

## ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

### *Section 1 – Initiation*

Amendments to the By-Laws may be initiated by the Board or may be submitted by a written proposal signed by any ten (10) members and mailed to the Executive Board at least forty-five (45) days in advance of the officially called Annual Business Meeting or special meetings.

### *Section 2 - Action by Board of Directors*

Amendments initiated in accordance with Section 1 of this Article shall be considered by the Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days in advance of the officially called meetings of the Association. A majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be required to submit recommendations concerning the amendment to the vote of the voting members of the Association.

### *Section 3 – Passage*

Proposed amendments with affirmative or negative recommendations of the Board of Directors shall be submitted to the members of the Association thirty (30) days prior to the next business meeting of the Association. The opportunity for an absentee ballot shall be provided by the Association for members unable to attend the meeting upon petition to the Secretary of the Association. Absentee ballots must be managed as stated in the Balloting Section.