

ARTICLE III: Membership

The Board of Directors shall determine the qualifications for membership in the organization and, in so doing, may establish different classifications and sub-classifications for members. All applicants for membership shall be sponsored by a current member in good standing of the association who are from either the operator or distributor class.

Section 1. MEMBERSHIP

A. Shall include gaming manufacturers, distributors, terminal operators and suppliers either actively pursuing licensure or currently licensed under the provisions of the Illinois Video Gaming Act (230 ILCS 40/1- et. seq., as amended) (the "Act"). Membership hereunder shall be classified in accordance with the nature of the license applied for or currently held by the member under the Act. Those member classifications shall include: gaming equipment manufacturers, gaming equipment distribution, gaming terminal operators; and gaming suppliers.
In the event any member or applicant for membership has multiple licenses or has applied for multiple licenses, they shall have the dues, obligations and opportunities of the license with the highest dues

B. COMMON OWNERSHIP. Whenever any member, as defined by this Article, shares a common ownership interest equal to or greater than 5% with another member they shall, for the purpose of Article VI, Section 1 & 7, be treated as one member.

Section 2. DISQUALIFICATIONS. No person or entity shall be eligible to apply for membership as set forth in Section 1 A or B of this Article if; 1) it has been denied any gaming license by the Illinois Gaming Board; 2) any license issued by the Illinois Gaming Board has been revoked or not renewed or 3) they have been convicted of a felony.

The prohibitions in this section are effective upon the exhaustion of all administrative remedies or appeals

Regarding any entity not a real person, the prohibition shall also apply to any person holding any interest in that entity.

In the event that a person or entity receives a license from the Illinois Gaming Board subsequent to a denial or revocation, those provisions are no longer applicable.

Section 3. ELECTION OF MEMBERSHIP. After completing the application form designated by the Board of Directors, members shall be elected by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors present at a regular Board of Directors meeting. Applicants rejected by the Board of Directors may reapply six (6) months after the Board vote, unless the Board allows reapplication to occur at an earlier date

Section 4. CHANGE OF MEMBER OWNERSHIP. A change in ownership of a member shall not alter the business unit's membership rights in the association so long as such member continues to meet all applicable requirements of these bylaws.

Section 5. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

A. Membership shall be automatically terminated should the member's license issued by the Illinois Gaming Board be denied, revoked, not renewed or upon the conviction of a felony in any jurisdiction. This termination will be effective upon the exhaustion of all administrative remedies or appeals.

B. Membership may be suspended or terminated at any time after a hearing and the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the directors at a Board of Directors meeting for the non-payment of dues or assessments as set forth in Article IV of these Bylaws, or where it is shown that the member engaged in unlawful activities, loss of license issued by Illinois Gaming Board, or other activities which reflected badly on the organization. However, no member may be denied membership or suspended or expelled on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, national origin or sexual orientation.