

Montachusett Agricultural Alliance
ANNUAL MEETING
January 12, 2025

Call to Order

Reports of the Officers

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Bylaws Amendments

Suggested motion 1:

That Article II, Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Montachusett Agricultural Alliance, "Membership Categories" be amended to add:

Lifetime Member

AND

That Article II of the Bylaws of the Montachusett Agricultural Alliance be amended to add:

Section 8: Lifetime Membership may be granted at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Suggested motion 2:

That Article VI of the Bylaws of the Montachusett Agricultural Alliance be deleted and replaced with the following amended text:

Article VI – Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be made up of the Officers and up to four (4) Members At Large.

Section 1: President

The duties of the President shall be:

To call meetings to order and preside as meeting moderator
To create the Club budget, in collaboration with the Treasurer
To be the chief representative and spokesperson for the Club, in accordance with the understanding and wishes of the Board of Directors and Membership

Section 2: Vice President

The duties of the Vice President shall be:

To call meetings to order and preside as meeting moderator in the absence of the President.
To assume the position of President should the President resign or be removed.

Section 3: Clerk (or Secretary)

The duties of the Clerk shall be:

To take minutes/notes during General Meetings and Annual Meetings of the Club

To keep records of official Meeting minutes.

Section 4: Treasurer

The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

To keep the financial records of the Club

To manage the Club bank account, and handle deposits, payments and disbursements of Club funds for Club business

To generate such financial reports as are required by the Fiscal Sponsor

To give a financial report to the Membership at General Meetings and Annual Meetings

Section 5: Communications Officer

The duties of the Communications Officer shall be:

To send out to the Membership and post notification of General Meetings and Annual Meetings, including the agenda, minutes of past meetings, and whatever other materials are deemed necessary by the Board of Directors and the Membership

To maintain a database or roster of the active Membership

To send out information about official Club events and activities by email and post information on social media

To handle general communications for the Club when such communications do not fall under the purview of any other specific persons or Committees.

Section 6: Meetings of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall meet separately from the Club Membership at times deemed necessary by the Officers. A written record will be kept of any decisions made, and the Membership will be informed of all decisions made by the Board of Directors within one (1) week of the meeting, or as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

Section 7: Resignation from the Board of Directors:

An Officer stepping down from their position shall constitute resignation from the Board of Directors (and vice versa). An Officer may resign from the Board of Directors by submitting a written notice to the Board and the Membership. The remaining Board members shall nominate a replacement Officer to serve for the remainder of the former Officer's term within a space of thirty (30) days, or as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

Section 8: Removal from the Board of Directors:

An Officer may be removed from the Board of Directors for good cause by a vote of nine tenths (9/10) of the Membership. The Membership shall be fully apprised of the reasons for removal before being asked to vote. The Officer being removed may speak in their own defense before the vote. Removal from the Board of Directors shall not automatically constitute removal from membership.

Section 9: Term of Office:

The term of office for an Officer shall be two (2) years.

An Officer stepping into a vacated seat shall serve the remainder of the previous Officer's term and then be eligible for election for a full term, which shall be considered their first full term.

(Summary of changes:

Add Communications Officer

Delete duties of the Secretary which belong to the Communications Officer

Renumber sections accordingly)

Suggested motion 3:

That Article VIII of the Bylaws of the Montachusett Agricultural Alliance, Section 4, "Authorization of Spending" be amended to increase \$500 to \$2,500 in paragraphs 1 and 2.

Nominate and Vote on Officer Slate for 2025

Any other business deemed necessary to be brought before the Membership

Adjournment