Proposed Changes to the Constitution of the SDCFOA for 2025 – June 11, 2025

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 Below are the Board recommended changes to the SDCFOA Constitution.  The changes are in bold Italics or crossed out.   These changes will be presented for a vote at the General meeting in July

**A.Membership Classifications:**

**1. Probationary**: Application for membership shall be made in accordance with procedures and requirements as outlined by the Board of Directors. On approval by  the Instructional Chair , the applicant becomes a Probationary member, with neither office-holding nor voting privileges.

**2.    Transfer**: Application for membership shall be made in accordance with procedures   and requirements as outlined by the Board of Directors.  Transfer membership status  will be acknowledged by the Instructional Chairman upon receipt of a letter of  recommendation from another recognized and accredited Football Officials Association. The applicant becomes a Probationary member, for a minimum of one year, with neither office-holding nor voting privileges.

**3.   Certified**: A Probationary member may be granted Certified membership by three-fourths majority vote of the Board of Directors provided: (a) the Official has served at least one year as a probationary member, (b) the Official has met all the requirements stipulated by said Board of Directors, and (c) the Official has the joint recommendation of the Instructional and Rating Chairpersons.  A Transfer member may be granted Certified membership by three-fourths majority vote of the Board of Directors  provided: (a) the Official has served at least one year as a Probationary member, (b) the Official has met all the requirements stipulated by said Board of Directors, and/or (c)  the Official has the joint recommendation of the Instructional and Rating Chairpersons.

**4. Associate:** **Associate Members may be previously Certified members but are non- officiating members. A Certified member can request Associate membership in order to take a leave of absence from officiating.**  Requests for Associate membership must be made to the Board of Directors **by email or letter**. An Associate member shall pay dues in an amount determined by the Board of Directors but may neither hold office nor vote for an elected or appointed office. Associate Members may be restored to officiating status **by email or letter** request to the Board of Directors. Said Board shall determine the status, Probationary or Certified, when the Association member resumes officiating.

5.**Alumni: Alumni members are those people who have been so identified by the Board of Directors because of their service to the Association. Included are those people who wish membership in the Association, but do not elect to participate in the activities of the Association. Alumni membership may be granted to a Certified member who is an active official at the collegiate or professional level but not able to accept assignments from the Association. An Alumni member shall pay dues in an amount determined by the Board of Directors, and he/she shall not be eligible to hold an elected or appointed office nor vote.**

~~6.~~**~~Affiliate:~~**~~Affiliate membership may be granted to a Certified member who is an active official at the collegiate or professional level but not able to accept assignments from the Association. An Affiliate Member shall pay dues in an amount determined by the Board of Directors but may neither hold an elected or appointed office nor vote for one.~~

**~~7. Honorary~~**~~:  Honorary Members are those people who have been so identified by the Board of Directors because of their service to the Association. Included are those people who wish membership in the Association, but do not elect to participate in the activities of the Association~~**~~.~~**~~An Honorary member shall be exempt from payment of dues, and he/she shall not be eligible to hold an elected or appointed office nor vote.~~

**~~8. Additional:~~**~~An Additional Member is a member of the Association who joins the Association at a time when he or she can no longer fulfill the instructional requirements for that year. Additional Members shall not be eligible to vote nor hold office. Additional members shall pay dues as established by the Board of Directors. Additional Members shall be considered as either Probationary or Transfer Members, whichever applies, the following year. Additional Members shall not be given instructional program credit for the year in which they join the Association.~~