

Proposed By-Laws Change

Recommended by the FOVLAP By-Laws Committee

Reviewed by the FOVLAP Board of Directors. A positive vote is recommended.

The FOVLAP By-Laws committee recommends one change to the Federation by-laws, that change being in Article V, Directors. The committee suggests adding a 7th paragraph to define “Auxiliary Member”. This is to officially recognize those individuals who can and do add immense support to the FOVLAP Board of Directors and FOVLAP in general. The definition of an auxiliary member states that the Board of Directors makes the determination of who will become an auxiliary member, and also determines how long that person serves. Thus, the vote by FOVLAP members at the annual meeting is only on the underlined and italicized text below.

ARTICLE V:

DIRECTORS

7. Auxiliary Membership. A person wishing to serve FOVLAP may be appointed by the Board of Directors as an “Auxiliary Member” of the Board of Directors, has no vote on the board and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

The following information might be helpful during deliberations related to this motion.

Current individuals who are assisting the FOVLAP board and FOVLAP, but have no “official” connection to FOVLAP, are: Ginny Garrison, Bruce and Peggy Barter, Art Brooks, Bob Bois, Cynthia Stevens, and DEC representatives Perry Thomas, Amy Picotte and Angela Stambaugh.

These individuals could be considered by the board to serve as Auxiliary Members on the board should the individuals also agree that such an appointment does not create any conflict of interest for them. This also allows FOVLAP to grant proper recognition to these individuals since they are more than “Friends” of FOVLAP.

A vote for the proposal at the Annual Meeting of FOVLAP approves the addition of Paragraph 7 above (in italics and underlined). Who, specifically, becomes an auxiliary member will be decided by the Board of Directors. The board also has the authority to determine when to relieve an auxiliary member of that role, based on the line: “shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.”