

Proposed Bylaws Revision

From:

The Louisiana Public Health Association, Incorporated

BY-LAWS

Article I

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. The membership of the Louisiana Public Health Association, Incorporated shall be subject to compliance with the provisions set forth in the preceding Constitution and these bylaws.

Section 2. Membership in this Association shall consist of one category, which is as follows:

MEMBER – Any person professionally engaged in any branch of public health work or any individual, regardless of domicile, who is interested in public health shall be eligible for membership, and such membership shall include all privileges of the Association.

- 1) **Lifetime Membership** – A member of LPHA in good standing at the time of retirement from active employment shall be eligible for and may receive lifetime membership in the Association with no further payment of dues, upon request to the secretary. Requests for Lifetime Membership shall be presented to the Governing Council for approval. A Lifetime Member shall be eligible for all privileges of the Association.
- 2) **Fellow** – Honorary title bestowed upon a member. Qualifications are:
 - a. Member of the Louisiana Public Health Association, Incorporated.
 - b. Active public health worker in Louisiana for five years or more.
 - c. General recognition by the membership of the Association for outstanding contributions to public health in Louisiana by the member.

Nominations for Fellow shall be presented to the Governing Council for approval and recommendation to the membership during the annual meeting. The title of Fellow shall be awarded upon a majority vote of the members present and voting during the annual meeting. A member who has been honored by the Association as a recipient of the Dr. C. B. White Meritorious Award shall have conferred on him the honorary title of Fellow.

Section 3. **Admission** – Application for membership in the Association shall be made in writing to the Treasurer and one year's dues shall accompany the application. The Governing Council reserves the right to reject and/or revoke membership for cause, enacted by two-thirds vote of the Council.

Section 4. In order to be in good standing in the Association, members shall pay dues upon application and thereafter annually.

Section 5. **ANNUAL DUES** – \$45.00

- a) The dues year will be January 1 through December 31. Dues may be paid at any time during calendar year.
- b) Dues shall be delinquent if not paid by the annual conference and membership shall be forfeited April 1 for non-payment of dues.

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 - Current member of LPHA;
 - Paid membership dues for at least 10 years at time of request for lifetime membership;
 - Recognized as having been significantly involved in the activities/operations of the Association;
 - Request for lifetime membership presented by member's section to LPHA Governing Council for approval.

A Lifetime Member shall be eligible for all privileges of the Association.

- 2) Student Member – Full-time students are eligible for reduced membership fees. To qualify for this benefit, proof of full-time student status must be provided with the membership application. A Student Member shall be eligible for all privileges of the Association.

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Section 5. ANNUAL DUES – \$45.00 STUDENT DUES – \$25.00

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- b) Dues shall be delinquent if not paid by January 31 of the calendar year.