

2016 Bylaw Changes Proposed New Wording, Timeline and Tasks

Section 2. Notice and Discussion. The Secretary shall give notice of the proposed changes to all members of the Society not less than six weeks before a general business meeting, and opportunities shall be given for discussion at this general business meeting. Not more than eight weeks (sixteen weeks should an amendment be proposed) after this general business meeting, the Secretary shall make available to all members the proposed change, an explanation of the purposes for the change, a ballot, and the effective date of the change if approved.

Original and Proposed Wording

1. Original Wording- BYLAW V. OFFICERS: a. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Society, performing all duties required by the Bylaws and Policies as well as any additional duties specified by the Policy Council. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Policy Council and of the Society.

Proposed NEW Wording- BYLAW V. OFFICERS: a. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Policy Council and of the Society, performing all duties required by the Bylaws and Policies as well as any additional duties specified by the Policy Council.

2. Original Wording- BYLAW V. OFFICERS: Founding President. The founding President shall serve as an advisor to the Policy Council.

Proposed NEW Wording- BYLAW V. OFFICERS: Founding President: The Founding President shall serve as a non-voting advisor to the Policy Council.

3. Original Wording- Section 1. Title and Authority. The officers of the Society shall be a President; a President Elect; a Past President, Founding President, one or more Vice Presidents, as specified by the Policy Council; and a Secretary.

Proposed NEW Wording- Section 1. Title and Authority. The officers of the Society shall be a President; a President Elect; a Past President, one or more Vice Presidents, as specified by the Policy Council; and a Secretary.

Timeline and Tasks

By June 7, 2016- The **Secretary** shall distribute copies of the proposed change to all members of the Society not less than six weeks before a **general business** meeting.

July 19 (?), 2016- opportunities shall be given for discussion at the **general business** meeting.

July 20-September 13, 2016- IF **NO CHANGES** TO PROPOSED WORDING- the **Secretary** shall distribute to all members copies of the proposed change, an explanation of the purposes for the change, ballot forms, and the effective date of the change if approved. (this can be done up to eight weeks after business meeting).

OR

(Same as above) By June 7, 2016- The **Secretary** shall distribute copies of the proposed change to all members of the Society not less than six weeks before a **general business** meeting.

(Same as above) July 19 (?), 2016- opportunities shall be given for discussion at the **general business** meeting.

July 20-August 16, 2016- IF CHANGES ARE MADE TO THE PROPOSED WORDING- the Policy Council shall have the right to submit an amendment to a change proposed by petition in light of the discussion at the general business meeting. In this case, not more than four weeks after the general business meeting, the Secretary shall make available to all members the proposed amendment, an explanation of the purposes for the amendment, and a ballot.

VOTING deadline to be determined by the Secretary- Not more than **eight weeks** after the resolution of the amendment, the general membership will vote on the petitioned change, as amended or not. No vote shall be counted unless marked by a member in good standing to indicate his choice, and received for review by the Secretary *not later than a date specified by the Secretary*, provided that this date is not less than sixty days after the ballot is made available. The Bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members qualified to vote and voting, provided that one quarter of the members qualified to vote participate.