



## Proposed NHPA Bylaw Amendment

2010 Spring Meeting

The following proposed bylaw amendments correspond to two distinct topic areas: NHPA's changing demographics and increased role in legislative initiatives; and make one housekeeping change.

The first change (A), the housekeeping item, simply deletes language relating to the 2005 transition to a new election format with staggered 3-year terms for committee members. The second amendment (B), proposes to simply add a new membership category, with a reduced membership fee, for retired planners.

The third (C) proposed amendment adds a new position to the NHPA Executive Committee. Per the NNECAPA bylaws, the NHPA Executive Committee is required to fulfill the NH Legislative Liaison seat within the NNECAPA Executive Committee. This requires a committee member to fulfill two seats on two executive committees, not a light thing to ask given it's double the work. Additionally, while the NHPA Legislative Liaison is typically focused on state legislative initiatives, the NNECAPA Legislative Liaison has more of a regional or national focus. Therefore, the NHPA Executive Committee has resolved that the addition of a new and 11<sup>th</sup> member, NNECAPA Legislative Liaison, is the best route toward filling this seat. This new position would serve as NHPA's Legislative Liaison to NNECAPA, sitting on both committees with a singular job task. The amendments also clarify the differences between the NNECAPA and NHPA Legislative Liaisons.

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**A. DELETE §4-3(e), dealing with 2005 transition to new election format.**

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**B. ADD new subsection to §3-1 (Membership Classifications):**

**(e) Retired**

Anyone who formerly would have been classified as a Professional Planner, Related Professional, or Board or Commission Member, but who is no longer gainfully employed on a regular basis as a Professional Planner or Related Professional, and who is no longer serving as a Board or Commission Member.

**AMEND §9-3 (Dues) as follows:**

The amount of annual dues shall be \$40 per year. Dues for student and retired members shall be \$15 per year.

**C. AMEND §4-1 (Officers) as follows:**

The officers shall consist of: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Professional Development Officer, Public Information Officer, News Editor, New Hampshire Legislative Liaison, NNECAPA Legislative Liaison, Sustainability Coordinator, and State Director of the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association (NNECAPA). All officers shall be members of the Association.

**AMEND §4.7(h) (Duties) as follows:**

**(h) New Hampshire Legislative Liaison**

The New Hampshire Legislative Liaison shall monitor state legislation of significance and interest to planners in NH, shall report the status of legislation to the executive committee and shall be authorized by the executive committee to testify on behalf of the association.

**ADD new section §4.7(i) (Duties) as follows, and RENUMBER existing (i) and (j) as (j) and (k), respectively:**

**(i) NNECAPA Legislative Liaison**

The NNECAPA Legislative Liaison shall monitor federal legislation of significance and interest to planners in NH, shall report the status of legislation to the executive committee and shall be authorized by the executive committee to testify on behalf of the association. The NNECAPA Legislative Liaison shall serve as a voting member of the NNECAPA Executive Committee.

**AMEND §5-4(a) (Quorum) as follows:**

(a) [~~Five~~] Six members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of the Committee's business. The voting members present at the annual meeting and at any special meeting called shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority vote of the quorum is required to pass any action.