

**NEW JERSEY LAW LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION**

**PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

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**ARTICLE III. Membership.**

**Section 1.** Membership in the Association shall be open to all persons interested in law libraries or law librarianship.

**Section 2.** There shall be three classes of membership:

**Retired Member.** Any person who meets the following criteria:

1. Retired from active professional employment related to law libraries; AND
2. Has a total of 10-years membership in NJLLA or any other AALL Chapter. Membership in more than one chapter at the same time counts as one year; AND
3. Pays annual dues. The Retired Member dues shall be a reduced amount from Individual Member dues (see Section 3 below).

**Lifetime Member.** Those individuals who have retired from active professional employment related to law libraries, have a total of 10-years membership in NJLLA or any other AALL Chapter, and have performed substantial service to NJLLA. Names of Persons so eligible shall be submitted to the Grants & Awards Committee. The Executive Board approves the nominees and the Grants & Awards Committee presents the names to the membership for a vote of approval at the Annual Meeting. Lifetime Members pay no dues.

**Individual Member.** All others shall become individual members upon payment of dues.

**Section 3.** Dues for membership shall be determined by the Executive Board subject to approval by two-thirds of the members present and voting at any regular meeting of the Association. Written notice and an explanation of the proposed dues change shall have been mailed to the members at least thirty days in advance of the meeting.

**Section 4.** All members have the right to hold office. All members shall receive the Association Directory as part of their membership.

**Section 5.** Dues shall be payable annually in advance. All membership rights and privileges cease when dues are three months in arrears, at which time membership shall be suspended. Suspended members may be reinstated upon payment of current year's dues.

**EXPLANATION:**

**Section 2.**

*This change creates a third class of membership called Lifetime Member. It eliminates the age requirement in the current bylaw, as it could be seen as conflicting with NJLLA's non-discrimination policy. This change makes it clear that lifetime membership is an honor, and not something given to all retired members. The current bylaw doesn't make that clear.*

**Section 4.**

*This change allows retired and lifetime members to hold office in NJLLA, creating a larger pool of potential candidates for the Executive Board.*