

## **2017 Membership Quorum Resolution #1**

**RE:** Section 4.12 (Membership Categories) of the Policy Manual

**INTENT:** Amend the APCO Policy Manual (PM) to permit Online Members under the Agency Group Membership category to receive the discount that Full and Associate categories of membership enjoy when it comes to Annual Conference registration and online classes.

**MAKER:** Board of Directors (in consultation with the Membership and Chapter Services Committee)  
*Note: The Board voted on 9/17/2016 to recommend Membership Quorum adoption of this amendment.*

To the 2017 Membership Quorum:

WHEREAS (1), Agency Group Members have requested exceptions to a previous blanket prohibition against making discounts available to Online Members to permit such discounts for online classes and Annual Conference registration; and,

WHEREAS (2), not applying such discounts to Online Members of an Agency Group Member has become difficult to justify especially for the Annual Conference that is the premier professional development event of the year for APCO and when those same agencies were sending Full or Associate Members at the discounted price; and,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the PM be amended to permit Online Members under the Agency Group Membership Category to receive the discount that Full and Associate categories of membership enjoy when it comes to Annual Conference registration and online classes.

Scroll below for the amendment to subsection 7.2.4 of PM chapter 4.12 in track changes mode:

### Online Member

- 7.1 The “Online Member” category is reserved for individuals who otherwise meet the requirements of Section 1.1.1 or 2.1.1 above and, based on Association policy, are eligible to enjoy essentially online privileges only.
- 7.2 Individuals in the “Online Member” category shall not be issued a membership card and shall NOT:
  - 7.2.1 have the right to vote on any matter brought before the Membership Quorum, the Executive Council, the Board of Directors, nor within any Chapter of the Association;
  - 7.2.2 have the right to hold elected office within the Association, though service on Committees or Task Forces is permissible;
  - 7.2.3 be eligible for any of the Membership Designations in this Article, except the number of years as an “Online Member” shall count toward the minimum years of membership required for such Designations; or
  - 7.2.4 be eligible for ~~any~~ discounts on services provided by the Association, except member discounts for online classes and Annual Conference registration would be permitted.

### **Attachment**

- Summary Notice – *Public Safety Communications*, pg 25, July/August 2017

# APCO Membership to Consider Modifications to Online Member Benefits at 2017 Quorum Meeting

**A**t the 2017 Membership Quorum, the voting membership of APCO International will consider a Board-endorsed proposal to permit Online Members under the Group Membership Category to receive the discount that Full and Associate categories of membership enjoy when it comes to Annual Conference registration and online classes.

The amendment grants these exceptions to a previous blanket prohibition against making discounts available to Online Members under subsection 7.2.4 of chapter 4.12 of the Policy Manual (PM).

Under the amendment, "Individuals in the 'Online Member' category shall not ... be eligible for discounts on services provided by the Association, except member discounts for online classes and Annual Conference registration would be permitted."

Since the discount for online classes fell within the intent, under PM 4.12:7.1, of allowing Online Members to "enjoy essentially online privileges only," this practice has been administratively implemented, but is being codified expressly at this time.

The proposed Annual Conference registration discount was reviewed and recommended by the

Member & Chapter Services Committee. The Board of Directors voted on September 17, 2016 to submit the amendment and recommend its adoption by a required majority vote of the Membership Quorum.

Not applying the discount to Online Members of a Group Member agency has become difficult to justify when those same agencies were sending Full or Associate Members to the Annual Conference at the discounted price.

## Learn More

The summaries on this page are accurate as of press time on May 22, 2017. For the final and full text of the proposed Quorum amendment and supporting material, visit [www.apcointl.org/governance](http://www.apcointl.org/governance) (you will be prompted to enter your membership password).

Pursuant to Policy Manual 2.6:6, only a summary of the proposed Quorum amendments have been published in this magazine. Voting-eligible members of APCO International are encouraged to download the full text from the above

Both provisions are likely to have no adverse implications on revenues as the changes will tend to grow program participation. In particular, most Online Members simply do not register for the Annual Conference upon finding out they are not eligible to receive the discounted rate.

Consult the "Learn More" box on this page for information on how to access the full text and supporting material associated with the proposed Quorum amendment. ●

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## Membership Quorum Meetings

- First Business Meeting (discussion), Sun., Aug. 13 at 4:00 p.m. (MDT)
- Second Business Meeting (vote), Tues., Aug. 15 at 4:00 p.m. (MDT)