

Section 1. Flag Members

Flag members are potential active members serving a one-year probationary period. They are non-voting members who will share in the privileges and responsibilities of the club. They cannot hold elected or appointed offices but will be appointed to serve on a committee. Flag members are not entitled to distribution of the assets, if any, in the event of dissolution of the club.

A. Flag members must attend both the spring and fall work parties. They must also attend a minimum of three club functions, consisting of any combination of membership meetings, social functions (see membership newsletter or website for upcoming events) and serve on an approved committee.

B. Upon their first anniversary the membership chairperson will send or electronically mail a letter to the flag member and their sponsors requesting an appearance at the next board meeting to interview for consideration for active membership. Only one sponsor is required to attend. Failure of parties to appear before the Board for an interview shall result in the termination of membership. After the interview the Board will vote upon the status change and the member will be notified by mail or electronic mail of the outcome and any following proceedings. Five negative votes by the Board will terminate membership.

If the Board approves the change to active status, the Secretary will advise all members of the impending election by including the Flag member's name in the Board of directors monthly meeting minutes and will then be voted on at the next Member Meeting.

A. The vote shall be by secret ballot at a specified regular meeting and five negative votes will result in a termination of membership. Applicants shall be notified of vote results by mail.

Proposed change.-add highlighted line to current bylaw. The reason is that the membership committee has been requiring attendance by the member and sponsor for years. The proposed change will bring the bylaw in line with how the committee has been operating.

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