



May 14, 2021

Dear Lake Area Chamber Member,

A special membership meeting of the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce has been duly called by the Board of Directors to be held at Willmore Lodge on the 17th of June 2021 at 8:00 a.m., for the purposed inclusion to the Lake Area Chamber bylaws for Membership.

Enclosed is the proposed bylaw inclusion along with a proxy which should be returned to the attention of Paige Jones no later than 11:59pm CST on June 15th, 2021 should you **intend to not be present** at the meeting and vote in person. To vote by proxy, you will need to complete and return the proxy enclosed by marking your choice, date it, sign and print your name.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Paige Jones by phone 573-964-1008 or by email at pjones@LakeAreaChamber.com.

Sincerely,

Cole Bradbury

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Lake Area Chamber Board of Directors Vice President

CURRENT BYLAW REGARDING MEMBERSHIP:

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

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- B. Associate members shall consist of any person, organization or town who makes a donation of gift to the organization, and shall be an honorary membership only. An Associate member will not have the privileges of participating in a promotion sponsored or published by the organization, or the privilege of participating in any other form or promotion sponsored by the organization.
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PROPOSED BYLAW INCLUSION (LAST PARAGRAPHS IDENTIFIES CHANGES IN BOLD):

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D. Application and Acceptance. Applications for membership shall be in writing on forms provided for that purpose and signed by the applicant. Notice and an opportunity for a hearing, the Board may, by a two-thirds vote, deny any application upon a determination that the applicant's membership would be prejudicial to the aims or repute of the Chamber. Applications not so denied by the Board shall be accepted for membership after the annual dues have been paid.

C. By a two-thirds vote of the Board, a member or any representative of a member may be expelled or permanently excluded from Chamber activities for conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the aims or repute of the Chamber, after notice and opportunity for a hearing are afforded the member before the Board.