

Please find proposed amendments in these locations:

Article II Section 1. Added the word “consistent”;

Article II, Section 3. Added phrase “, including the International Code Council (ICC)”;

Article III, Section 2.1: Added sentence ““Plumber Helpers, Plumbing Apprentices and Journeyman Plumbers may hold “Professional Artisan” membership in this association for persons engaged in the installation of plumbing.”

Article IV DUES Category “Associate Member Dues”

Added new category in new row: Professional Artisan 20.00

Existing paragraph as shown in blue below amended as shown in red:

Section 5. Regular meetings shall be held quarterly: January, April, July and October. The April meeting will serve as the Annual Meeting, and election will be held at the April meeting.

Please note these conventions used to present these amendments: Where adding text I merely inserted the new word(s) in red fonts. Where some re-write was necessary I showed the existing paragraph in black font; then repeated it in blue font with the amended word(s) in red font. Green font is to separate my comments from all other entries.

Cover Sheet

TPMIA

BYLAWS

Proposed Amendments
Updated May 13, 2009

May 12, 2009 added these additional amendments:

Distributed by Greg McDonald

From Denny Boss:

In Article III, I think we need to add **ICC** and in Article IV, **Jurisdictions** needs to be added.

Ed. Note: I added a "Jurisdictions" category to the membership section. I drew the amount (\$50.00) from the current dues form (now online in PDF)

I would suggest adding the below text regarding amendments to the by-laws. This would allow for a quick fix but still give membership control. As Bill Tangye would say "You elected them because you had confidence they would do the right thing." or something along those lines. "So let them do it" I believe was the rest of the quote?

Revisions and Amendments

The constitution and by-laws may be changed or amended by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors in attendance at any regularly scheduled or called meeting. Any changes or amendments approved by the Board of Directors must be ratified by a simple majority of the membership present at the next annual meeting, or they will become null and void.

I added the above as "Section 2" and left Section 1 intact. This allows the Association two ways to make amendments.

May 13, 2009 corrected this omission:

May 13, 2009 – Tom Connable reminded us:

Article III, Section 2, Paragraph 2.1 as suggested and approved by the Membership 4/20/2009 (Annual Conf Meeting) now reads as shown:

"Plumber and Mechanical Helpers, Apprentices and Journeymen may hold "Professional Artisan" membership in this association as persons engaged in plumbing or mechanical installations."

May 13, 2009 Recognized this oversight:

Annual dues are payable on November 1 of each year, unless modified by a two-thirds vote of the membership at its annual meeting. The membership year is November 1-October 31.

Annual dues are payable on **July 1** of each year, unless modified by a two-thirds vote of the membership at its annual meeting. The membership year is **July 1 - June 30**.

Long ago the membership voted on the above change to the dues year.

TPMIA BYLAWS

Article I

NAME

- Section 1. The name of this Association shall be:
“Tennessee Plumbing and Mechanical Inspectors Association.”

Article II

PURPOSE

- Section 1. The purpose of the association shall be to promote and encourage **consistent**, effective and efficient Plumbing and Mechanical Codes Enforcement service for municipalities, counties, and the State of Tennessee.
- Section 2. The Association shall encourage and improve communications and cooperation between Code Enforcement Officials.
- Section 3. The Association shall cooperate with other Tennessee, Regional and National organizations, **including the International Code Council (ICC)** in their efforts to serve the people of Tennessee
- Section 4. The Association shall promote the establishment of high standards of ethics and professionalism in its members.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Active Membership

Any person who is employed as a plumbing or mechanical inspector or is certified and registered as a plumbing or mechanical inspector with any recognized certifying agency, i.e.: SBCCI, BOCA, ICBO, **ICC**, shall be eligible for membership. Dues must be paid for the current year at least thirty (30) days prior to any member being permitted to vote on any issue. A thirty day waiting period must be observed before a new member can vote on any issue before the body.

Active member dues shall be an amount set by the Board of Governors and approved by the General Membership at the first meeting of the calendar year. The first meeting is to be held prior to January 30 of each year at an agreed location to be determined at the last meeting of the preceding year.

All persons who join this Association and pay dues prior to December 2000 will be listed and referred to as ‘Charter Members.’ These names will be printed in the original bylaws of this Association. Dues for other than active members will be paid annually in the amount set out below.

Section 2. Associate Membership

Associate Membership may be either professional or organizational.

- 2.1 Professional - Professional Associate membership may be held in this Association by any person engaged in the practice of architecture, engineering or other activities related to building construction who is interested in principles and objectives of the Association. **“Plumber and Mechanical Helpers, Apprentices and Journeymen may hold “Professional Artisan” membership in this association as persons engaged in plumbing or mechanical installations.”**
- 2.2 Organizational – Organizational associate membership may be held in the Association by any organization, association, institute, corporation, manufacturer or other similar groups interested in the principles and objectives of the Association.

Section 3. Other Membership

- 3.1 Student – Student membership may be held in the Association by an individual enrolled in classes or a course of study occupying at least twelve hours of instruction per week.
- 3.2 Subscription – Subscription membership may be held in the Association by an individual, jurisdiction or organization wanting to receive mailings only.
- 3.3 Retired – Retired membership may be held by any former active member who has retired.
- 3.4 Honorary – Honorary membership may be held by any person who has rendered outstanding service to the Association. An honorary member shall be proposed by the Board of Directors and confirmed by a majority of the active membership.

Article IV
DUES

Annual dues are payable on November 1 of each year, unless modified by a two-thirds vote of the membership at its annual meeting. The membership year is November 1-October 31.

Annual dues are payable on **July 1** of each year, unless modified by a two-thirds vote of the membership at its annual meeting. The membership year is **July 1-June 30**.

Active Member Dues:	\$20.00
Jurisdiction:	\$50.00

Associate Member Dues:	
Professional	50.00
Organizational	100.00
Professional Artisan	20.00

Other Member Dues:	
Student	10.00
Subscription	25.00
Retired	15.00
Honorary	N/A

Article V
VOTING AND OTHER PRIVILEGES

All Membership privileges shall be in accordance with the following:

Section 1. Voting

 Only Active Members shall be entitled to vote.

Section 2. Motions

 In order to assure fair and appropriate jurisdiction of all pertinent concerns, any active or retired member may make or second a motion.

Section 3. Eligibility for Board of Directors and Committees

- 3.1 Only active members are eligible for nomination and election to the Board of Directors, the only exception being the Associate member of the Board of Directors as specified in Section 3.2.
- 3.2 One Associate member shall serve on the Board of Directors. This position shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors.
- 3.3 Any member may serve on appointed committee.

Article VI
OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall be active members of the association, except as provided for in Article V, Section 3.2, elected as provided in Article VI, Section 2 and shall consist of:

- (a) President
- (b) First Vice-President
- (c) Second Vice-President
- (d) Treasurer
- (e) Secretary
- (f) Immediate Past President
- (g) Associate Representative (non-voting)

Section 2. All officers shall be elected at the Association's Annual Meeting. Terms of office shall begin at the conclusion of the annual meeting at which the offices are elected. All officers shall hold office for a term of one year. Any officer may be re-elected to succeed themselves without limitation, except the President and First Vice-President who may serve only two consecutive terms of office.

Section 3. The governing body of the Association shall be the Board of Directors and shall consist of the officers as set forth in Article VI, Section 1.

Section 4. No officer may serve in more than one capacity of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Any vacancy in an office shall be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the General Membership.

Section 6. It shall be encouraged that the principal officers be selected from across the State of Tennessee and that no more than two officers be from any Grand Division of the State of Tennessee.

Article VII
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Each year the Board of Directors shall appoint an Advisory Committee consisting of each Chapter President or their designee. The President may appoint a Chair.

Article VIII
MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

- Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held at such time and place as The Board of Directors shall prescribe.
- Section 2. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the Board of Directors upon at least ten (10) days notice to the members of the time and place of such meeting.
- Section 3. At any annual or special meeting of the association, those in attendance shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 4. The Rules of Order and Parliamentary procedure contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the transaction of business by and before the Association in all cases not specifically provided for in these bylaws.
- Section 5. Regular meetings shall be held quarterly: January, April, July and October. The October meeting will serve as the Annual Meeting, and election will be held at the October meeting.
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- Section 6. The Spring meeting of this Association should be held at the same location and time-frame as the TBOA Annual Conference.

Article IX
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members in attendance providing the proposed amendment is submitted to all members sixty (60) days in advance, and to the Board of Directors thirty (30) days in advance of any annual meeting.

Add this new paragraph:

Section 2. Revisions and Amendments The constitution and by-laws may be changed or amended by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors in attendance at any regularly scheduled or called meeting. Any changes or amendments approved by the Board of Directors must be ratified by a simple majority of the membership present at the next annual meeting, or they will become null and void.