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Standing Rule 1

Privacy

The Association and its members will protect the confidentiality of members' personal information contained within the membership directory and all other materials, including a member's mailing address, email address, and phone number(s).

Standing Rule 2

Electronic Email Communication

As dictated by UMNA Bylaws, Article V, Section 1. c., the Second Vice President (Membership Chairman) shall manage an electronic email communication system.

All UMNA members in good standing can utilize the group automated mailing system, providing they adhere to the following rules:

- (1) Messages must pertain to UMNA and its purpose.
- (2) Personal opinions, including but not limited to political and religious viewpoints, as well as commercial material, personal attack, invasion of personal privacy, and the use of obscenity, are strictly prohibited.
- (3) All applicable U.S. laws, such as copyright, must be observed.

The Second Vice President will provide new members with instructions on how to engage the group automated mailing list and the rules for its use.

Members who find postings objectionable should contact the Second Vice President, rather than reply to the group. The Second Vice President will send a warning notice to the offending member noting the date of the email and the specific violation. Any member who receives 2 or more warning notices within a 12 month period will be reported to the Executive Board, and punitive action may be taken, including temporary or permanent expulsion from the communication system.

Adopted 11/12/2008

Standing Rule 3

Membership Meetings

Regular membership meetings will be held on the fourth (4th) Thursday in the months of January, March, May, July, September and on the third (3rd) Thursday in the month of November. The Executive Board must approve any change to a

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meeting date. Notice of a change in meeting date will be sent by email to members as soon as possible.

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Receipt of Dues

~~The 2nd Vice President, serving as membership Chairman, will receive, record, and reconcile the membership paperwork before passing the actual receipts on to the treasurer for depositing. Upon receipt of members' renewal membership, the 2nd Vice President will pass along all receipts to the treasurer within two (2) weeks.~~

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The Treasurer, will receive and record the membership dues and names. The treasurer will then pass the membership forms to the 2nd vice president to record, and maintain the membership roster.

Standing Rule #5: There is a mandatory budget carryover of \$500 for each year. Adopted 10/6/2014

Standing Rule #6: The treasurer shall offer a \$50 honorarium to the speaker at general meetings. Adopted 9/24/2018

Standing Rule #7: The President shall provide a letter on UMNA letterhead for presentation to the bank whenever a new treasurer is established. Adopted 9/24/2018

Standing Rule #8: Clarification of Honorary Membership: Article IV Section 1 details the elements required to be a voting member. The word "other" in section 2 is not meant to exclude a voting member from being conferred Honorary Membership nor would Honorary Membership preclude an otherwise eligible member from voting. The word "other" opens the door for nomination of an individual not otherwise eligible for membership in the Association to be recognized for extraordinary service in or to the primary interest of the Association. While a "voting member" conferred Honorary Membership is relieved of the requirement of paying annual dues, to remain a "voting member" volunteer service and advanced training requirements remain in place. Defining a rigid metric necessary for conferring Honorary Membership may well be impossible; however, the following criterion should certainly be considered. Honorary Membership is exactly that, an honor. To be worthy and deserving of such distinction an individual should be without question a person who has, over

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a significant period of time, had an extraordinary impact either on the Association directly or in the field of ecological work or education. Their contribution of service and leadership should be far above and beyond that of what is expected of a “regular” member in good standing. If in the consideration of Honorary Membership, the questions of “who” or “why” even need to be addressed then discussion should probably be tabled. Honorary Membership is to be reserved for the “Giants” upon whose shoulders we stand. The selection of such “Honored” members must be self-evident and irrefutable.

Adopted 07/26/2018