Bylaws of the International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors

The Bylaws of the International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors (IAMFC) were approved by the Governing Council of the American Counseling Association on October 10, 2017. The IAMFC Bylaws were revised by the IAMFC Bylaws Committee. The members of the Bylaws Committee are:

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The IAMFC Bylaws are rules adopted by IAMFC. These bylaws represent the rules adopted by IAMFC to regulate its affairs, to clarify its government for its members, and to identify the responsibilities of its officers. The bylaws specify the qualifications for as well as the rights of members. In essence, the IAMFC Bylaws contain the written rules for the Association. The attached IAMFC Bylaws contain a total of seventeen (17) articles which are expanded and clarified with sections.

In comparison to earlier IAMFC Bylaws, the 2017 revision had several changes in terms of sentence structure. In addition to these changes, the 2017 IAMFC Bylaws contain the following changes:

- **Article III** – The membership categories are highlighted. The category of Emeritus Member has been added.
- **Article IV** – The description of the duties of each officer is more explicit. Section 2 defines the role of the governing council representative. Section 17 involving serving on other boards was added.
- **Article VI** – The powers of the Board of Directors was expanded (see Section 1). Section 14 clarifies compensation.
- **Article VII** – The formation of chapters has been expanded in Section 1.
- **Article XV** – This article experienced a major revision.

The 2017 IAMFC Bylaws are available on the IAMFC website. The Bylaws Committee encourages IAMFC members to visit the website and review the IAMFC Bylaws. This year (2017) the IAMFC Code of Ethics was revised. The IAMFC Code of Ethics is also available on the IAMFC website.

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