

Bylaws Review Committee Report

Spring 2017

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

1. Article IV, Meetings – all changes
2. Article III, Membership – Section 2 and 5.

The following items still require Board discussion.

Article V Board of Directors

Recommended

Wording changes for electronic communications

Section 3, (j) Allow the President to request additional candidates to fill vacant positions.

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.

Article VI Committees

For Board discussion

Although there was discussion online about defining the authority of committees, we feel that this should be addressed in the definition of the committee rather than the bylaws. Normally a

committee has a stated purpose, outcome and perhaps a budget. The committee is limited to that purpose and budget.

If a committee is spending money on a project, then the Board needs to approve that expenditure, unless the item has previously been approved by the AIS Board in the budget for that committee. A brief report of committee work is what should be presented at the AIS Board meeting. Most committee reports are too lengthy, so the Board is always acting as a committee of the whole. The Board should trust the committees to do the work; if that is not happening, change the committee make-up.

Article X Amendments

Recommended

Wording changes for electronic communications. This is hoped to improve the amendment process without removing the safeguards built into the bylaw process.

Respectfully submitted,

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