

## Proposed Revision to Standing Rules Article XV Section 1 Classes of Members

In reviewing the Standing Rules as part of a discussion about Introductory Membership and other new classes, a serious oversight was discovered regarding the rights and privileges of minor children under age 18 who presently are eligible for Associate Membership.

In the present Standing Rule Article XV Section 1 (b) Associate Members it is stated:

“Eligibility . . . is limited to a spouse . . . or children under the age of eighteen (18) living in the same household as the Regular member,”

and further:

“An Associate Member will be entitled to all rights, privileges, and benefits as a Regular Member, including the right to hold office and vote, except . . .”

These provisions in this section provide rights and privileges to children under the age of 18 of Regular or Associate Members that were never intended and of needs must be removed, specifically the right to hold office and vote. Further, there is no statement of what happens or should happen when the child turns 18 in the present rule.

It is proposed that children under the age of 18 of Regular or Associate Members who presently hold Associate Membership be reclassified to a new membership status, “Youth Member”. Further, this class will be the only one available to such children in future, and the Standing Rules amended with other membership classes renumbered accordingly.

This proposal will require a motion for approval as follows:

Resolved, that a new membership class “Youth Member” be added to the Standing Rules Article XV Section 1 Classes of Members as a new Item (c), further that Item (b) Associate Members be amended, and the remaining items in this Section 1 be renumbered accordingly. Finally, that the annual dues for this new class be set at the same amount as for an Associate Member.

### **ARTICLE XV. MEMBERS**

#### **Section 1. Classes of Members**

##### **(b) Associate Members** *(Amended Oct. 30, 2006 by 2006-10-043, Dec. 4, 2010 by 2010-12-xxx)*

Eligibility to become an Associate Member is limited to a spouse (or “significant other”) ~~or children under the age of eighteen (18)~~ living in the same household as the Regular Member, and to full or part-time paid employees of NAWCC. Such membership will be granted on submission of an application, and by payment of the annual dues amount as established by the Board. An Associate Member will be entitled to all rights, privileges, and benefits as a Regular member, including the right to hold office and vote, except he will not receive the Bulletin or MART or other publications. Employees who are Associate Members may not hold National office (NAWCC Bylaws Article II Section 3). The membership card for this class of Members will be the same as the membership card for a Regular Member, with no distinction shown on the card.

##### **(c) Youth Members** *(Added Dec. 4, 2010 by 2010-12-xxx)*

Eligibility to become a Youth Member is limited to children under the age of eighteen (18) living in the same household as a Regular or Associate Member. Such membership will be granted on submission of an application, and by payment of the annual dues amount as established by the Board. A Youth Member will be entitled to all rights, privileges, and benefits as a Regular member, except the right to hold office and vote; further he will not receive any official NAWCC publications. The membership card for this class of Members will indicate his status as a Youth Member. When a Youth Member turns eighteen (18), he will no longer be eligible for this class of Members but will become eligible to convert his membership to another appropriate membership class on submission of an application and by payment of the annual dues amount as established by the Board.