

Bylaws Review Committee Report

Spring 2018

The Bylaws Review Committee has been working on this project since 2015. We are down to the final 2 changes. Much time and effort has gone into the creation of the draft bylaws. I want to thank the committee members for their wonderful ideas, comments and willingness to compromise. And I thank the Board for the actions already taken on this project.

The Board review of the DRAFT bylaws has so far approved the following:

1. Article III, Membership – Section 2 and 5.
2. Article IV, Meetings – All changes, with modified wording in Section 2, (a).
3. Article V, Section 3 (d) - carried with modified wording
 Section 3,(h)
 Section 3 (j) - All changes
4. Article VI, no changes recommended, approved by Board motion
3. Article X, Amendments – All changes

Also, as directed by the Board, the following has been added to Article II, Purpose, Section 2 (c):

“The American Iris Society is concerned with Irises as the Genus Iris is known in the line of thought exemplified by Dykes’s Monograph, AIS checklists, Mathew’s The Genus Iris, The British Iris Society’s Guide to Species Irises, and Goldblatt and Manning’s The Iris Family (2008).”

That leaves the following items still requiring Board review.

Article V Board of Directors

Recommended

At the Fall 2017 meeting, the Board directed the committee to do the following:

1. expand the committee and return a recommendation on the Section 3, (b), RVP Representative to the Board.

The expanded committee recommends the following wording:

(b) One director who is a Regional Vice President in **the first or second year** of that office shall be elected by the AIS Board of Counselors at its annual spring meeting and shall hold office until a successor is duly elected and qualified. The term shall be **for one year, that** is from the adjournment of the AIS Board of Directors meeting in the spring to the adjournment at the next Spring AIS Board of

Directors Meeting. However, a first year RVP Representative may be elected for a second year as RVP Rep if the AIS Board of Counselors so elects.

2. Section 5, reword the appointment of RVPs, splitting the ideas into subsections.

Proposed:

“Section 5. The AIS Board of Directors shall confirm the Regional election of an AIS Regional Vice President to preside over each official AIS Region.

(a)The AIS Board of Directors shall, as deemed necessary in furtherance of the purposes of the AIS, rescind or change the designated boundaries of such official AIS Regions, and the appointment of affected AIS Regional Vice Presidents shall be rescinded or altered as necessary.

(b)AIS Regional Vice Presidents shall be confirmed annually by the AIS Board of Directors at its fall meeting. The term of office for an AIS Regional Vice President is one year, beginning at the date of appointment, and no AIS Regional Vice President shall serve for more than three successive years. An AIS Regional Vice President who has served for three successive years shall again become eligible for appointment as AIS Regional Vice President after being out of the office for one year.”

Clarification of Article V, Section 3, (h), passed at the Fall Board meeting.

The committee recommendation removed the last clause of the first paragraph – “unless filling a salaried position and accepting compensation for services rendered in that position in furtherance of the purposes of the AIS.”

In the published motion the clause is still there. The most likely explanation is that the copying did not pick up the strikethrough from the revised bylaws document.

The final text of this paragraph should read:

“(h) Officers holding the following positions shall be members ex officio of the board of directors: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor. These officers shall have full voting powers.

Any member of the AIS Board of Directors who holds a salaried position in AIS shall recuse himself/herself from any vote coming before the Board that may possibly impact his/her position. If there is doubt about the impact, the AIS President shall make the determination of whether the salaried person shall be excused from voting.”

Following Board action on the above, the committee seeks guidance on the next steps to distribute the proposed changes to the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

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