proxy. Should this individual attend the business meeting and cast a vote, s/he will be doing so on your behalf as well.

Changes (other than those of clarification):

Article II, Section 4: Assessments of membership are made only in the autumn, when both membership dues and conference fees are collected.

Article III, Section 1: The original language contradicts the language in Article IV, Section 2, which states that the voting of officers occurs at least ten days before the annual meeting.

Article III, Section 7: Language regarding the producing of a list of members eligible to vote at any meeting 10 days before that meeting contradicts the language in Article III, Section 5, which states that mail or electronic balloting is required for bylaws changes, dues increases, and the election of officers. MAPOR business also is discussed and voted upon at the annual conference. However, because all conference attendees are automatically members, all (non-student members) are entitled to vote.

Article IV, Section 2: We have added language detailing which Council offices are elected and which are appointed. In accordance with AAPOR bylaws, we have added text that members of the Executive Council must be current non-student members of both AAPOR and MAPOR.

Article V, Section 5: In keeping with the spirit of Article III, Section 7, regarding the maintenance of the membership list, we are adding this responsibility to the general job description of the Secretary-Treasurer.

All proposed changes are inserted, using MS Word Track Changes, into the [attached copy of the bylaws](#). I invite you to attend our annual business meeting, to be held at 5pm on Saturday, November 19, at our Annual Conference, to discuss and vote on these proposed changes.