

**Proposed By-Laws Change 2012-01
2012 EAANG Annual Conference
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AS READS:

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

Section 7. Numbered membership cards with a tear-away stub shall be printed for distribution to the membership. The Membership Chairperson shall arrange for printing and distribution of membership cards.

Section 8. Numbered membership cards shall be issued to the unit as expeditiously as possible. Upon payment of dues to the unit representative, the member will be issued a membership card. The return portion of the membership card and dues will be forwarded to the State office of the Association as soon as possible.

CHANGE TO READ:

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

Section 7. Starting with the 2013 membership year, which starts on 01 JAN 2013, the primary means for membership payment will be through the EAANG website, under the membership section. A printed flyer will still be made available to all units if individuals want to pay through traditional means of a cash, check, or credit card application. Membership flyers will recommend that individual's use the website first, however, will still contain the traditional membership information collection and turning procedures. This membership flyer will also be located on the EAANG website and listed as a secondary membership option. The Membership Chairperson shall arrange for printing and distribution of membership flyers.

Section 8. Membership flyers shall be issued to the unit as expeditiously as possible. Flyer and payment method can be mailed in by the individual or collected by the unit designated representative but must be forwarded to the office of the State Association's Membership Chairperson or State Association's Treasurer as soon as possible.

BACKGROUND:

The current requirement of having a numbered membership card inhibits the association from being able to do online memberships without incurring new and

additional costs. The state no longer uses the admin number that is printed on the card for any database or data tracking requirement. Getting rid of the “numbered membership card” requirement and making the online method the preferred method of payment ensures that several issues are resolved.

1. The Association will no longer be in violation of the by-laws by receiving memberships from the NGAUS website.
2. Downloading the current membership form off the website, printing it , and then mailing it in is in direct violation of the current bylaws due to the “numbered membership card” stipulation.
3. Payment will be instantaneous; no longer a possibility of getting lost in the mail, having a delay in funds being transacted from the bank, or having to go through multiple individuals before finally reaching the treasurer or an executive board member.
4. The membership database will be built for us through the NGAUS membership catalog while still allowing us to update it through the Membership Chairperson for soldiers, airmen, or units that still elect to mail in a flyer for membership and payment.

The cost of printing a flyer to distribute each unit will be significantly smaller than printing the current tri-fold, perforated, and numbered card. It also gives units the flexibility to print membership flyers for them to be mailed in as needed.