

***Bylaw Revisions Proposed by the Bylaws Task Force***

**LEGEND:**

~~Strikethrough~~ = deletions

**Bold** = Additions

All changes are in yellow highlights.

**ARTICLE V – QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION Section 7. Continuing Member Code of Ethics Training**

Effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 and for successive two (2) year periods thereafter,

Each REALTOR® member of the Association shall be required to complete biennial **Code of Ethics** training in accordance with the National Association of REALTORS® **mandate. of not less than two hours and thirty minutes of instructional time.** This requirement will be satisfied upon presentation of documentation that the member has completed a course of instruction conducted by this or another association, the State Association of REALTORS®, the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, or any other licensed educational institution or provider which meets the learning objectives and minimum criteria established by the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®. REALTOR® members who have completed training as a requirement of membership in another association and Realtor® members who have completed the New Member Code of Ethics **Orientation within NAR's required time frame during any two (2) year cycle** shall not be required to complete additional ethics training until a new **two (2) year** cycle commences.

Failure to satisfy this requirement shall be considered a violation of a membership duty for which REALTOR® membership shall be suspended until such time as the training is completed.

Failure to meet the requirement for any ethics cycle will result in suspension of membership. **for the first two months (January and February) of the year following the end of any two (2) year cycle or until the requirement is met, whichever occurs sooner.** On March 1 of that year, the membership of member who is still suspended as of that date will be automatically terminated.

**RATIONALE: The National Association of Realtors® changed the two-year Code of Ethics requirement to three years. This must be implemented into our bylaws to ensure our members are given three years to fulfill COE and to comply with NAR Member Policy.**

**ARTICLE XI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS Section 5. Election of Officers and Directors:**

(b) The election of Officers and Directors shall take place at the Annual Meeting. Election shall be by ballot. **and all votes must be cast in person.**

**RATIONALE: If another crisis arises (as it did in 2020 with the pandemic) the Association could hold its Annual meeting virtually with votes cast electronically (and a waiver from the State would not be necessary).**

## **ARTICLE XII - MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Association, ~~excluding the Annual Meeting~~, at the discretion of the Chairperson, may be held in person or electronically, such as the internet or by telephone. Recommendations/actions may be made and voted on in person, or electronically, during the meeting.

**RATIONALE: See above (If another crisis arises, as it did in 2020 with the pandemic, the Association could hold its Annual meeting virtually with votes cast electronically - and a waiver from the State would not be necessary).**

## **ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** These Bylaws may be amended by majority vote of the REALTOR® Members present and qualified to vote at any meeting at which a quorum is present, provided the substance of such proposed amendment or amendments shall be plainly stated in the call for the meeting, except that the Board of Directors may, at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present, approve amendments to the Bylaws which are mandated NAR policy **with ratification by the REALTOR® Members at the following Annual Meeting.** Article IX may be amended only by a majority vote of all REALTOR® Members.

**RATIONALE: South Shore Realtor® Members should ratify ALL amendments (revisions) to the Association's bylaws per State nonprofit law.**