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2 **SUBJECT: Defining the Election of Membership Committee Chair (Bylaws 2/3 Vote)**

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4 *(This section to be completed by the Agenda and Resolutions Committee.)*

Committee Action:  
Approve                  Disapprove

Committees required to review:			
Board of Directors			
Bylaws Committee			
Membership Committee			

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7 **CONVENTION ACTION:**

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9 \_\_\_\_\_ Approved                  \_\_\_\_\_ Approved with Modification                  \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved  
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11 \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn                  \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
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13 **RESOLUTION:**  
14 (Refer to Article 901 for submission requirements.)

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16 Whereas,                  The Membership Committee is defined in the AHA Bylaws Article IX Section 1,  
17                                  Which states, in part, "The President shall appoint a committee on membership  
18                                  consisting of a Chair and two (2) or more members to hold office at the pleasure of the  
19                                  President? - - ", and  
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21 Whereas,                  In practice the Membership Committee is open to any AHA member who wishes to  
22                                  become a committee member, and  
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24 Whereas,                  In practice, the duties and functions of the Membership Committee, AHA Article 535, are similar to those  
25                                  of other committees which are not defined in the Bylaws, and  
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27 Whereas,                  It is important that the chair of the Membership Committee be elected in the same  
28                                  manner and have the same term of office as the 16 other general membership  
29                                  committees, and  
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31 Whereas,                  Bylaws AHA Article IX Section 8 states, in part, "The Annual Convention - - may - - provide  
32                                  for the appointment, membership and duties of such other committees - "; Therefore, Be It  
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34 Resolved,                  That the AHA Bylaws be amended by deletion of AHA Article IX Section 1; and, Be It Further

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36 Resolved,                  That a new Membership Committee shall have the same name, membership, duties and functions as the  
37                                  currently existing Membership Committee and shall follow the rules submitted by the Committee  
38                                  Restructure Task Force passed by the AHA Board of Directors as a Tier 'B' committee; and Be It Further  
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40 Resolved,                  That the initial Chair of the Membership Committee be elected before the close of the 2007 Convention by  
41                                  the attending current Membership Committee and will serve a two year term.  
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43 Effective:                  At close of 2007 Convention.  
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45 **PROPONENT'S FINANCIAL IMPACT:**  
46 (Refer to Article 901.2.e. for financial requirements.)  
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50 **AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:**

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52                                  Contact Person:  
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