

CURRENT

ARTICLE X – MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Fiscal Year The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the 1st day of May each year and end on the 30th day of April following.

PROPOSED

ARTICLE X – MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Fiscal Year **The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year January 1st through December 31st. If for accounting or auditing purposes deemed necessary by the Association accountant or auditor to change the fiscal year, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to change the fiscal year without a change in the BYLAWS after notification to the membership.**

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ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 8 Duties of Officers

E. Association Trustees

- Be the custodians of all the financial assets belonging to the Association.
- Invest the funds of the Association as directed by the Board of Directors. All investments shall be made in the name of the Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association and shall be recorded by the Secretary/Treasurer before being placed in the safety deposit box, rented and paid for by the Association.
- Perform such other duties as directed by Board of Directors.
- Audit all bills payable by the Association.
- Examine the books and vouchers of the Secretary/Treasurer annually and make a complete report to the members.

PROPOSED

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 8 Duties of Officers

E. Association Trustees

- **ELIMINATE.**
- **Review the funds of the Association as directed by the Board of Directors. All investments shall be made in the name of the Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association, and shall be recorded by the Secretary/Treasurer.**
- Perform such other duties as directed by Board of Directors.
- Audit all bills payable by the Association.
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ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 2. Election of Officers

A. **Nomination and Election Committee.** The President shall appoint a Chairman of the Nomination and Election Committee.

The President shall also select the remaining members of the Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Committee will conduct the nominations and elections of officers.

B. **Nomination of Candidates for Offices.** During the month of December the Nominating and Election Committee shall compile a list of candidates for the various offices of the Association, other than the office of Insurance Trustee. The candidates for office recommended by the Committee will be presented to the Board of Directors for their approval.

At the January General Membership Meeting of any year in which an officer's term expires, the Committee shall present the slate recommended candidates to the Members. The Committee shall also request additional nominations from the floor, taking each office individually and calling for nominations for each office at least three (3) times.

NOTE: To be nominated does not require a second, or a vote of the Members. However, the nomination must be made by an Active Member and accepted by the Active Member nominee. This nominating procedure shall be repeated at the February General Membership Meeting.

Election of the officers will be held during the March General Membership Meeting. When balloting is complete the Committee shall examine and tally all votes cast by Active Members. During the ballot count, challengers will be allowed, if requested by the nominees. The Committee will announce the election results before adjournment of the March General Membership Meeting.

If only one (1) candidate exists for a particular office, the Committee shall cast a vote on behalf of the Active Members and declare that person(s) elected to office. No balloting for that office will be necessary.

When necessary, ballots and ballot boxes will have been prepared by the Secretary/Treasurer. All ballots cast will be turned over to the Secretary/Treasurer for safekeeping until after the installation of officers. Candidates elected to office shall assume the duties and responsibilities of their office on the May 1st immediately following their election.

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Section 2. Election of Officers

A. **Election Committee.** The President shall appoint a Chairman of the Election Committee.

The President shall also select the remaining members of the Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Committee will conduct the nominations and elections of officers.

B. **Nomination of Candidates for Offices. Nominations will commence September 1st of any year in which an officer's term expires. At the September General Membership Meeting the Election Committee will present any nominations already received and shall take nominations from the floor, taking each office individually and calling for nominations for each office at least three (3) times. A member can accept a nomination for only one elected position.**

To be nominated does not require a second, or a vote of the Members. However, the nomination must be made by an Active Member and accepted by the Active Member nominee in writing within fourteen (14) days of being nominated. This nominating procedure shall be repeated at the October General Membership Meeting. Nominations will close as of the October General Membership Meeting.

The Election Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors, will publish the election rules and election dates no later than September 1st of the election year.

C. Election of Officers. The election of the officers will take place in the month of November on the dates approved by the Election Committee. Ballots will be mailed to all Active Members of the Association from the list supplied to the Election Committee. All ballots must be returned within the dates specified by the Election Committee. During the ballot count, challengers will be allowed, if requested by the nominees. The candidate(s) with the most valid votes for an office(s) shall be declared elected to that office(s).

The Committee will announce the election results at the December General Membership Meeting.

If only one (1) candidate exists for a particular office, the Committee shall that person(s) elected to office. No balloting for that office will be necessary.

All ballots cast will be turned over to the Secretary/Treasurer for safekeeping until after the installation of officers. Candidates elected to office shall assume the duties and responsibilities of their office on the January 1st immediately following their election.

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ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT

The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Association may be amended in the following manner: Any Member, or group of Members, may file with the Secretary/Treasurer, such proposed amendments, in writing and signed, as they deem advisable.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall submit such proposed amendment, or amendments, to the Board of Directors for a thorough study. A report, with a recommendation by the Board of Directors, either for or against adoption, shall be made to the Active Members not later than the second General Membership Meeting following the date the proposed amendment is filed with the Secretary/Treasurer.

The proposed amendment, or amendments, in original form, must be read at the General Membership Meeting of the Association.

A majority vote of the Active Members present shall be required for the adoption of any proposed amendment.

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The proposed amendment, or amendments, in original form, must be read at **two (2) consecutive General Membership Meeting** of the Association. **If approved at both meetings, the amendment or amendments shall be voted on by the entire Active Members of the Association. The voting will be conducted by the Election Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors.**

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ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

Section 9. Dues The annual dues for each class of all Members shall be as recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by a majority of the Active Members at any General Membership Meeting. Dues may be changed upon recommendation of the Board of Directors and a majority vote of the Active Members present at any General Membership Meeting. Dues shall become due and payable on January 1st of each year and shall be paid in full to the Secretary/Treasurer. If a Member fails to pay the dues by April 1st of the current year, the Member shall be advised that he or she is delinquent in dues. If the dues of the Member are not made current by the April 30th of the current year, then the member shall be dropped from the rolls of the Association and suffer the loss of all services offered by the Association. Delinquent members seeking reinstatement are liable for the current years' annual dues.

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