

NEHES 2015 Proposed By Law Changes Set for Annual Meeting

- **Amendment #1 - Article IV Section 4-4**

What will change: The word “directly” would be removed from this section.

If passed: This amendment will allow contract employees that are employed by healthcare related facilities and meet all the requirements of active membership to become active members.

If not passed: Active membership will remain only for engineers who are directly employed by a healthcare organization. .

Section 4-4: Active Membership:

Active Membership in the Society shall be available to those individuals who are **directly** employed in or by healthcare- related facilities (those that provide patient care), and who have direct responsibility in healthcare facility operations (e.g., facilities management, plant engineering, planning/design/construction, security, safety, clinical engineering, environmental services, telecommunications, and emergency management). Active Members may vote, hold office, and serve on committees. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, any Active Member whose circumstances change so that they no longer meet the criterion for active membership may be allowed to continue their membership status for the remainder of the current dues period and/or term of office.

- **Amendment #2 - Article IV Section 4-7**

What will change: The sentence “With the exception of the Supporting Member Liaison” will be added to this section.

If passed: The amendment will provide voting member privileges to the Supporting Member Liaison.

If not passed: Supporting members may not vote or be members of the Board of Directors.

Section 4-7: Supporting Membership:

Section 4-7: Supporting Membership: Supporting membership is available to manufacturers, vendors, contractors, distributors, service providers, architects, engineers, and others who interact with Society members as part of their businesses and professions by payment of dues at the Supporting Member’s rate. **With the exception of the Supporting Member Liaison**, Supporting Members may not vote or be members of the Board of Directors.

- **Amendment #3 - Article V Section 5-24**

What will change: The word “signed” will become “approved.”

If passed: Checks can be signed with approval by one of the Society’s elected officers. Checks can be processed more efficiently by getting an officer’s approval and not waiting for an officer’s signature.

If not passed: An officer’s signature will still be needed for check processing.

Section 5-24: Checks of the Society shall not be valid unless they are (**signed**) **approved** by one of the Society’s elected officers. Elected officers are the President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall operate within a budget that is approved by the Board of Directors. Disbursements over \$10,000 will require the signature of two.

- **Amendment #4 - Article V Section 5-9**

What will change: Editor of the Newsletter becomes Chairperson(s) of the Newsletter and Website

Section 5-9: All minutes of general and Board of Directors meetings shall be copied and distributed by the Secretary to all members of the Board of Directors, and particularly to the (**Editor of the Newsletter**) **Chairperson(s) of the Newsletter and Website** for inclusion of highlights in the Newsletter for Society members at large.

- **Amendment #5 - Article VI Section 6-1**

What will change: Editor of the Newsletter becomes Chairperson(s) of the Newsletter and Website.

What will change: This amendment will provide voting privileges to the Supporting Member Liaison

Section 6-1: The Board of Directors of the Society shall consist of all of the Society’ selected officers (the President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer), the Chapter Representatives or Alternates from each of the Society’s recognized chapters, the Chairpersons of all standing and special committees, the Liaisons, and the (**Editor of the Society Newsletter**) **Chairpersons of the Newsletter and Website**. **With the exception of the Supporting Member Liaison all Board Members and Alternates must be active members or honorary members of the Society (and therefore meet all of the Society’s eligibility requirements for active or honorary membership).**

- **Amendment #5 - Article XII Section 12-2**

What will change: Editor of the Newsletter becomes Chairperson(s) of the Newsletter and Website.

Section 12-2: **The Chairperson(s) of the Newsletter and Website** shall be appointed by the President and shall attend all Board of Directors meetings. **The Chairperson(s) of the Newsletter and Website** shall work closely with Chapter Representatives and Committee Chairpersons to publish pertinent information and activities for the general membership.

Note: This amendment updates the Editors of the Newsletter and Website positions.