

FAME Proposed Bylaws Changes, 2020

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ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP (Page 1)

The membership of this Corporation shall be as set forth in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 1. Any person interested in the purpose and mission of the Association may become a member upon payment of dues for classes of membership established by the Board of Directors. In addition, schools may hold an institutional membership in FAME. The schedule of dues will be reviewed periodically by the Board of Directors and included in the *FAME Policies & Procedures Handbook* and on the FAME website.

Section 2. Membership shall be divided into the following classes:

- a. Active Membership: Persons actively engaged in library media work on a professional basis. This includes school library personnel, administrators, supervisors, and those involved in school librarian preparation programs. Active members shall be entitled to vote, hold office, serve on committees, and receive any appropriate services of the Corporation.
- b. Retired/Active Membership: Any person having been actively engaged in work within the broad field of library media in education. This includes school library personnel, administrators, supervisors, and those involved in school librarian preparation programs. Retired/Active members shall be able to receive any appropriate services of the Corporation, be entitled to vote, and are eligible to hold office and serve on committees.
- c. Associate Membership: Any persons interested in promoting the objectives of the Corporation, but not eligible for active membership, may become associate members. Associate members shall be able to receive any appropriate services of the Corporation and may vote but may shall not be entitled to hold office or serve on committees. This class includes:
 1. Any person previously engaged in library media work on a professional basis (job change, job loss, on leave status);
 2. Librarians in other fields (i.e., public, law, special);
 3. Support staff including clerks or aides;
 4. Interested lay persons (volunteers).
- d. Student Membership: Students enrolled in at least 9 hours per semester in institutions involved in the preparation of school librarians may become members upon payment of dues as specified in the *Bylaws*. Student members shall be able to receive any appropriate services of the Corporation but shall not be entitled to vote, to hold office, or to serve on committees.
- e. Institutional Membership: A school may hold a limited institutional membership providing for multiple staff members (limited to a maximum of five individuals) engaged in literacy and/or technology instruction to participate in FAME student reading programs (SSYRA; SSYRA Jr., FTR), including access to resources pertaining to each program. Students in these schools would also have the opportunity to submit entries to the Jim Harbin Student Media Festival and staff would have access to program resources. The staff of schools with an Institutional Membership is eligible for professional development activities (conferences) at the member discounted rate.



- f. Signature Program Participation Membership: A school may hold a limited institutional membership providing for multiple staff members (limited to a maximum of five individuals) engaged in literacy and/or technology instruction to participate in FAME student reading programs (SSYRA; SSYRA Jr., FTR), including access to resources pertaining to each program. Students in these schools would also have the opportunity to submit entries to the Jim Harbin Student Media Festival, and staff would have access to program resources. The staff of schools with Signature Program Participation Membership is not eligible for professional development activities (conferences) at the member discounted rate.
- g. Honorary Membership: Any person rendering important services to school librarians in the state may be elected to honorary membership on nomination of the Executive Board and by majority vote of the membership present and voting at any annual meeting of the Corporation. Honorary members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership and shall be exempt from payment of dues.
- h. Complimentary Membership: The Florida Department of Education Liaison to FAME may be granted a complimentary membership as needed.