

Bylaws Review Committee Report

Fall 2017

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
3. Article V, 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 discussion.

Article V Board of Directors

Recommended

Wording changes for electronic communications

Section 5 – rewording the appointment of RVPs

For Board discussion

Section 3, (b) change to the composition of the RVP board membership. Proposed wording is highlighted. There is strong feeling in the group that the RVP rep should serve for 2 years for continuity and therefore be elected from the pool of first and second year RVPs.

Section 3 (d) – proposed term limits. Should Directorship be limited to a specific number of total terms? Should Committee Chairs also be limited?

Section 3 (h) - voting status of salaried positions. See also Article VII Section 9. Proposed wording allows voting by Board members who also hold salaried positions, once recused from issues affecting their paid position.

Section 4. – (a) Nominating committee to serve for 3 years instead of 1 year.

Additional change to Article IV, Meetings, Section 2 (a) newly proposed in Blue below:

Section 2. General meetings shall be called and held annually or from time to time, and be national, regional, area or local.

(a) National general meetings shall be called only by the AIS Board of Directors, which shall determine the time and place of such meetings, with appropriate advance notice published in the *AIS Bulletin*, **mailed by letter, or sent electronically to the AIS membership. and/or on the AIS website.**

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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