

FRID 2010 Proposed Bylaws Amendments

~~RED~~ = Former language, to be deleted

BLUE = New language, to be added

Amendment 1

Article I -- NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Florida Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. (FRID), hereinafter referred to as the Corporation.

Change recommended - In line with the above statement, all subsequent references to FRID will read "the Corporation". **Rationale:** to use terminology consistently.

Article III -- MEMBERSHIP

Section 2 – Eligibility

- A. (no changes)
- B. Pre-Certified Associate Member: Any individual who is ~~an Associate Member~~ a member of the RID and meets one of the following criteria:

Rationale: Following original motion from 2009. An error made in final document following the FRID ABM 2009.

- 4. Qualifies as a Deaf Interpreter as defined by the ~~FRID~~ Corporation

Rationale: Adhering to Article I- NAME.

Article III -- MEMBERSHIP

Section 4 -- Termination of Membership

- A. Suspension or Expulsion for Cause: A member whose membership is suspended or revoked for cause by the Board of Directors of the ~~FRID~~ Corporation shall automatically be suspended or expelled from the Corporation until such time as membership can be reinstated.

Rationale: Adhering to Article I– NAME.

Section 5 - - Termination of Quality Assurance Levels (QA) and/or Educational Interpreting Levels (EIE)

An individual's QA and/or EIE Level from the ~~FRID~~ Corporation may be terminated for the following reasons:

- A. Suspension or Revocation for Cause: Any QA r EIE screened member whose level is suspended or revoked for cause by the Board of Directors of the ~~FRID~~ Corporation shall automatically lose all rights and privileges of a QA or EIE screened ;member until such time as those credentials are reinstated.

Rationale: Removal of punctuation error.

- C. Renewing membership as a non-voting category: Renewing membership in any non-voting category of the ~~FRID~~ Corporation invalidates any QA or EIE level previously earned.

Rationale: Adhering to Article I - NAME

Article VI -- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3 - - Limitations

- B. All members of the Board of Directors shall be members in good standing of the ~~FRID~~ Corporation and the RID, and be Florida residents.

Rationale: Adhering to Article I - NAME

Article VI -- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 5 -- Duties

B. Directors

1. President

- b. The President shall appoint such committees as may be provided for in the bylaws following the appointment procedures of the ~~FRID~~ Corporation and may create such other committees as may be mandated by the membership or may be deemed necessary in promoting the purposes of the Corporation.

Rationale: Adhering to Article I - NAME

Article VI -- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 7 - - Qualifications

All candidates for the Board of Directors shall have been voting members in good standing of the ~~FRID~~ Corporation or another state affiliate of the RID for at least two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to candidacy.

Rationale: Adhering to Article I - NAME

Section 13 - Notice of Meetings

~~Annual meetings~~ Post election meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without notice. Regular meetings of the board shall be held upon a minimum of thirty (30) days' notice by first-class mail, telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail, delivered to each Director at their respective addresses as shown in the records of the Corporation Organization. Furthermore, the same notice shall be provided to the membership in written form. Special meetings shall be held upon a minimum of seven (7) days' notice by first-class mail, telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail, in the same manner as in the case of regular meetings.

Rationale: To parallel the meeting descriptions enumerated in Article VI, Section 11.

Article XIV – FEES, DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

In order to remain in good standing, a member must pay annual dues in advance of the first day of July of each fiscal year, in amounts to be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Dues are in arrears on July 31st of each fiscal year. The Board of Directors shall not increase or decrease membership dues by more than ten percent (10%) in one dollar increments that may not exceed five dollars without a majority vote of the membership either at the Annual Meeting or by mail referendum. The dues shall be equal for ~~all members in all categories~~ each member in a category, but different dues may be set for each category. Notification of any changes in dues structure, fees, or assessments must be ~~published in the Corporation newsletter~~ posted on the Corporation website and sent to the members via email at least ninety (90) days prior to the anticipated implementation. Furthermore, the Board of Directors may determine and assign the payment of a reasonable late fee and reinstatement fee and establish dues structures for any category without a dues structure.

Rationale: Editorial correction.

Rationale: The FRID no longer publishes a newsletter, rather the FRID uses the Corporation's website and email to communicate to its membership.

Article XV – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The Bylaws may be amended or repealed by approval of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Corporation, eligible and voting during a regular or special meeting of the membership with sixty (60) days prior notice or by following the guidelines in Article ~~VI~~ V – Mail Referendum with a quorum of not fewer than ten percent (10%) of the voting members. However, any amendment which would materially and adversely affect the rights of a specific category of members must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members voting from that affected category. In any transition period, the Board of Directors shall, by a majority vote of the Directors, prescribe the necessary mechanisms for implementing any changes resulting from amendments to the Bylaws.

Rationale: Mislabeled Article number.

Article XVII – NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The ~~FRID~~ Corporation shall not discriminate in matters of screening/evaluation, testing or membership on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, ethnicity, hearing status, national origin, race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

Rationale: Adhering to Article I - NAME

Amendment 2

Article III -- MEMBERSHIP

Section 4 -- Termination of Membership

- B. Suspension or Expulsion for Cause: A member whose membership is suspended or revoked for cause by the Board of Directors of the ~~FRID~~ Corporation shall automatically be suspended or expelled from the Corporation until such time as membership can be reinstated.

Rationale: Adhering to Article I– NAME.

- C. Resignation: Any member may resign before the expiration of their membership by filing a written notice with the Board of Directors of the Corporation and surrendering the Corporation QA/EIE/membership card. Such resignation renders membership invalid. Furthermore, such resignation shall not relieve the member of paying dues, assessments or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.

Rationale: Revise the term used for the all-in-one membership/credential card being used starting with the 2009-2010 membership year. To clarify the fact that only pre-certified associate members with QA/EIE levels currently receive cards.

Amendment 3

Article V -- ~~MAIL~~ ELECTRONIC REFERENDUM

Motions may be voted on by the membership by ~~mail referendum~~ electronic voting in the following manner:

Rationale: Mail referendum are no longer used. Electronic voting is readily available and provides a quicker response time from members.

- A. ~~Mail referenda~~ Referenda may be drafted and submitted by the Board of Directors, by a committee at the request of the Board of Directors, or by written petition of at least 5 percent (5%) of the voting members of the Corporation, and sent to the Board of Directors.

Rationale: Correction of grammar error.

- B. Written notice of the referendum, stating and describing all motions, procedures and deadlines for voting, shall be ~~mailed~~ emailed to all voting members at least sixty (60) days prior to the referendum deadline.
- C. Results of all ~~mail~~ referenda shall be determined by a majority of the valid ballots received except when a higher percentage is required by these Bylaws or by *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.
- D. Results of ~~mail~~ referenda shall be disseminated to the membership ~~in the next edition of the Floridan~~ via email and posted on the corporation website.

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Amendment 4

~~Article VIII -- LOCAL AFFILIATE CHAPTERS~~

~~Any group of at least five (5) individuals, each of whom qualifies for membership in the Corporation as a voting member, may make application for affiliation to the Board of Directors. Each group shall submit a copy of its Bylaws and/or governing instruments to the Board of Directors. Such Bylaws and/or governing instruments shall demonstrate that the purposes of the applicant group are substantially similar to those of the Corporation, as set forth in these Bylaws. Each applicant group shall submit a list of charter members and their respective qualifications for voting membership in the Corporation, as set forth in Article III, Membership. Local Affiliate Chapters of this Corporation shall be created by resolution of the Board of Directors, after the application has been approved, in accordance with these Bylaws. Any affiliate chapter may remain intact so long as it complies with the provisions of these Bylaws and the Affiliate Chapter Handbook. Annual dues set by local affiliate chapters may not exceed two thirds (2/3) of the amount of FRID annual dues. Elected officials, Officers and Board Members of any affiliate chapter of the FRID must be members in good standing of this corporation.~~

Rationale: Upon the RID passing Motion 2007.28, there are no longer Local Affiliate Chapters in Florida.

Removal of Article VIII in its entirety will require that each Roman numeral thereafter will be decreased by one.

Article XII -- INSPECTION RIGHTS AND CORPORATE SEAL

The Corporation's Bylaws as amended to date shall be open to inspection by the members of the Corporation. Inspection can also be made of the books, membership records, or minutes of proceedings of the members or of the Board or committees of the Board, upon written request to the corporation by the members and with a ten (10) business days notice for a purpose reasonably related to such person's interests as a member. Any inspection may be made in person or by an agent or attorney, and the right to inspection includes the right to receive copies and/or extracts at reasonable cost. The Corporation logo shall be used by the eCorporation ~~and its affiliated chapters~~ for official and/or approved purposes only. The corporate logo may not be used by an individual member for her/his personal use.

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