
BYLAWS REVISION PROPOSAL

The ASCLD Board of Directors is proposing the following change to the Bylaws. This bylaws proposal will be voted on during the 2017 Symposium Business Meeting.

PROPOSAL TO AMMEND ARTICLE VII OF THE ASCLD BYLAWS

(proposed changes to the bylaws in **RED**)

“SECTION 2. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Corporation is open to all individuals whose major duties include the management or direction within a crime laboratory, a branch crime laboratory, or a crime laboratory system. The "crime laboratory" is defined as a laboratory which employs one or more full-time scientists whose principal function is the examination of physical evidence for law enforcement agencies in criminal matters and who provide testimony with respect to such physical evidence to the criminal justice system. A "crime laboratory system" is defined as a business, corporation, agency or division thereof with overall responsibility to manage and/or administer a group of two or more crime laboratories serving geographical subdivisions of a service area.

Each laboratory director who was a member of this Corporation's predecessor unincorporated association at the date of incorporation of the Corporation shall be considered a member of the Corporation. Additional members may be accepted by the Board of Directors after receipt of a letter of application by the Corporation and verification of eligibility by the Membership Committee. The letter of application shall (i) contain payment of an **non-refundable** application fee, which will be the same amount as the annual dues assessment and which will be applied to the current year's dues if membership is conferred; (ii) state the name, address, position, education and experience of the applicant; **(iii) an organizational chart with the applicant's place in it clearly marked;** and ~~(iii)~~ (iv) include two **letters of recommendation sponsor forms** from existing members of the Corporation. For applicants who are not the Director of their crime laboratory, the Director must indicate awareness and approval of the application by providing one of the **letters sponsor forms** (if the Director is a member of the Corporation), or by signing the approval line on the application.”

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“SECTION 8. MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Corporation shall keep and make available to the ~~treasurer~~ **Board of Directors** a membership list in which the names and addresses of all current members shall be inscribed.”