

MVFF Members,

On November 9th we will be asking you to approve an updated version of our Code of Regulations.

The proposed document is attached and also available at (link here). Our current Code of Regulations is available at (link here).

The text of the document has been cleaned up for consistency, readability, and modern communication practices (such as allowing email notices). The primary policy matters requiring their focus and vote are the formal creation of the Lifetime Member tier and the clarification that Honorary Members do not vote in officer elections or on any matters brought before the membership.

Below is an analysis comparing the **Current Code of Regulations** to the **New Proposed Code of Regulations**, distinguishing between substantive policy changes and non-substantive administrative clean-ups.

1. Substantive Changes (Policy, Governance & Membership Structure)

These revisions directly impact club rules, member classifications, voting rights, and structural governance.

- **Addition of a New "Lifetime Member" Classification (Article 2, Section 2c)**
 - *Details:* A brand-new membership tier has been established for individuals who have made an exceptional impact and provided vital support toward the purpose of the club and the fly-fishing community. Like Honorary Members, Lifetime Members are exempt from dues and assessments while holding all regular membership rights and privileges.
- **Voting Restrictions for Honorary Members (Article 2, Section 2b)**
 - *Details:* A new explicit provision has been added stating that Honorary Members are *not* eligible to vote in club officer elections. While they retain other rights and privileges, they are formally excluded from ballot casting for board positions and on any matters brought before the membership.
- **Harmonized Governance Terminology & Direct Member Elections (Article 3 & Article 4, Section 1)**
 - *Details:* Terminology across the board has been cleaned up to consistently designate the governing authority as the **Board of Directors**, while specific operational roles (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) are designated as **Officers**. Furthermore, Article 4, Section 1 has been clarified to explicitly state that these officers are elected *directly* by the club members via a simple majority vote at the annual November meeting, resolving previous structural contradictions.
- **Expansion of Standing Committees (Article 5, Section 1)**
 - *Details:* Two new standing committees have been officially added to the club's active roster: **Social Media** and **Educational Programs / Outreach Events**, bringing the total recognized committees up to 11.
- **Electronic Notice for Code Amendments (Article 10)**
 - *Details:* The amendment process now formally permits notices for proposed Code of Regulations changes to be **electronically delivered** (via email) in addition to traditional postal mailing, easing communication requirements for 30-day advance notice.

2. Non-Substantive Changes (Clarity, Formatting, and Administrative Clean-up)

These revisions address typographical errors, fill in blank operational placeholders, update pronouns to gender-neutral phrasing, and harmonize internal consistency.

- **Fixed Meeting Logistics (Article 2, Section 4)**
 - *Details:* The previously blank placeholder lines for monthly business meetings have been permanently populated to state the **2nd Monday at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Transition to Gender-Neutral Pronouns**

- *Details:* Across multiple sections (such as Officer Duties in Article 4 and Conflict of Interest in Article 7), older gendered pronouns (e.g., *his or her, he*) have been modernized to inclusive phrasing (*their, they, themselves*).
- **Electronic Meeting Notices for the Board (Article 3, Section 5, Part 2)**
 - *Details:* Special meetings of the Board of Directors can now officially be noticed via **electronic mail** alongside personal delivery.
- **Grammar, Typo, and Drafting Corrections**
 - *Purpose (Article 1, Section 2):* Cleaned up phrasing regarding natural resources and fly fishing.
 - *Expenditures (Article 6, Section 4, Part 1):* Cleared up stray text fragments and typos at the opening of the section regarding unauthorized financial obligations.
 - *Conflict of Interest (Article 7):* Corrected a residual typo referring to an "interested trustee" to consistently read "interested director".
 - *Special Funds (Article 6, Section 5, Part 3):* Fixed a spelling typo changing "fond" to "fund".

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Board of Directors

Miami Valley Fly Fishers, Inc.