**Proposed By-Law Changes**

Art. II – Membership and Dues

**Section 2.** **Dues** Change the third sentence to read as follows: “There shall be three categories of Membership: Active, Lifetime and Courtesy.” (added Courtesy membership category)

**Section 3. Privileges.** Change the entire section to read as follows: “Active and Lifetime members shall have the privilege of voting and holding office. (Courtesy members not included)

**Add the following section:**

**Section 5.** **Courtesy Members**. Courtesy membership may be extended annually at the Board’s discretion.

**Article III – Officers**

**Section 4. Duties**

Change the first sentence in the first paragraph to read as follows: “The President shall preside at the meetings of the Guild and the Board of Directors. (Deleted “the Executive Committee”)

Change the sixth paragraph to read as follows: “The Recording Secretary shall prepare minutes of the meetings of the Guild and the Board of Directors.” (deleted the Executive Committee)

Change the fifth sentence in the seventh paragraph (Treasurer’s job description) to read as follows: The Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget in consultation with the Finance Committee for the approval of the Board of Directors and for presentation at the Annual Meeting.(deleted the wording that says the Treasurer “shall prepare an annual budget for the approval of the Board of Directors” and changed to say “in consultation with the Finance Committee”.)

**Add the following section:**

**Section 5. Resignation, termination, absences and vacancies**

Resignations from the board must be in writing and received by the Recording Secretary. A board member shall be terminated from the board due to excess absences of more than two un-notified absences or three notified absences in a row. A board member may be removed from the board for other reasons by a majority vote of the remaining board members.  A vacancy shall exist when one of the following shall occur: a) a Board member resigns from office: b) a member resigns as chairman of a standing committee; c) a member is removed by majority vote of the Board of Directors when deemed necessary; d) a board member is terminated due to excess absences.  Should a vacancy occur during a given term, such vacancy will be filled by the Nominating Committee.  Persons so appointed shall serve until the next general election.

**Article IV Board of Directors**

**Section 4. Executive Committee**

**Delete entire paragraph**

**Section 6. Meetings**

Change the second sentence to read as follows: “Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, and in the President’s absence, by the first Vice-President.” (deleted “or the Executive Committee.”)

**Article V Committees**

**Section 3. Nominating Committee**

Change the fourth sentence to read as follows: **“The duties of this committee shall be to provide a slate for the election of those members of the Board of Directors and Standing Committee Chairs and to fill vacancies on the Board as they occur throughout the Guild year.” (**deleted “the Executive Committee**”** and “and the successor nominating committee”**)**

**Article VIII Meetings of the Guild**

**Section 4. Quorum and Vote**

Change the first sentence to read as follows: A quorum for the transaction of business at any membership meeting of the Guild shall consist of a majority of the voting members present. (changed “10% of the active membership” to “a majority of voting members present”.)

**Policies and Procedures**

Change the **4th sentence** to read as follows:  “Each Chair completes a report of that committee’s activities and submits to the pertinent Vice President” –(eliminated “and one to President”.)

**Change the last sentence to read as follows: The Board of directors determines exceptions to persons paying to attend ASOG ticketed events.** (changed “The Executive Committee” to “The Board of Directors”)

**Add the following sentence:** “All website submissions must be submitted to the president for approval. All approved submissions will be incorporated into the website in a timely manner”.