

Tyler A&M Mothers' Club
Proposed Bylaws Amendments
Approved by Board on February 1, 2018
Presented to Membership for Vote on February 15, 2018



Amendment 1

Article III, Section 1: Active Members

Change from: An Active Member is a mother, stepmother, or legal guardian of a current student or former student of Texas A&M University main or branch campuses, provided the member has paid current dues and upholds and supports the constitution and bylaws of this club and the Federation. Active members shall have the privilege of holding office, voting and taking part in all work of the club. Active members shall be required to attend at least three meetings a year to be eligible to hold elective office or to serve on the nominating committee. Active members whose student has graduated will also be included in the "Ring of Honor".

Change to: An Active Member is a mother, stepmother, or **female** legal guardian of a current student or former student of Texas A&M University main or branch campuses, provided the member has paid current dues and upholds and supports the constitution and bylaws of this club and the Federation. Active members shall have the privilege of holding office, voting and taking part in all work of the club. Active members shall be required to attend at least three meetings a year to be eligible to hold elective office or to serve on the nominating committee. Active members whose student has graduated will also be included in the "Ring of Honor".

Rationale: This seeks to follow Federation recommendations.

Amendment 2

Article III, Section 2: Associate Members

Change from: An Associate Member is a person other than a mother, stepmother or legal guardian of a current or former student of Texas A&M University main or branch campuses, or a mother of a student at any campus in the Texas A&M University System provided the member has paid current dues and upholds and supports the constitution and bylaws of this club and the Federation. Associate members shall have the privilege of participating in all functions of the club with the exception of voting, holding office, or representing the club at Federation. This would include members with multiple club memberships who designate a different club as primary. Associate members whose student has graduated will also be included in the "Ring of Honor".

Change to: An Associate Member is a person other than a mother, stepmother or **female** legal guardian of a current or former student of Texas A&M University main or branch campuses, or a mother of a student at any campus in the Texas A&M University System provided the member has paid current dues and upholds and supports the constitution and bylaws of this club and the

Federation. Associate members shall have the privilege of participating in all functions of the club with the exception of voting, holding office, or representing the club at Federation. This would include members with multiple club memberships who designate a different club as primary. Associate members whose student has graduated will also be included in the “Ring of Honor”.

Rationale: This seeks to follow Federation recommendations.

Amendment 3

Article III, Section 3: Life Members

Change from: A Life Member is a person who the club votes to honor for services rendered to the club or to Texas A&M University. Life Members have all the rights and privileges of holding office, voting and taking part in all work of the club. Life members whose student has graduated will also be included in the “Ring of Honor.”

Change to: A Life Member is a person who the club votes to honor for significant services rendered to the club or to Texas A&M University. Life Members have all the rights and privileges of holding office, voting and taking part in all work of the club and will not be assessed the annual membership fee. Life members whose student has graduated will also be included in the “Ring of Honor.” A Life Member must be recommended to the Board by an Active Member; if in the judgement of the Board, a current member has earned this distinction. Any Active Member may initiate the review process with a nomination letter outlining the qualifications of the nominee, and shall be delivered to the President for review and election by the Board. The Life Member must be elected by a unanimous vote of the Board. The entire process will be confidential, and if selected, any new Life membership will be awarded at the meeting of the Board’s choice.

Rationale: This change seeks to follow Federation recommendations and requirements, and establishes a process for nominating Life Members.

Amendment 4

Article III, Section 5: Honorary Members

Change From: An Honorary Member is a person who the club votes to honor for services rendered to the club or to Texas A&M University. Honorary Members shall have the privilege of participating in all functions of the club with the exception of voting, holding office or representing the club at Federation.

Change To: An Honorary Member is a person who the club votes to honor for services rendered to the club or to Texas A&M University. Honorary Members shall have the privilege of participating in all functions of the club with the exception of voting, holding office or representing the club at Federation. An Honorary Member must be recommended to the Board by an Active Member; if in

the judgement of the Board, a person has earned this distinction. Any Active Member may initiate the review process with a nomination letter outlining the qualifications of the nominee, and shall be delivered to the President for review and election by the Board. The Honorary Member must be elected by a unanimous vote of the Board. The entire process will be confidential, and if selected, any new Honorary membership will be awarded at the meeting of the Board's choice.

Rationale: This change will establish a process for nominating Honorary members.

Amendment 5

Article III, Section 6

Change from: Dues

Annual dues are set by the Executive Board, approved by the club and are payable beginning in June for the upcoming school year. Membership must be renewed annually for the fiscal year June 1 through May 31. If dues are paid after the October meeting, the member's name might not be included in the directory. Dues are not pro-rated.

Change to: Dues

Annual dues are set by the Executive Board, approved by the club, and are payable beginning in June for the upcoming school year. Membership must be renewed annually for the fiscal year June 1 through May 31. If dues are paid after the October meeting, the member's name might not be included in the directory. Dues are not pro-rated. A Life Member is not required to pay annual dues to the club, but the club must still remit annual dues to the Federation for each life member.

Rationale: This addition is required by the Federation.

Amendment 6

Article V, Section 4

Add:

C. If members serve as co-chairs for any position, only one vote is allowed between them for board votes.

Rationale: This addition is recommended by Federation.

Amendment 7

Article VI, Section 2 C

Change from: C. The Scholarship Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President-at-Large, and the Treasurer (or their designees). Students who have completed one semester at Texas A&M University may apply for a scholarship. Additional eligibility requirements are set by the Scholarship Committee, approved by the Executive Board and detailed on the scholarship application. The dollar amount of scholarships awarded will be based on the club's financial status as of May 31 of each year.

C. The Scholarship Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President-at-Large, and the Treasurer (or their designees). ~~Students who have completed one semester at Texas A&M University may apply for a scholarship.~~ Scholarships awarded by the club shall be restricted to full-time Texas A&M students who have completed at least one semester at Texas A&M University (College Station, Galveston, McAllen or Qatar); however, such scholarships shall not discriminate on the basis of an individual's age, sex, color, creed and religion or national/ethnic origin. Additional eligibility requirements are set by the Scholarship Committee, approved by the Executive Board and detailed on the scholarship application. The dollar amount of scholarships awarded will be based on the club's financial status as of May 31 of each year.

Rationale: This seeks to clarify scholarship restrictions and adds a non-discrimination clause. Naming the branch campuses adds clarity to what constitutes a "Texas A&M student" as the other campuses are part of the Texas A&M system.

These dates will be added to the final document:

BYLAWS AMENDED

(Previous dates lost)

September 2006

October 15, 2009

August 4, 2011

March 23, 2017

February 15, 2018