Notification of Proposed Bylaws Changes. In accordance with Article XI of MCCIA Bylaws, this serves as notification of proposed changes to be voted upon at the 2010 Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. Current Bylaws are available in the About Section at [www.mccia.org](http://www.mccia.org).

**Proposed Change #1**

**Article V, Section 5 states:** Only Regular and Charter Members in good standing, actually present at a meeting, shall be eligible to vote on future meeting sites.

**Proposed Change:** All eligible voting members may vote on future meeting sites. The vote shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth for voting for elective officers in Article V, Section 4.

**Rationale:** All members should have an equal voice in deciding where meetings shall be held. By broadening participation in the site nomination and selection process we encourage hosting and attendance.

**Proposed Change #2**

**Article V, Section 6 states:** Items of business shall normally be voted upon only by Regular and Charter Members in good standing, actually present at a meeting. However, at any time prior to the vote, a majority decision by the Board of Directors shall require the issue to be voted upon by the general membership. In such cases, voting on the issue shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth for voting for elective officers in Section 4, above.

**Proposed Change:** Items of business may be voted upon by eligible voting members actually present at a meeting in accordance with the following procedures: Following discussion on the item, the Board of Directors will vote to determine if the item should be referred to the entire voting membership for a decision. If a majority of the Board votes against referring the issue to the entire voting membership, then a second (confirmation) vote of members present (excluding members of the Board) is required. If a majority of eligible voting members present also vote against referring the issue to the entire voting membership, then the item will be immediately decided by a vote of eligible voting members present at the meeting. Should either a majority of the Board or a majority of eligible voting members present determine that the item should be referred to the entire voting membership for decision no voting on the item may take place at the meeting. Instead, a written discussion of the item, along with a voting ballot will be mailed to each voting member at his last recorded address. The Board of Directors may in addition to the mail-in ballot, authorize alternative methods of voting, such as electronic or in-person voting. The Board of Directors shall establish an appropriate deadline for submission of all votes. Following the deadline, the Board shall cease to accept further voting, eliminate invalid votes and count all valid votes. A simple majority of total valid votes shall decide the issue.

**Rationale:** At present, the Board has exclusive responsibility for deciding if an item is referred to the entire voting membership. The proposed change provides an alternate means for making this decision. With this change, all voting members present at a meeting – not just the Board of Directors – assume responsibility for considering when an item should be referred to the entire membership for a decision.
Proposed Change #3

Article VI, Section 1 states: The annual dues for the next calendar year shall be determined by the membership at the annual meeting, after receiving the Board of Directors' recommendation in the matter.

Proposed Change: Changes to annual dues shall be proposed by the Board of Directors and voted upon by the entire membership. The vote shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth for voting for elective officers in Article V, Section 4.

Rationale: All voting members should have an equal voice in deciding dues.

Proposed Change #4

Article X, Section 2 states: The standing committees of the Association shall include, but are not limited to Membership Committee, Annual Meeting Committee, Historical Committee, and Personal Affairs Committee.

Proposed Change: Delete the current Section 2 in its entirety and rename Section 3 as Section 2.

Rationale: The Association requires flexibility in establishing and disestablishing committees based on need and the availability of volunteers. Section 1 already authorizes the Board to appoint committees as needed.

Proposed Change #5

Article XI, Section 1 states: These bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered, in whole or in part, by a two-thirds vote at any duly organized meeting of the Association, provided that a copy of any amendment proposed for consideration has been mailed to each regular and associate member at his last recorded address at least 30 days before the meeting.

Proposed Change: These bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered, in whole or in part, in accordance with the following procedures: A copy of any proposed change, along with a voting ballot must be mailed to each voting member at his last recorded address at least 30 days before the voting deadline. The Board of Directors may in addition to the mail-in ballot, authorize alternative methods of voting, such as electronic or in-person voting. The Board of Directors shall establish an appropriate deadline for submission of all votes. Following the deadline, the Board of Directors shall cease to accept further voting, eliminate invalid votes and count the valid votes. If two-thirds of total valid votes support the proposed change, the change is approved and shall be incorporated into the bylaws, with the date of change annotated on the bylaws. If less than two-thirds of the valid votes are for the proposed change, the change is not passed and the bylaws remain unaffected.

Rationale: In its present form the amendment conveys special voting privileges on members who happen to attend a meeting. Since the bylaws are the very foundation of our Association, it is imperative that every eligible voting member have the opportunity to express his view for or against any proposed change.