

**Key Changes to NIRA Atlanta Bylaws  
09.01.04**

<b>Bylaws Category</b>	<b>Previous Bylaws</b>	<b>Revised Bylaws</b>
<b>1. Board of Directors</b>	the Board should consist of seven members, five of whom are Chapter officers and two of whom are non-officer directors	the Board should consist of five Chapter officers and as many Directors at Large as the Board deems necessary
	non-officer directors are elected for two year terms on a staggering basis so that one new non-officer director is elected each year	officers and non-officer directors are elected to annual terms of office
	Board members may not serve more than two consecutive terms	Board members may not serve more than four consecutive terms
	no bylaw regarding officer service tenure	officer may serve more than two consecutive years in the same Board position
	no bylaw regarding Board member recruitment	the Board should make a good faith effort to recruit new people onto the Board each year, with the objective of having three positions held by people new to the Board
<b>2. Chapter Officers</b>	no requirements to become the Chapter President	the President must have served as a Board member for at least one year before being eligible for the President position
<b>3. Election of Officers</b>	the nominating committee provides the chapter Secretary a list of nominees to include with the notice of the annual meeting; a slate of proposed nominations can also be provided to members electronically	the Chapter Secretary conducts a call-for-nominations electronically among the membership for two weeks beginning on the date set by the nominating committee; the nominating committee provides the Secretary with the list of nominees following the end of the two weeks; the Secretary distributes the list of nominees for an electronic vote by the membership; candidates receiving a majority of the votes cast are deemed elected
<b>4. Annual Meeting</b>	annual meeting held in April	in lieu of an annual meeting, the President will issue a report to the membership no later than September 15 each year. The report will address, at minimum, the financial condition of the Chapter and may include other information the President wishes to share, including goals, re-cap of the previous year's highlights and achievements, etc.
<b>5. Membership Dues</b>	the Board of Directors establishes annual dues for membership for each fiscal year; the Board will announce dues for the coming fiscal year to the members at the April annual meeting	the Board of Directors establishes annual dues for membership and communicates that information to the membership