

# Bylaw Revisions

At its September 4, 2025 meeting, the MWWA Board of Directors approved revisions to the Association's bylaws, outlined below. The bylaws were last revised in December 2015. In accordance with the bylaws, these amendments require approval by two-thirds of the voting members.

Both a redlined and a clean version of the proposed bylaws are available at [www.masswaterworks.org](http://www.masswaterworks.org). Members will vote on the amendments through the ballot included with the officer election distributed in October.

A summary of the revisions are as follows:

- **Article 2** – Added our Vision Statement
- **Article 3**—Membership
  - Sections 2 & 3: Clarifies that Active Members are those working directly for a Public Water System and Affiliate Members are those that do not directly work for a Public Water System.
  - Section 4: Removes the cap of 15 honorary members at one time and leaves it to the discretion of the Board of Directors.
  - Section 5: Clarifies a Semi-Retired member is one that continues to work part-time.
  - Section 7: Expands membership to high school students and moves Section 12 into this section which makes it clear that student membership terminates upon graduation or departure from their institution.
  - Section 10 clarifies every membership category is eligible to vote and to hold office in the association.
  - Section 12: Moved into Section 7.
- **Article 4**—Admission and Expulsion
  - Section 1: Makes it clear the Board reserves the right to approve or disapprove of an application
  - Section 2: Wordsmithing only, no change in intent.
  - Section 4: Clarifies that current year dues must be paid before reinstatement.
- **Article 5**—Fees and Dues
  - Section 2: Wordsmithing only, no change in intent.
- **Article 6**—Officers
  - Section 2: Clarifies that Board positions may be elected from all membership categories.
  - Sections 3 & 4: Recognizes that certain clerical and administrative tasks are done by association staff, with the oversight of the Treasurer and Secretary.
  - Section 5: Wordsmithing only, no change in intent.
  - Section 6: Wordsmithing only, no change in intent.
- **Article 7**—Administration
  - Section 2: Allows the Board to appoint an Editor of the publications rather than the Secretary filling that role.
  - Section 3: This was moved from the role of the Secretary but still makes it clear that notices of membership meetings need to be distributed at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

- **Article 8—Committees**
  - Section 1: Reflects gender neutral terminology by changing to “Chair”
  - Sections 3, 4, 5, 6: Clarifies the oversight role of the committees working with association staff.
  - Section 7: Changes the vote of the Board on the distribution of awards to a majority opinion rather than a unanimous opinion.
  - Section 9-14: Adds existing, established committees, and enumerates their purpose.
  - Section 15: Clarifies that other ad-hoc committees will be convened, as necessary.
- **Article 11—Amendments**
  - Section 2: Clarifies the ballots will be prepared by association staff.
- **Article 12—Official Statements**
  - Section 1: Wordsmithing only, no change in intent.
- **Article 14—Contracts**
  - Clarifies that the Board may delegate authority to the Executive Director to sign contracts.
- **Article 16—Indemnification**
  - Articulates that the Association may purchase insurance to cover the indemnification of the Board of Directors.

Your participation is important in shaping the future of MWWA. Please review the proposed revisions and cast your vote when you receive the ballot in October.