



International Academy of Mediators

REPORT ON PROPOSED IAM BY-LAW ADDITION

Recently a situation occurred wherein an International Academy of Mediators member in good standing voluntarily submitted their resignation from the Academy. Subsequently, that former member sought readmission to the IAM.

The present IAM By-Laws do not address the issue of how this situation should be handled. IAM President Jon Fidler asked that his designated Ex-Officios discuss this matter and propose language to be added to the IAM By-Laws, subject to Board approval.

What follows are two suggestions for additional language for inclusion in the By-Laws:

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In exercising said discretion, the Board of Governors may consider the individual circumstances behind the prior withdrawal or lapse in membership status and the former member's reasons or basis for seeking reinstatement at this time.

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