



BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL
Commission Composition & Appointments
May 2, 2019
Huntsville, Alabama Conference

As a part of the Commission meeting in Huntsville, Alabama on May 2, 2019, a proposal to amend the bylaws was presented. This proposal was approved by the Board for posting for public comment. Comments should be submitted to calea@calea.org under the heading “Bylaws Amendment – May 2019”.

The following provides the background information related to the proposal and the recommended changes.

Overview:

Bylaws for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) provides specific direction on the composition of the Commission with regard to the professional backgrounds of appointees. This corporate policy has generally supported the needs of the organization effectively and ensured diverse membership with the requisite subject matter expertise. This model has also promoted the sound development of standards and the administration of the associated accreditation programming. However, over the past ten years the organization has experienced difficulty in identifying and maintaining a representative from the judiciary that is able to serve in the role of commissioner.

It should be noted those formerly and presently serving as representatives from the judiciary have significantly contributed to the professional standing of the organization. They have often been instrumental in providing legal guidance on standards and occasionally administrative processes. Because the bylaws intend for the judiciary position to be an active professional, it has been difficult to locate a representative that does not experience actual or perceived conflicts of interest and/or scheduling difficulties. Historically, the respective appointees have worked diligently to control for these factors; however, several have elected not to remain with the Commission for one or both of these concerns.

Therefore, this bylaw amendment proposal has been developed to provide continued general support for the ongoing representation of judicial professionals on the Commission, while also allowing some latitude when make commissioner appointments.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment:

4.4 Criteria for Selection of Other Members

The ten public and private-sector representatives shall include persons from the following categories:

1. Appointed local, county, and municipal government officials;
2. Elected local, county, and municipal government officials;
3. Appointed state/provincial officials; **and**
4. Elected state/provincial officials.; ~~and~~
5. ~~Appointed or elected members of the judiciary.~~

Remaining vacancies ~~shall~~ **may** be filled by a ~~balanced~~ representation from the other categories; including **but not limited to** labor, education, clergy, business, and agencies of government. **When possible, an active or former appointed or elected member of the judiciary shall be included as a member of the Commission.**

Required Action:

As required by the existing bylaws, this proposed amendment in being posted for public comment for 30 days. Following the receipt of any public comments, the matter will be considered by the Commission for final action.