

On June 22, 2020 the APA Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the Member Services Committee's recommendation to amend current wording within the bylaws in the area of Science and Technology membership. The general membership will be asked to vote on this same proposal at our upcoming annual business meeting in New Orleans in September. A redlined version of this proposal is provided below.

The recommended changes aim to provide consistency in terminology regarding a person's designated status within the association, reserving the term "Member" for those who meet the association's most stringent criteria. We have recently clarified APA bylaws relating to membership. We clarified that a "Divisional Affiliate" and its members are not a member of the APA. This was to prevent any confusion that an affiliate meets the requirements of APA membership. The APA Board of Director's have recommended that Science and Technology members should also more suitably be referred to as affiliates, much like Divisional Affiliates since Science and Technology members do not meet APA membership status and do not possess the right to vote or run for office. Additionally, it was noted that some individuals who qualify for Science and Technology status may also administer polygraph exams. While the APA does not discourage exams administered for research purposes and for the technological/scientific advancement of the profession, if exams are being administered for profit by individuals with Science and Technology status it should be clear in the bylaws that such status does not confer or imply membership status with the APA. The committee's proposal below attempts to address these concerns.

If you have questions or if you would like to share your comments regarding the proposed amendments in advance of the annual meeting, please feel free to reach out to the Member Services Committee Chair (Pam Shaw) or any other member of the APA Board. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

### 3.4 Science and Technology **Member** Affiliate

3.4.a Science and Technology **Members** Affiliates are those persons who have demonstrated professional or scientific interest in promotion and advancement of the polygraph profession through polygraph research or instrumentation. **Science and Technology Affiliates may not be practicing polygraph examiners who conduct examinations for profit.**

3.4.b Science and Technology **Members** Affiliates shall:

3.4.b.i Not have the right to vote in matters before the General Membership;

3.4.b.ii Not be eligible to hold any elective office in the APA;

3.4.b.iii Be eligible to serve on any Standing or Ad Hoc Committee;

3.4.b.iv Meet all APA financial obligations required of Science and Technology **Members** Affiliates; and

3.4.b.v Abide by APA's Code of Ethics and the APA Standards of Practice