

Proposed changes to the ACM Midwest Regional Bylaws

In December 2018, the ACM-MW Board held a planning session. During that session, it was noted that our Regional Bylaws did not adequately reflect the relationship between the Midwest Region and the national organization, the Alliance for Community Media. To correct this, two minor amendments to our Regional Bylaws have been proposed. They are in *Section 1.1 – Objective* and *Section 2.1 – Membership Qualifications*.

Article 9 of the Bylaws establishes that amendments only may be made to Section 1 through a vote of the membership. Therefore, an electronic vote is requested and will be handled through a separate email sent to the voting membership of the Midwest Region. Section 2.1 may be changed by a vote of the Region Board after proper notification of the membership. **This Article serves 60 day notice** that the Bylaws' Section 2.1 edit vote will take place at the Midwest Region meeting during the WCM/ACM-MW Conference in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin on May 10, 2019.

In Section 1.1 the wording would change from:

Sec. 1.1 - Objective

The principle goals of the Midwest region of the Alliance for Community Media (the states of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) are to preserve community media (including public, educational and governmental access cable channels) by educating, advocating and serving as a resource for community media centers; and in general, to work to improve access to, and the quality and availability of local media, civic engagement and the preservation of democratic ideals.

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The principle goals of the Midwest region (the states of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) of the national organization of the Alliance for Community Media are to preserve community media (including public, educational and governmental access cable channels) by educating, advocating and serving as a resource for community media centers; and in general, to work to improve access to, and the quality and availability of local media, civic engagement and the preservation of democratic ideals.

Section 2.1 would change from:

Sec. 2.1 -Membership Qualifications

Membership in the organization is open on a nondiscriminatory basis to those who are supportive of and interested in the goals and activities of the corporation

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Members in good standing of the National organization are included as members of the Midwest region on a nondiscriminatory basis to those who are supportive of and interested in the goals and activities of the organization.

The current Bylaws are available at http://acmmidwest.org/ACM_Midwest_Region_Bylaws.pdf.

By March 13, 2019, voting members of the Midwest Region will receive a link to the ballot to change **Section 1.1**. The Board will vote on the change to **Section 2.1** on May 10.

Please relay any questions or concerns about these proposals to me, Jim@Knightwright.com or to any Midwest Region Board member.