

## **Proposed Amendment to By-Laws Article 1, Section 10**

### **Statement**

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that active members who do not make themselves available for regular duty on the squad for a period in excess of three months and have not requested a leave of absence, will automatically be granted a leave of absence and be reclassified as inactive members. Currently a member must request a leave of absence that lasts 3 or more months to be reclassified as inactive members. Inactive members cannot practice first aid in the name of the squad and cannot vote. The amendment also makes it clear that an Inactive member may not run for elected office, but may be appointed to an office if nobody runs for the office.

### **Current Version**

Any active member who is granted a leave of absence in excess of three (3) month in accord with Article 10, Section 1, shall automatically be placed in the Inactive status effective on the date the leave begins.

An Inactive member can be restored to active membership upon the receipt of a written request and/or a doctor's statement to the Chief subject to the approval of the Line Officers and the Executive Board.

### **Proposed Version**

Any active member who is granted a leave of absence in excess of three (3) month in accord with Article 10, Section 1, shall automatically be placed in the Inactive status effective on the date the leave begins.

**[Additionally, any active member who fails to fulfill his/her duties for three consecutive months shall automatically be granted a leave of absence effective on the first day of the first month in which the member was unable to fulfill said duties.]**

An Inactive member **[who has been granted a leave of absence]** can be restored to active membership upon the receipt of a written request and/or a doctor's statement to the Chief subject to the approval of the Line Officers and the Executive Board. **[If said leave of absence was automatically granted due to the member's failure to fulfill his/her duties, active membership will be restored subject to the member's affirmation that he/she is able to fulfill his/her duties.]**

**[An Inactive member may not run for office. However, he/she may be appointed to an office by the President, in accordance with Article 3, Section 5 of these by-laws, if there are no nominations for said office.]**

Highlighted areas that are marked by ~~strikeout~~ indicate portions of the original by-laws that were removed in the proposed version.

Highlighted areas that are within brackets [ ] indicate portions of the proposed version that were not part of the current version.