

EXHIBIT LL

Background to 2009 Proposed MAFWA Bylaws Changes

On April 22, Ollie e-mailed a copy of the proposed Bylaws changes to all voting members of MAFWA.

The key changes (recommended by the Executive Committee) are as follows:

1. Reinstate the **Midwest Pheasant Study Group**, and
2. Reinstate the **Midwest Private Lands Wildlife Management Group** – *both through July of 2012.*

Without taking specific action to reinstate the two working groups above, they will be automatically abolished this August. In the draft bylaws changes sent on April 22, additions were identified by underscoring and deletions were denoted by ~~strikeouts~~. We also highlighted all of them in yellow.

We would also like to draw to your attention to the fact that the **Midwest Public Lands Technical Working Committee** and the **Midwest Wildlife and Fish Health Committee** are up for reconsideration in 2010. We recommend an initial discussion about those two during this summer's meeting as well (final action not required until July 2010).

Ollie was working hard to land the USFS Region 9 as a sponsor. We asked for \$5,000, but also gave the additional levels we offer. They discussed this yesterday in a meeting and wondered why an affiliate membership was not available to them. I note that AFWA has voting membership available to federal agencies with \$3,000 in annual dues. I will forward an e-mail I just sent this morning to my inside guy at FS in Milwaukee for your information.

So, the question for thought is should MAFWA consider a bylaws change that creates some type of membership category for federal agency partners?

AFWA BYLAWS - MEMBERS

Section 3.(1) Governmental Members. Governmental membership shall be open to *state, provincial, commonwealth and federal district governmental agencies* responsible for administration of fish and wildlife resources in each state, province, territory, commonwealth or federal district of or associated with the United States, Mexico, or Canada, and federal agencies primarily responsible for administration of fish and wildlife resources, or such agencies having responsibility for management of fish and wildlife habitat on federal lands and waters in the United States, the Dominion of Canada and the Republic of Mexico, and of each such agency of a country located in the Western Hemisphere, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee and upon payment of annual dues as follows:

Each State of the United States, \$19,942, adjusted annually for inflation beginning in 1994; each agency of the United States Government, \$3,000; each province or territory of Canada, \$1,000 each agency of the government of the Republic of Mexico, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and an agency of a country located in the Western Hemisphere, \$1,000. All dues will be adjusted annually for inflation pursuant to the Consumers Price Index.

MAFWA MEMBERSHIP BYLAWS ARTICLE III

Section 1. Membership shall be by *states and provinces* and representation of each state and province at meetings shall be by its duly authorized representative or representatives.

Section 4. Other professional organizations may be granted affiliate membership in the Association based upon demonstration that the Constitution and Bylaws of said organizations meet the basic standards of the Association. Application for affiliate membership shall be forwarded to the President at least 90 days prior to a regular meeting of the Association and shall include a current Constitution and Bylaws and a letter stating the organization's justification for affiliate membership. Affiliate membership shall be voted on by the voting representatives and must attain a majority vote of a quorum. Affiliated membership dues shall be \$75.00 per year; however, this fee may be waived by a majority vote of a quorum. The fee is automatically waived for affiliated conservation agencies or organizations that provide annual financial resources to support the Association through the following sponsorships: Major Sponsor (\$5,000 or more); Gold Sponsor (\$3,000-4,999); Silver Sponsor (\$2,000-2,999); Bronze Sponsor (\$1,000-1,999); and Sponsor (\$500-999).

WAFWA BYLAWS ARTICLE II

Section 1

The membership shall consist of the *game and fish commissioners, or their equivalents, and the chief administrative officers of the fish and game departments, or their equivalents, of the States of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, of the Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Yukon Territory.* Such individuals shall be hereinafter referred to as "members" and the agencies they represent as "member agencies".

Section 4

A nongovernmental organization, institution, foundation, society, corporation or person that supports the objectives of the Association may become a contributing member upon application to and approval of the Executive Committee and payment of annual dues.

Contributing members shall receive one copy of the annual transactions and shall have all the privileges of the Association except that of voting when a vote by official member agency representatives is requested.

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

Section 3- Membership

The membership shall consist of the governmental agencies responsible for the management of fish and wildlife resources *in the state of*: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia, and provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island.

Affiliate membership, shall be extended to regional federal agencies concerned with fish and wildlife resources and that exercise authority in those states and provinces entitled to full membership.

Section 5 – Dues and Conference Proceeds

Annual dues shall be on a calendar year basis and shall become payable no later than July 1 each year. All payments shall be made in U. S. dollars. Notice shall be mailed by the Secretary/Treasurer to all members before January 15th of each year stating that annual dues are payable.

Member states shall be assessed \$1,500 annually and member provinces shall be assessed \$200 annually. *Affiliate member shall be assessed \$200 annually*; and, contributing members shall be assessed \$100 annually. Individual member shall be assessed at \$25 fee annually.

SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION BYLAWS - ARTICLE II

Section 1

The voting membership shall consist of the Fish and Wildlife Departments, or their equivalents, *of the States of* Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. The Chief Administrative Officer or his/her representative of the respective voting member departments shall be hereinafter referred to as the "voting representative".

Section 8

The dues shall be Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars per year, to be paid by *each member state department*.

