

PROPOSED CHANGES TO OHCFR BY-LAWS

The ballot contains only the article/section where changes are being recommended. The changes involve proposed **deletions** (crossed out words/sections) and **additions** (highlighted in yellow).

Please vote by **May 26th 2023**.

These proposed changes will be effective if two-thirds of the voting members approve the changes. If you have a question or point of discussion, please contact Audrey Kraynak, President, at arkraynak@aol.com.

Article II – Purpose:

Section 1. OHCFR shall be a non-profit educational and professional organization. **OHCFR values the diversity of its membership, which is shaped by our historical, cultural, economic, and social contexts. This diversity strengthens our research, scholarship, and practice. OHCFR is committed to be a reflection of the communities we serve and to encourage diversity within our membership and board.**

Section 2. The objectives of OHCFR are as follows: To

B. ~~conduct annual state wide conferences and workshops~~ **provide and promote professional learning opportunities which focus on areas of individual and family life.**

D. ~~encourage research into individual and family functioning and needs~~ **promote evidence-based practices in the field of family science.**

Article III- Relationship to the National Council on Family Relations

Addition of Section 3. As an affiliate of NCFR and a 501c (3) organization, OHCFR does not engage in political activities or endorse commercial products or services. Any reference to a specific product or service in our publications/social media is for public information and convenience and does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation by OHCFR.

Article IV: Membership and Membership Dues

Section 1: All paid Ohio professional and student NCFR members automatically become members of OHCFR, ~~their dues being collected as part of the national members dues paid to NCFR and returned to OHCFR in the amount determined by NCFR. It shall be the OHCFR policy to actively encourage all members and interested individuals to join NCFR.~~ **NCFR membership dues are collected as part of NCFR membership and a predetermined portion is provided to OHCFR.**

Section 2. Any person interested in the purposes of OHCFR shall be eligible for membership upon payment of annual NCFR or OHCFR dues. It shall be OHCFR policy to actively encourage all affiliate members and interested individuals to join NCFR.

Article V – Advisory Board

Section 2. The board shall consist of the following officers... In addition to the officers, the Advisory Board of OHCFR shall consist of

A: change terms of office from ~~three-year~~ for professional board members to ~~three-year~~

C: change terms of student board members from ~~two-year~~ to ~~two-year term~~

B. ~~a~~ ~~one~~ new professional elected from the membership to serve a ~~three~~-year term.

D. Addition to allow for ad hoc board members. ~~up to three ad hoc board members who are appointed by the board to a minimum two-year term. Eligibility for an ad hoc position shall be limited to those who ran for a board position.~~

Article VIII – Meetings

Section 1. OHCFR shall hold its annual ~~conference and~~ business meeting at a time and place to be chosen by the board.