



2024 By-law Amendment Proposals

1. **Original:** Article II Sec. (2) MEMBER ELIGIBILITY: To become an Annual Member of the Northwestern Michigan Fair Association, a prospective member must be a resident of the United States and have attained the age of eighteen (18) years. Membership dues are \$15 and include voting rights and entry to the fair each year they are paid. Membership is for one year from January 1st to December 31st. Lifetime Memberships issued prior to amended date are grandfathered in. (11/2015)

Proposed Change:

To become an Annual Member of the Northwestern Michigan Fair Association, a prospective member must be a resident of the United States and have attained the age of eighteen (18) years. Membership dues are **\$25** and include voting rights and entry to the fair each year they are paid. Membership is for one year from January 1st to December 31st. Lifetime Memberships issued prior to amended date are grandfathered in.

2. **Original:** Article IV Sec (4) ELECTION : Directors of the Association shall be elected by a majority vote of the Membership, voting in person at the Annual Meeting of the Membership or any Special Meeting called to fill Directorship vacancies. To be eligible to become a Director, the candidate must be a Lifetime Member or an Annual Member of the Northwestern Michigan Fair Association at the time prior to the meeting that the Secretary closes the Membership Roll. Those wishing to be considered for election as Director, shall make such a request in writing to the Secretary not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which vacancies are to be filled. The Secretary shall submit the list of candidates to the Membership prior to voting at the meeting. Each Member may cast one (1) vote for each vacancy to be filled. Voting on Directorship vacancies shall be by written ballot only on forms provided by the Secretary. The Secretary shall collect and tally all votes, and announce the results of the elections prior to the time that the Membership meeting is adjourned. All newly elected and qualified Directors shall immediately assume their seat on the Board of Directors. If the Secretary is standing for re-election to the Board, the President or Chairman of the meeting shall appoint one person from the Board of Directors who is not standing for re-election to fulfill the election duties of the Secretary.

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3. **Original:** Article IV Sec (8) PLACE OF MEETING: The Directors may hold their meetings in such places within our Five County Service Area as a majority of the Board of Directors may determine. Note: The Board of Directors must notify and post 30 days in advance if a meeting place has been changed per the vote of the Board at the last Board of Directors Meeting. Special Note: For the Month of January when convention is held, the Board of Directors meeting would be held at the place of convention for all Board of Directors in attendance in order to vote on signing vendors and/or entertainment for the upcoming fair. (11/2014)

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4. **Original:** Article V Sec (3) ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE: The Executive Committee shall annually appoint an accounting committee composed of three (3) Association Members (who are not at the time of appointment serving as Directors). The Accounting Committee shall review the Association's records and financial reports, make recommendations to the Board of Directors as to the necessity of an outside audit or proposed changes in the keeping of Association records and books of account. The report of the Accounting Committee shall be presented at the December meeting of the Board of Directors.

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The Executive Committee shall annually appoint an accounting committee composed of three (3) Association Members (who are not at the time of appointment serving as Directors). The Accounting Committee shall review the Association's records and financial reports **(guided by audit policy in NWMF Policies and Procedures)**, make recommendations to the Board of Directors as to the necessity of an outside audit or proposed changes in the keeping of Association records and books of account. The report of the Accounting Committee shall be presented at the **February** meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. **Original:** Article VIII Sec (3) PROCEDURE: At any meeting at which a proposed By-Law amendment is submitted to the Membership, the written proposal may be altered by the Membership upon any request of two (2) Members to do so. The proposed amendment may then be altered if the alteration is approved by a majority of active members present. The Secretary shall keep written record of all alterations to the proposed by-law amendment approved by the Membership. Voting on alterations to proposed By-Law amendments may be by any method chosen by the Presiding Officer of the meeting. At such point as no further alterations to the proposed By-Law amendment are forthcoming, the Membership shall vote on the proposed amendment with any alterations previously approved by the Membership. Final voting on the amendment shall be by written ballot only, with each Member marking "yes" or "no" as to each proposed amendment on forms provided by the Secretary. The Secretary shall collect and tally all votes,

and announce whether or not the amendment was approved before the Membership meeting is adjourned. All amendments adopted by the Membership shall be placed in the Association records and shall take effect at such time as is noted in the approved amendment. If no such time is included in the amendment, the amended By-Law shall have immediate effect.

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