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AS OF Oct. 3, 1999	PROPOSED CHANGES 2010
<u>Article 1: Organization</u>	
The name of this organization is, "The Masonic Library and Museum Association: An International Organization of Librarians, Archivists, Curators, and Directors" and it can be abbreviated as, "MLMA."	
<u>Article 2: Purpose</u>	
The mission of the Masonic Library and Museum Association is to assist and support, through education, facilitation of communication, coordination of effort, and other means, those individuals charged with the collection, management, and preservation of the Masonic heritage.	
<u>Article 3: Officers</u>	
Section 1: Titles and Board of Directors. The officers of the MLMA are the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and any other officers determined by the Members. All officers are members of the Board of Directors.	
Section 2: Term of office. The officers are elected every two years at the MLMA's annual meeting, and shall serve a term of two years. They may be reelected with no term limits. They shall perform the duties of their respective offices until their successors are installed.	Section 2: Term of office. The officers are elected for a term of two years at the annual meeting. With the exception of the President, who may serve only one term, there are no term limits. All officers serve until their successors are installed. A past President automatically becomes an honorary member of the Association.
Section 3: Duties. President -- Preside over and direct all activities of the MLMA, and appoint any committees and set their duties and time to	

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<p>report.</p> <p>Vice President -- Co-chair meetings, aid the President, and in the absence of the President preside at meetings.</p> <p>Secretary -- Keep the minutes of meetings, handle correspondence, issue notices of meetings, and give copies of the Bylaws to Members who request them.</p> <p>Treasurer -- Receive money paid to the MLMA, pay bills approved by the President, keep an accurate record of income and expenses, and present financial reports to the Board of Directors and the Membership.</p> <p>Board of Directors -- Oversee the functions of the MLMA and determine any additional duties for any of the Officers.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Article 4: Meetings</u></p> <p>Section 1: Annual Meeting.</p> <p>The Annual Meeting of the MLMA shall be held on a date and in a place decided by the Members.</p> <p>Section 2: Special Meetings.</p> <p>The Board of Directors may call special meetings when needed, if reasonable notice is given to all Members.</p> <p>Section 3: Quorum.</p> <p>A quorum at Membership meetings shall be seven or more Members.</p>	

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Article 5: Membership</u></p> <p>Section 1: Institutional Members.</p> <p>Institutional Members are organizations such as Grand Lodges or other Masonic entities which are considered by most United States Grand Lodges to be Masonically "regular," which maintain or support a Masonic library or museum, and which pay dues and are entitled to a number of votes in the MLMA according to the following schedule. (One or more representatives of an MLMA Institutional Member who are present at an MLMA meeting may cast the total number of votes to which that Institutional Member is entitled.)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 33%;">Amount spent by the institution each year for its Masonic library and/or museum</th> <th style="width: 17%;">Annual Dues</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Number of votes to which the institution will be entitled at MLMA meetings</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>up to \$2,000</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$30.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>from \$2,000 to \$75,000</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$75.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$75,000 or more</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$125.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Amount spent by the institution each year for its Masonic library and/or museum	Annual Dues	Number of votes to which the institution will be entitled at MLMA meetings	up to \$2,000	\$30.00	1	from \$2,000 to \$75,000	\$75.00	2	\$75,000 or more	\$125.00	3	<p>There are three levels of membership in the MLMA.</p> <p>Section 1: Institutional Members.</p> <p>Institutional Members are organizations, such as Grand Lodges or other Masonic entities, which are considered by most United States Grand Lodges to be Masonically "regular" by the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, that maintain or support a Masonic library or museum.</p> <p>The dues for Institutional membership shall be \$30.00 annually.</p> <p>The institutional member may send up to three delegates to the annual meeting. These delegates may vote and hold office.</p>
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<p>dues for this category of membership. Regular Members are eligible to vote and hold office in the MLMA. (If a person is an MLMA Regular Member and also the representative of an Institutional Member, he or she may cast 1 vote as a Regular Member in addition to the number of votes to which the Institutional Member is entitled.)</p> <p>Section 3: Affiliate Members. Affiliate Members are individual persons who express an interest in Masonic libraries or museums and who pay the prescribed dues for this category of membership. Affiliate Members are not eligible to vote or hold office in the MLMA, but receive copies of the MLMA Newsletter and Minutes of meetings.</p>	<p>express an interest in Masonic libraries or museums.</p> <p>The dues for Regular members shall be \$20.00 annually.</p> <p>Regular members may vote and hold office.</p> <p>Section 3: Affiliate Members.</p> <p>Affiliate members are individuals who express an interest in Masonic libraries or museums.</p> <p>The dues for Affiliate members shall be \$10.00 annually.</p> <p>Affiliate members may not vote or hold office.</p>
<p>These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the Members at any Membership meeting, if reasonable notice of the proposed amendment has been given previously to all Members.</p>	<p>These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the Members at the annual meeting, if reasonable notice of the proposed amendment has been given previously to all Members.</p>