

Bylaws Committee Report  
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The Bylaws Committee continues to meet monthly to examine ways to incorporate plain language into the NCACC Bylaws. Last month, the group focused its review on Article III of the Bylaws. That Article concerns membership types. The Committee asked insightful questions about the differences among regular membership, retired membership, and associate membership. Referring to its style guide, the Committee recommended removing “shall” and passive voice throughout this Article. The Committee also questioned whether the Bylaws accurately reflect the status of sustaining membership, and how the general membership—an undefined term in the Bylaws—approves sustaining members. The Committee hopes to unravel the different membership types, make it easier to understand NCACC eligibility, and simplify how to continue participating in the NCACC throughout the various stages of one’s legal career by clarifying this Article.

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