

IAFCS By-laws Changes

The main objective of the by-law committee was to update the current IAFCS by-laws to the current functions of our organization.

Below is a brief description of the changes made by the by-law committee.

Article II Section I, #I:

Who (IAFCS member(s)) represents Iowa as AAFCS Senator at AAFCS Annual Meeting is clearly defined.

Article IV:

The by-law committee discussed the current board and council structure. The by-law committee felt the board and council work together as one unit. Therefore, a decision was made to make all members of the council as board members.

P/PGS Student Chair and P/PGS Coordinator title is changed to current title, Student Unit Chair and Student Unit Coordinator.

The current IAFCS by-laws state the P/PGS Coordinator and Newsletter Editor are non-voting IAFCS board members. The by-law change will now allow the Newsletter Editor and Student Unit Coordinator as voting IAFCS Board members.

Article V Appointed Board members:

Section 4 was added.

Article VI:

The IAFCS Board member's list of responsibilities is clearly defined. In the past, some responsibilities were made verbal and not listed in the original by-laws. Those verbal statements are now listed in the updated by-laws.

Article VI Functions of Board and Staff:

Section 1a under President-the fifth line under this section was added.

Section 1k under Past President-the sixth line under this section was added.

Article IX Regional Organization:

IAFCS will have two regional units. However, the new by-laws state the board has the authority to change the regions from two regions to four regions.

Article X Committees:

Current by-laws list specific committees. Most committees in the past years were not active. The new by-laws do not list the specific committees. However, the IAFCS Board does have the option to form committees as needed.

Article XI Community of Interests:

This article was changed from Sections and Divisions to Communities of Interests. The IAFCS Sections and Divisions have not been active in the past. AAFCS dissolved Sections and Divisions and formed Communities of Interests. The By-law Committee changed this article title to Communities of Interests.

The committee spent many hours revising and updating the by-laws. Some of the changes made throughout the by-laws included numerical changes to the articles and sections; added bullets; capitalization corrections; and revised the language in each article and section.

The committee's goal with the by-laws was to make these changes/corrections with hope the revised by-laws will stay current for many years. With this, we made one step further and contacted Jan Strand, AAFCS Member and a Professional Registered Parliamentarian. Jan made several comments and suggestions. These comments and suggestions were discussed and changes were made.