

Proposed Bylaws Revisions as of September 2020

Introduction:

The Association for PRINT Technologies' (APTech) Bylaws Committee held a conference call on September 3, 2020 to review the association's bylaws, pursuant with Article IX, Section 3(b):

ARTICLE IX **COMMITTEES**

SECTION 3 (b). The Chair of the Association, at least 120 days before the annual election, shall appoint a Bylaws Committee of at least three members, including at least one current board member. The Bylaws Committee shall meet and review the current bylaws, and report to the Annual Meeting, any recommended amendments to the bylaws, or that no amendments are recommended by the committee.

Committee members were: Deirdre Ryder, VITS International; Michael Aumann, LasX Industries, Inc.; Nick Bruno, Harris & Bruno International; and Jon Budington, more vang.

The committee submits the following bylaws revisions for membership review. A vote on these revisions will be held during the APTech Annual Meeting, scheduled to take place virtually on _____. The bylaws maybe altered, amended or repealed according to Article XI, Amendments:

ARTICLE XI **AMENDMENTS**

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed by a majority vote of the full membership of the Association or of the Board of Directors, provided that the notice of the Board or membership meeting shall include a description of the general character of the proposed alteration, amendment, or repeal.

The following are proposed revisions to the current bylaws, as approved on October 2, 2019.

Current:

ARTICLE IV **MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1. Full membership shall be open to any firm, corporation, or division of a corporation (provided, however, that no corporate group of parent, subsidiaries and/or divisions shall be entitled to more than three full memberships) engaged, on a national basis within North America, in any aspect of the printing industry value chain. Membership classes will be divided into two categories: manufacturer members and user members. Membership criteria for each category will be defined by the Board of Directors.

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Rational for Revision:

The association would like to allow membership from countries around the globe.

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SECTION 3. Applicants for membership in the Association shall meet the membership criteria as set by the Board of Directors on the appropriate form. The Board of Directors shall be notified of all new members joining the Association since its previous meeting at each Board of Directors meeting.

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Rational for Revision:

Staff noted that stipulation that “*the membership criteria as set by the Board of Directors on the appropriate form*” infers that the Board of Directors would have to approve the membership application form each time there is a change. If the wording “on the appropriate form” were removed it would

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retain the fact that the Board of Directors would be responsible for setting the membership criteria, but would allow the President to handle the administration of the communication of that criteria.

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ARTICLE V

DUES

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Rational for Revision:

Staff would like to allow members to pay dues, on a monthly basis if possible. Staff additionally noted that perhaps the committee would consider removing how dues would be paid altogether from the bylaws, allowing this administrative decision to be made by the association's President.