



## Voting for Bylaws

CRPA has grown and improved a lot over the past three years! CRPA's message and reputation is spreading across the state as members and supporters recognize the new and improved programs, educational and training opportunities, legal and legislative actions, and increased effectiveness of the Second Amendment movement and pro self-defense messaging in California. While the right to choose to own a firearm for sport or self-defense is still under siege in California, CRPA has been more active on behalf of CRPA members than ever before.

As part of the reboot and upgrade of the CRPA's overall operations, the CRPA Board of Directors recognized the need for the corporate documents and operational structure of CRPA to be updated to keep pace with the tremendous growth of the CRPA. To do that, the Board considered and approved the following changes to the CRPA's corporate bylaws.

Pursuant to the California Corporations Code and the current CRPA Bylaws, CRPA members have the right to vote to approve certain types of changes to the CRPA's bylaws through a membership vote. It is important that CRPA members participate in this process as we work to make the Association stronger and keep CRPA in compliance with all governing laws and regulations.

Please consider the following bylaws revisions and submit your vote by **August 9, 2018** with your name and membership number. Ballots may be scanned and emailed to [rjohns@crpa.org](mailto:rjohns@crpa.org) or they can be faxed to 714-992-2996 or sent U.S. Mail to 271 E. Imperial Hwy., Suite 620, Fullerton CA 92835.

Remember, CRPA needs you, our members, to help keep CRPA growing and moving in a positive direction by submitting your ballot!

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Fight with us to protect it!  
Become a CRPA member! JOIN TODAY!**

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**1-The Board of Directors voted to simplify and refine the types of CRPA memberships available.** The current bylaws list certain types of membership that are no longer effective or necessary. The Board voted to eliminate both “affiliate” memberships and “associate” memberships. If there are CRPA members who still would come under either one of these types of membership, they will be transferred to the corresponding individual membership for the remainder of their membership term.

**2-The Board of Directors voted to eliminate the voting privileges for persons residing out of state who would purchase a 3-day CRPA membership just for the purpose of participating in a CRPA sanctioned match.** The Board determined that it was not proper to give a 3-day member from out of state the same voting privileges as full-time regular members who are in good standing. Eliminating the ability of these 3-day members to vote also helps to protect the Association and its membership.

**3-The Board of Directors voted to eliminate a cumbersome petition process for seeking a position on the board.** This is a process that has never been used and is not called for under current state law. Even without the petition process, there are still three ways to become a member of the CRPA Board of Directors (Board elected, Officer Appointed, or Member Elected). All of these processes flow through a vetting process by the CRPA Nominating Committee to ensure that candidates have proper qualifications and interests for service on the Board of Directors of the Association.

**4-The Board of Directors voted to clarify proxy voting, and that a CRPA membership does not convey an ownership interest in the CRPA.** These provisions are in conflict with other provisions of the bylaws. Proxy voting is not explicitly mentioned in the bylaws, but California corporations law notes that if not explicitly stated in the bylaws that proxy voting does not apply, then proxy voting is considered applicable. This is an issue because in other provisions of the bylaws, each member gets one equal vote. The bylaws mention of “Membership Certificates” implicates an ownership in the Association, although this type of interest was never intended to be conveyed by a simple CRPA membership. This “membership certificate” provision is an old term that was inserted into the bylaws years ago, but currently conflicts with other portions of the bylaws that make it clear that a CRPA membership conveys no ownership rights in the CRPA. These two items need to be clarified in the bylaws so that we are not in conflict.

**5-The Board of Directors seek to reduce the number of Director positions for the Association.** Currently there are 36 Director positions for the Board of Directors. The Board looks to reduce this number based upon the needs of the Association. The trend for several years in nonprofit organizations has been to reduce the number of Directors for more efficient governance and use of Association resources. The Board of Directors voted to reduce the number of Director positions to 27 Directors.

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271 East Imperial Highway, Suite 620  
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Yes, I support the bylaw revisions.

No, I disagree with the bylaw revisions.

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_