

Memo to: All AAMHO delegates, park representatives and members.

From: AAMHO Bylaws Committee

The attached Governing Documents are sent for your information and review prior to their being presented for adoption at the Annual Meeting.

Rationale for Revision of AAMHO Articles, Bylaws and Policies.

ARTICLES

The original AAMHO Articles of Incorporation were filed over thirty years ago and have not been updated since. The result is that a number of policies and practices by AAMHO are not covered by the Articles, which overrule and control any Bylaws.

As an example, AAMHO now represents Manufactured Home Owners, Park Model and RV Owners, but the Articles only allow for members who own manufactured homes.

The number of Directors allowed would not cover full Board representation if all District Directors and Associates were seated, along with the elected Directors and Officers. The full complement would be 23, but the Articles only allow for 15.

Many provisions now common in Articles are missing from the originals.

Most of these are just clarification of common business practices which need to be added.

BYLAWS

After thoroughly reviewing the Bylaws and attempting to amend them as written it became evident that so much was missing that it was simpler to develop total new bylaws incorporating special AAMHO requirements into them.

As the committee was working on the bylaws it was mentioned that the Board had earlier discussed ways in which to empower members with more voice and vote, so they would feel a real part of the Association.

These Bylaws are written on the premise that AAMHO would become a real member organization with all members having a right to vote, not just a few delegates representing only a few parks. We have members in many parks which are not chapter parks and they are disenfranchised with no right to vote. There are a total of only 132 Chapter Parks, against the many thousands of parks which exist in the State of Arizona. Allowing more member responsibility is a good tool for new membership recruitment.

Voting by the delegate process has been discontinued by many organizations for the very reasons stated above.

The bylaws now incorporate all updated necessary requirements regarding notification methods, quorum requirements, general operating and administrative procedures and much more that is necessary.

Safeguards for removal of any director who becomes impaired or acts in a manner contrary to AAMHO principals and mission are built in both at the board level and for the membership.

Administrative provisions are clarified and the inconsistencies and conflicts between the policy manual and the old bylaws have been resolved.

POLICIES

General policies applicable to all directors, officers and agents have been consolidated into a general policy statement, and the Board Responsibilities and Standards of Conduct adopted at the November meeting added. Various other descriptions have been clarified, some strengthened and some added or eliminated to reflect current practice.