

# June 2019 President's Corner

I have spent much time thinking about the best, most simple way to finalize our efforts to recognize elite members of the club that for one reason or another are permanently no longer able to fully participate in our hobby.

Several years ago, we debated for months about how to make it easier for a member who is having a medical issue to remain in the club. Honorary membership was created for this purpose. An Honorary member had his or her dues waived for 1 year but he or she was required to maintain AMA coverage. No one has ever been an honorary member.

As we further discuss this issue, the resolution becomes more complicated.

Therefore, I am going to offer a 3 part solution that encourages new members to join, former members to rejoin, and is more lenient to those who choose to take time away from the hobby.

1. Lower the initiation fee to \$20 retroactive to the beginning of 2019. This will ease the burden on new and returning members.
2. Eliminate the current "Honorary Membership".
3. Create an "Emeritus membership" category.
  - A. Emeritus membership will be offered to outstanding members who for physical, medical, or age related reasons are permanently unable to control a model aircraft.
  - B. Emeritus members are not required to maintain AMA coverage.
  - C. Emeritus members enjoy all benefits of membership except for flying and voting.

There have also been proposed bylaw changes regarding quorum and the number of required members in attendance to change the bylaws.

1. Reduce the number required to change the bylaws from 20 to 15.
2. Reduce quorum requirements for general business from 18 to 15.
3. Require a 2/3 majority to pass all motions.

This will allow for business to move forward with the amount of members that usually attend meetings, while preventing items with lesser support from passing.

An email will be sent out before the meeting showing the exact changes.

Hope to see you at the meeting,  
Mike Eiben