

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

A. Types of Membership; Qualifications; Eligibility

1. Active Members. Any paralegal who is currently employed as a paralegal performing substantial legal tasks under the supervision and direction of a licensed attorney who lives or works within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, **does not have a felony conviction or a conviction for a crime involving moral turpitude**, AND meets one of the criteria outlined below shall become an Active member of the KPA upon acceptance of his/her application for membership and payment of dues. Active members shall be entitled to one vote on all matters before the KPA membership and shall be eligible to serve as an Officer or Director of the KPA.
 - (a) A bachelor's degree, associate's degree or post-baccalaureate certificate in Paralegal Studies from a program approved by the American Bar Association ("ABA") or a Paralegal Studies program that is not ABA- approved but meets the substantive legal studies requirements pursuant to the ABA guidelines; OR
 - (b) A bachelor's degree in any field AND one (1) year of full-time work experience as a paralegal performing substantive legal tasks under the supervision and direction of a licensed attorney. Said experience must be attested to by the paralegal's supervising attorney and verified by the Membership Committee; OR
 - (c) An associates' degree in any field AND completion of twenty-four (24) substantive legal credit hours within an ABA-approved Paralegal Studies program or a Paralegal Studies program that is not ABA- approved but meets the substantive legal studies requirements pursuant to the ABA guidelines AND one (1) year of full-time work experience as a paralegal performing substantive legal tasks under the supervision and direction of a licensed attorney. Said experience must be attested to by the paralegal's supervising attorney and verified by the Membership Committee; OR
 - (d) As of the date of the application, a minimum of five (5) years work experience as a paralegal performing substantive legal tasks under the supervision and direction of a licensed attorney. Said experience must be attested to by the paralegal's supervising attorney(s) and verified by the Membership Committee.

2. Associate Members. Any person who would otherwise meet the requirements for Active membership who meets one (1) or more of the exceptions outlined below shall become an Associate member of the KPA upon acceptance of his/her application for membership and payment of dues. Associate members shall not be entitled to vote on matters before the KPA membership and shall not be eligible to serve as an Officer or Director of the KPA.
- (a) Does not live or work within the Commonwealth of Kentucky; OR
 - (b) Is not currently employed as a paralegal or performing substantial legal tasks under the supervision and direction of a licensed attorney; OR
 - (c) Has not met the minimum of one (1) year full-time work experience as a paralegal performing substantive legal tasks under the supervision and direction of a licensed attorney required under A(1)(b) or A(1)(c); OR
 - (d) Has not met the minimum of five (5) years full-time work experience as a paralegal performing substantive legal tasks under the supervision and direction of a licensed attorney required under A(1)(d); OR
 - (e) Has been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude not less than two (2) years prior to applying for membership; OR
 - (f) Any current or former KPA Active member that no longer meets all of the Active membership requirements, including paralegals retiring from the paralegal field, shall continue as an Active member for the remainder of the membership year.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

C. Qualifications.

2. Candidates for President, ~~and~~ Vice-President, and Treasurer must have served one term on the Board of Directors prior to seeking nomination.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

- I. Quorum. The number of Active members at a meeting, in person or ~~by proxy~~, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting.