

Proposed Bylaws changes concerning Professional Membership category (Approved by the NEOA Board- 11/15/24)

**Current Bylaws:**

Section 2: Active Professional Membership

1. Active Professional Membership shall be limited to those persons actively engaged in the administration or general operation, inclusive of instructional staff, of educational opportunity programs located in the states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire or those who are active professional members of one of the regional state associations (CT) CAEOP, (MA) MEOA, (ME) MEEOA, (NH) NHEOA, (RI) RIEOA, and (VT) VEOP. Persons qualifying for active Professional Membership should spend a significant and continuing portion of their full-time professional activities involved in the concerns of the students referred to in Article II.
2. Each Active Professional Member is entitled to one vote and is eligible to hold office as delineated in Article V, Section 3 of these bylaws.
3. Membership shall remain with the individual irrespective of institutional/organizational affiliation.

**With New Amendments:**

Section 2: Professional Membership

1. Professional Membership shall be available to those persons currently or formerly employed in the administration or general operation, inclusive of instructional staff, of educational opportunity programs located in the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont or those who are members of one of the regional state associations (CT) CAEOP, (ME) MEEOA, (MA) MEOA, (NH) NHEOA, (RI) RIEOA, and (VT) VEOP.
2. Each member is entitled to one vote and is eligible to hold office as delineated in Article V, Section 3 of these bylaws.
3. Membership shall remain with the individual irrespective of institutional/organizational affiliation.