

## Constitution & Bylaws Committee

**Attendees:** Jennifer Quinlan, Donald Schaffner, Kathy Glass, Jenny Scott, Steve Murphy, David Tharp.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 9:05 a.m. Sunday, July 31, 2022.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Donald Schaffner.

**Old Business:** The committee unanimously approved the 2021 minutes. The motion to approve was by Kathy Glass, seconded by Jenny Scott. The committee discussed the status of the 2021 constitution and bylaws recommendation to the executive board. The following paragraph summarizes those changes which we anticipate will be voted upon at this year's 2022 business meeting.

There are six (6) changes to the Bylaws and one (1) change to the Constitution. The change to IAFP's Constitution depends on acceptance of Bylaws Change #2 being accepted so we expect that the Bylaws changes will be voted on before the Constitution change.

Bylaws Change #1 provides the option for the Executive Board to establish Councils. Bylaws Change #2 moves Awards oversight to a "free-standing" Awards Committee that follows the structure of most other Special Committees. Previously, the Awards were under the preview of the Past Affiliate Council Chairperson who served as the Awards Committee Chairperson. Bylaws Change #3 makes minor revisions to the language related to the Black Pearl Award to clarify the process. Bylaws Change #4 rewrites the section related to the Fellows Selection Committee to be consistent with the Black Pearl Selection Committee. Bylaws Change #5 changes the language to allow the Nominating Committee Chairperson to be announced in the IAFP Report or elsewhere. Bylaws Change #6 directs Members to the IAFP office if they need help joining a PDG. Constitution Change #1 that removes the responsibility for IAFP Awards from the Affiliate Council.

The committee also voted to unanimously approve Don Schaffner to serve as Vice Chair beginning July 31, 2022.

**New Business:** Steve Murphy brought to the attention of the committee a distinction regarding the differences in the rules governing the ability of honorary life members vs retired members to run for executive board office. As per the current bylaws, honorary life members are not allowed to run for office. The relevant section of the bylaws are 1.b.3.2 and 1.b.4.2: "3.2. Retired members shall be entitled to vote and hold office. They may serve on committees, as Affiliate delegates and as appointed representatives of IAFP. 4.2 Honorary life members may not hold office in IAFP, but may serve on committees, as Affiliate delegates and as appointed representatives of IAFP."

### Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. The committee recommends that the Executive Board discuss the status of Honorary Life Members versus Retired Members and their ability to hold Executive Board office, and if they see fit direct the Constitution and Bylaws Committee appropriately.

**Next Meeting Date:** July 16, 2023, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:37 a.m.

**Chairperson:** Jennifer Quinlan.