

Proposed Bylaws Changes to Membership Criteria for the Kentucky Press Association

Section 4.2. Voting Membership. Voting Members shall be entitled to vote on the various matters which come before the members of the Association for a vote and to such other privileges as the Board of Directors shall prescribe from time to time. Only "Bona Fide Newspapers" and "Bona Fide Online News Publications" (as hereinafter defined), published in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, shall be eligible to become Voting Members of this Association. When more than one newspaper news organization is published under the same ownership, each newspaper news organization shall be a separate member and membership dues shall be paid for each newspaper news organization.

For purposes of these Amended and Restated Bylaws, a Bona Fide Newspaper is one which is (i) published at least once a week for at least 50 weeks during the calendar year, as prescribed by its Periodicals/Second Class mailing permit; (ii) has been so published for a one (1) year period; (iii) maintains a definite price of not less than 50 percent of its published price, which is paid for by not less than 75 percent of those to whom distribution is made; (iv) bears a title or name; (v) consists of not less than four (4) pages without a cover; (vi) is a type to which the general public resorts for local and regional news coverage of a political, religious, commercial, and social nature and for current happenings, announcements, advertisements and other public or legal notices, by paying a single copy or subscription price.

Bona Fide News Publications (as herein defined) are eligible for voting membership. To be eligible for membership as a Bona Fide Online News Publication, an Online Publication:

- (a) Must have been published for the previous 12-month period.***
- (b) Must be updated no less than one time each week;***
- (c) Must be principally devoted to the dissemination of original local or general news and other news content, with a minimum of 25 percent overall content; of news-editorial content at least 50 percent shall be produced by the local staff of the news site or purchased from recognized news sources such as Associated Press, Scripps Howard or similar news service, or agreements with other journalism-based organizations;***
- (d) Must be available to the general public in a digital format;***
- (e) Must follow accepted journalistic practices such as correcting errors of fact;***
- (f) Must not serve primarily as a platform to promote the interest and/or opinions of a special interest group, individual or cause;***
- (g) Must have a known Kentucky-based office of publication, open to the public, where business or publication is transacted, have a local telephone number and must include contact information in each updated publication;***
- (h) Must abide by copyright laws***

Section 4.3. Associate Membership. Associate Members shall have the same rights and privileges of Voting Members except they shall not be entitled to vote on any matters of the Association which are voted on by Voting Members. Any individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the business of supplying goods or services for direct use in the operation of the newspapers published by Voting Members of this Association (including but not limited to supply, equipment, newsprint firms, newspaper

representatives, news and feature syndicates and Sunday magazine publishers, instructors of journalism, advertising representatives and consultants) shall be eligible to become an Associate Member. In addition, any person who has previously belonged to this Association but no longer represents a newspaper or other affiliated organization or individuals who have been members but who are now retired from their profession may apply for membership as an Associate Member and pay dues as determined by the Board of Directors.

New print and online publications aspiring to become Bona Fide Newspapers Voting Members and which intend to become Voting Members of the Association, may qualify as an Associate Member for one (1) year upon receipt of a letter by the Association acknowledging the intent of the newspaper publication to become a Voting Member and the prepayment of dues as an Associate Member. Newspapers which otherwise satisfy the requirements for recognition as a Bona Fide Newspaper Voting Member, except that they do not hold a Periodicals Class mailing permit, may apply for an Associate Member Newspapers status. Dues for these publications shall be the same as the dues paid by Voting Members.