



2016 CALSPro Update to ByLaws

In accordance with the CALSPro Bylaw Article VII, section 9, notice was given on October 8th 2016 regarding two proposed Bylaw amendments. Both proposed Bylaw amendments pertained to membership. Both proposed amendments that were on the floor were thoroughly discussed by membership in attendance.

The first proposed amendment sought to change the right of an Honorary Member. Under the existing Section an Honorary Member did not have the right to vote or to hold elected office. The original proposed amendment would allow for the Honorary Member the right to vote but not have the right to hold elected office. With the proposal on the floor the membership discussed why a Honorary Member shouldn't be allow to hold elected office.

With all discussions taking place the original proposed amendment was changed. A new proposal sought to allow an Honorary Member to have all of the rights and privileges of an Individual member. This version of the Bylaw amendment was overwhelmingly voted in favor of and was adopted.

The second of the two proposed amendments sought to create an entirely new membership category. The amendment proposed read as follows:

“A Retired Member shall be a current or former individual member of this Association, in good standing, who has permanently retired from the practice of process serving, court filing, photocopy, or the legal support profession. A Retired member shall have all the rights and privileges of membership, including the right to vote, but shall not have the right to hold elected office. The privilege of this membership shall be determined by the Membership Committee upon application by the individual. A Retired member shall be dues exempt.”

As with the first Bylaw amendment there were discussions as to whether or not this membership category should be allowed to hold elected office. After discussions had concluded it was reasonably assumed that if someone had put enough time and effort in to the profession and wanted to be a retired member of the Association, they would be fit to hold elected office. So the Bylaw amendment was changed to give all the rights and privileges of an Individual Member to a Retired Member. This Bylaw amendment also passed overwhelmingly.