



## **Summary of Proposed Changes** **Oklahoma Code Enforcement Association Bylaws**

**March 31, 2022**

OCEA's Board of Directors is recommending certain bylaws changes for membership consideration at the annual conference business meeting to amend matters within the existing bylaws and to add some new provisions. The bylaws were last updated in March 2019.

**Article III – Membership, Section 5 – Resignation and Reinstatement of Membership:** This section would be amended to set an actual date for a member's resignation/removal from the membership role on July 1 of a given year if he or she has not paid dues for the new fiscal year. Reinstatement would occur any time after that upon payment of dues. *This coincides with OCEA's new fiscal year of July 1-June 30 approved by the membership in 2019.*

**Article IV – Officers, Section 3(A) – Nomination, Election and Term of Office – Nomination:** This section would be amended to provide two-year terms for the offices of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President would be elected in even-numbered years starting July 1 of this year if the amendment is approved, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President would be elected in odd-numbered years starting in 2023 if the amendment is approved. *The current one-year terms generally do not provide enough time for those filling the positions to become effective in them.*

**Article IV – Officers, Section 3(B) – Nomination, Election and Term of Office – Election:** This section would clarify that candidates who do not receive any opposition in their election would automatically be elected by acclamation without need for a formal vote.

**Article IV – Officers, Section 3(C) – Nomination, Election and Term of Office – Term of Office:** This section shifts the beginning of an officer's term to run concurrently with the Association's fiscal year (July 1-June 30). Currently officers begin their term after the spring conference concludes. Between the conference and until their formal term begins, officers would serve in an ex-official capacity on the Board.

**Article V – Meetings, Section 1(A) – Annual Conference Business Meeting:** This section clarifies that the annual conference business meeting would occur during the spring of the year. *The current bylaws specify February/March of the year.*

**Article V – Meetings, Section 1(C) – Annual Conference Business Meeting:** This section would be amended to provide ballots to active members in good standing with the Association. The current bylaws do not clearly define which members are to receive a ballot.

**Article V – Meetings, Section 3 – Virtual Meetings:** This new section would allow the Board to hold virtual meetings when deemed necessary and appropriate by the President. The electronic format of these meetings would need to provide for full participation by any Board or Association member. “Hybrid” meetings referenced in Item No. 4 have been utilized effectively where Board members attending electronically augmented in-person attendees. *Although in-person OCEA Board meetings continued through the pandemic, the option for virtual meetings has become all too real in today’s world.*

**Article V – Meetings, Section 4 – Electronic Balloting:** This new section would allow the Board to authorize electronic balloting (on-line voting) if necessary and appropriate. It lays out procedures for how such balloting would occur. *This provides options for conducting OCEA business should in-person voting not be feasible or practical.*

**Article VI – Board of Directors, Section 5 – Communications:** This new section sets policy for official communications by the Association. The President would be the chief spokesperson, and any publication or announcement or other official communication would need the President’s approval. The president may designate others to perform this function on specific matters where necessary and appropriate. *With numerous forms of communication available, the protocols in this section preserve the Association’s interests when presenting its official messages, policies or positions on matters affecting its members and their communities.*