

BALLOT QUESTION #2 – Member Classification: Affiliate Members

Article 15. MEMBERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section 1. Membership Classification

IIBEC shall consist of Individual Consultant, ~~consultant affiliate~~, Industry, ~~industry affiliate~~, Facility Manager, Associate, Quality Assurance Observer, Student, Retired, Emeritus, and Honorary members. Firms or corporations are not eligible for membership. The number of voting members per company or corporation including subsidiaries is limited to no more than ten percent (10%) of the total voting membership of IIBEC.

Section 2. Consultant Members

- A. Consultant members shall be those individuals who are practicing consultants, architects, or engineers. They shall not be employees or principals of any business entities controlling or directing the application, manufacture, distribution, sales, or marketing of roofing, waterproofing, and exterior wall products and services, and shall have no conflict of interest as defined in Article 16 of these bylaws.
- B. Consultant and Consultant Affiliate members shall be eligible to vote, serve on committees, and hold any office of IIBEC.
- C. ~~Consultant members may sponsor up to two Consultant Affiliate members.~~

Section 3. Industry Members

- A. Industry members shall be those individuals who are employees or principals of any business entity directing and controlling the application, manufacture, distribution, sales, or marketing of roofing, waterproofing, and exterior wall products and services.
- B. Industry members shall not be eligible to vote or hold office, unless they are Registered Roof Consultants who attained registration prior to March 1, 1995. They may, however, serve on committees.
- C. ~~Industry members may sponsor up to two Industry Affiliate members.~~

Section 4. Facility Manager Members

- A. Facility Manager members shall be those individuals whose professional responsibilities include management, development, or maintenance of buildings, both public and private.
- B. Facility Manager members shall not be able to vote or hold office but may serve on committees.

Commented: IIBEC created the "affiliate" category of membership many years ago, and after extensive research and deliberation the Board determined that it was no longer necessary to offer the affiliate category of membership moving forward.

In lieu of the affiliate program, other membership discount and incentive programs are being offered, including shifting new member discount codes to local chapters, providing annual new member promotions, offering peer organizations with new member discounts, and packaging membership and education for member-company internal professional development programs.

IIBEC policy for decades was to not provide any membership discounts outside of the affiliate program. By sun setting the affiliate program, IIBEC will have the opportunity to provide more substantial member discounts, promotions, and incentive programs.

Those IIBEC members who currently hold an affiliate membership category or join as an affiliate member by December 31, 2023 will not be affected and can retain membership as an affiliate member indefinitely until membership is deactivated.

However, beginning on January 1, 2024, IIBEC will no longer offer the affiliate category of membership to new members. This will streamline the membership process, remove the logistics of linking sponsors and affiliates, allow IIBEC to provide more direct membership discount and incentive programs, and improve the administration and renewal procedures for IIBEC members.

Section 5. Associate Members

- A. Associate members shall be those individuals who are not actually within the roofing, waterproofing, and exterior wall industries, such as educators and employees of business concerns and government agencies, but who share an interest in the activities of IIBEC.
- B. Associate members shall not be eligible to vote or hold office but may serve on committees.

Section 6. Affiliate Members

- A. Affiliate members shall be sponsored or hosted by a Consultant or Industry member within the same firm as the Affiliate.
- B. Affiliate members shall have the same rights and privileges of their sponsoring Consultant or Industry members.
- C. The Affiliate member category shall not be offered after December 31, 2023. Those members in that category may remain affiliate members for the duration of their membership.