

I have been spending a lot of time reading your Chapter newsletters and find that some of them are not abiding by our Bylaws. In Article IX Chapters, Section 2, Membership, the Bylaws state that "The Officers and governing body of each chapter shall be MAFCA members. Each chapter shall regularly publicize and encourage support of all MAFCA policies and programs. Each chapter shall strongly advocate that all its members be MAFCA members. MAFCA membership shall not, however, be a prerequisite to membership in a chapter."

Some of your newsletters don't mention MAFCA membership; don't list the MAFCA website where they can join MAFCA; don't have MAFCA National events listed in your calendars; and don't include the MAFCA logo. Please look at your newsletters and make sure you are in compliance.

One of the things we accomplished at the June Board of Directors meeting in Marquette, Michigan, was the approval of the Policy numbered P2S05-Y Chapter Touring Award. To find this policy on the mafca.com website, go to the Policies page and you should find it there very soon. It is just for the Chapter Touring Award.

Other things we accomplished at that Board meeting can be found on the mafca.com website, click on "What's New" on the top banner, then go to Communications page and click on it and you will find the Highlights of all of the MAFCA Board of Directors meetings. Please feel free to reprint any or all of these Highlights in your newsletters to keep your members apprised of what's going on at MAFCA.

Upcoming MAFCA events are the National Awards Banquet in Charleston, SC, to be held December 9-12, 2012, and the 2013 MAFCA National Tour – Blue Ridge Parkway to be held May 6-10, 2013. For more information on these events, go to mafca.com and click on the links on the home page.

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