# Summary of Proposed Changes to the Bylaws – Recommended by the Safe States Alliance Board on 6.14.18

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  a. **State/Territory Designated Membership**: The health commissioner or highest ranking public health authority from each state and territory of the United States of America and the District of Columbia shall designate an injury and violence prevention representative to Safe States. State/Territory Designated Members shall cast one vote on all matters before the Corporation, and shall have equal rights among the State/Territory Designated Membership.  
  b. **Individual Membership**: Individual membership shall be open to any employee of state, territorial or local health departments, and any individual, agency or organization having an interest in injury and violence prevention and control. Individual members shall cast one vote on all matters before the Corporation, and shall have equal rights among the membership.  
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| Section 1. Classes of Members and Qualifications  
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c. **Additional Classes of Membership:** Additional classes of membership may be developed as necessary. Additional classes of membership will have voting privileges on all matters before the Corporation, and any additional category of membership will have equal rights within that class. The number, qualifications, liquidation rights, preferences and limitations of the members, including the relative number, qualifications, liquidation rights, preferences, limitations, and other rights, preferences and limitations of or upon each class of members shall be established in the Safe States Operational Policy and Procedures Manual. Rules developed regarding classes of membership of the States of America and the District of Columbia shall designate an injury and violence prevention representative to Safe States.

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Policy and Procedures Manual. Rules developed regarding classes of membership shall be reasonable, germane to the purposes of the corporation, and equally enforced as to all members of each class.

| 2. | Section 2. Cessation of Membership | a. **State/Territorial Designated Member**  
When a State/Territorial Designated member relinquishes the position by virtue of which he/she was entitled to voting, he/she shall cease to be a voting member. However, the person may retain Individual member status by re-joining and paying dues. Any State/Territorial Designated Member who has not paid dues with 15 months of notification will no longer retain membership.  

b. **Other Classes of Membership**  
Any non-designated state/territorial member who has not paid dues within 90 days of notification will no longer retain membership. | Any member of the Corporation who is delinquent in dues for a period of sixty (60) days shall be notified of the delinquency. If dues are not paid within sixty (60) days, the member forfeits all rights and privileges of membership. Any payment received during the sixty (60) day grace period will be retroactively applied to the period beginning the date of prior membership expiration. | The purpose for this change is to make the grace period for outstanding balances equitable across all membership categories. |

| 3. | Article 7. Executive Committee, Section 1. Management Team | The Management Team shall include the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and President-Elect or | The Management Team shall include the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and President- | The purpose for this change is to add the |
|   | Article 9. Executive Director | In its discretion, the Executive Committee may establish an Executive Director position to handle business matters for the Corporation and to perform other duties as the executive committee determines are necessary and appropriate in order to meet the needs of the Corporation. The President of Safe States has direct responsibility for supervising this position. This position shall also receive direction and oversight from the Safe States Management Team, which consists of the President, President-Elect or immediate Past President, Vice-President and Treasurer. | In its discretion, the Executive Committee may establish an Executive Director position to handle business matters for the Corporation and to perform other duties as the executive committee determines are necessary and appropriate in order to meet the needs of the Corporation. The President of Safe States has direct responsibility for supervising this position. This position shall also receive direction and oversight from the Safe States Management Team, which consists of the President, President-Elect or immediate Past President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. | The purpose for this change is to add the Secretary to the Management Team. |