

Proposed SCLA Bylaws Changes- Voting only

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Article 6- Nominations and Election of Officers , Section 1

Proposed Change: The President will appoint a Nominating Committee which will be composed of the Chairs of the Sections, with the immediate Past-President serving as Chair of this committee. Notice of the nominees will be given to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the election.

Current: The President, ~~with the approval of the Board of Directors~~, will appoint a Nominating Committee which will be composed of the Chairs of the Sections, with the immediate Past-President serving as Chair of this committee. Notice of the names placed in nomination will be given to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the election.

Reason: The nominating committee is clearly spelled out so further approval is unnecessary.

Article 6- Nominations and Election of Officers, Section 2

Proposed Change: The Nominating Committee will present the slate of officers to the Board of Directors by the summer Board of Directors meeting. The slate of officers will be presented to the membership **via an official channel** of the Association.

Current: The Nominating Committee shall present the slate of officers to the Board of Directors by the summer Board of Directors meeting. The slate of officers shall be presented to the membership **in an official publication** of the Association.

Reason: To allow for email or other e-announcement of candidates.

Article 6- Nominations and Election of Officers, Section 4

Proposed Change: Eliminate

Current: A majority of those attending the annual General Business Meeting will constitute elections.

Reason: To be consistent with revisions in our voting process.

Article 6- Nominations and Election of Officers, Section 5 (current)

Proposed Change:

Renumber as Section 4

Section and Round Table leadership nominees may be listed with the nominations of the Association. Only one nominee is required for each office.

Current: Section and Round Table nominees may be listed with the nominations of the Association. Only one nominee is required for each office.

Reason: Clarity.

Article 6- Nominations and Election of Officers, Section 5 (new)

Proposed Change: Nominations may also be made from the floor during the annual General Business Meeting. The nominator must have prior confirmation that the person nominated would agree to serve.

The nominee must be a current member in the Association. Any additional nominees will have their names, photos, and biographical sketches included on the online ballot. Self nomination is allowed.

Current: New

Reason: To allow for member input into the slate of candidates.

Article 6- Nominations and Election of Officers, Section 6

Proposed Change: Members will be able to vote online using a secure system that ensures each member can vote only once and that all votes remain anonymous. Voting will open after the General Business Meeting at the annual conference and will be available for fourteen days.

Current: Members are afforded the opportunity to vote via online or paper ballots. When an online method is used a secure software system will be used that ensures the members can only vote once and ensures that voting is anonymous. Paper ballots are numbered.

Reason: To be consistent with revisions in our voting process.

Article 6- Nominations and Election of Officers, Section 7

Proposed Change: After the voting period ends, the Executive Director will inform the President and First Vice-President of the election results. A plurality of votes cast will be necessary to win an election. In case of a tie vote, the successful candidate will be determined by lot. All nominees will be notified immediately of the results. The membership will be informed of the election outcome within seven days after the election ends.

Current: The President appoints a committee of three Tellers who will confer and verify the voting results. In the event of paper ballots, one teller will meet with the Executive Director to witness and verify the opening and counting of the ballots. Upon completion of the vote tally, the Executive Director will notify the President, First Vice-President/President-Elect, of the election results. The nominees will be notified immediately of the election results. The results will be reported to the membership before the conclusion of the Annual conference.

Reason: To be consistent with revisions in our voting process.

Article 8- Executive Committee, Section 5

Proposed Change: A vote of the Executive Committee may be conducted by email.

Current: A vote of the Executive Committee may be taken by mail or electronically at the written request of the President. Such a vote will have the force and effect of a vote taken at a meeting.

Reason: Remove the option to vote by mail, clarity.

Article 10- American Library Association Councilor, Section 1

Proposed Change: The ALA Councilor is elected by the membership of the Association. The Nominating Committee selects the candidate(s) who hold membership in the American Library Association. Candidates are included with the Association's slate of officers.

Current: The ALA Councilor is elected by the entire membership of the Association. The Nominating Committee selects the candidate(s) who holds membership in the American Library

Association. One candidate may be selected for inclusion on the Association's slate of officers. **If two or more candidates are selected, a separate ballot is prepared and provided to the membership.**

Reason: It is not necessary to have a special ballot if we have multiple candidates for ALA councilor.

Article 15- Meetings , Section 2

Proposed Change: Eliminate

Current: One third of the membership registered at an annual meeting will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Reason: To harmonize with our new voting procedures.

Article 15- Meetings , Section 3

Proposed Change: Eliminate

Current: A minimum of fifty members will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a called meeting of the Association.

Reason: To harmonize with our new voting procedures.

Article 15- Meetings , Section 2 (new)

Proposed Change: The purpose of the annual meeting will be to update members on the work, accomplishments and challenges currently facing the Association. The slate of officers will be announced at this meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor per Article 6, section 5. Any other business requiring membership vote will be announced at this meeting.

Current: new

Reason: To harmonize with our new voting procedures.

Article 15- Section 3 (new)

Proposed Change: Information will be distributed to members 30 days in advance of the meeting. Voting will be conducted via a secure and anonymous electronic system.

Current: new

Reason: To give our members reasonable notice so they can make informed choices.

Article 17- Amendments, Section 2

Proposed Change: Notice of proposed amendments will be distributed to all voting members at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of voting online.

Current: Notice of proposed amendments will be distributed to all voting members at least thirty (30) days prior to the vote at a Membership meeting or deadline to vote online or for return of paper ballots, in accordance with the provision of Article VI, Section 5.

Reason: To harmonize with our new voting procedures.

Article 17- Amendments, Section 3

Proposed Change: To amend the bylaws, at least 10% of voting members must participate in the vote. Among those who vote, a two-thirds majority is required to approve the amendment.

Current: The bylaws may be amended at a Membership meeting by the affirmative two-thirds vote of the members present and voting; or, through a vote in an election, by two-thirds of the voting members responding, provided that at least 10% of the Voting members vote online or return their paper ballots.

Reason: To harmonize with our new voting procedures, clarity.

Article 17- Amendments, Section 4

Proposed Change: Upon adoption of any amendments to the Bylaws, the new bylaws will be made available to the members online.

Current: Section 4. Upon adoption of any amendments to the Bylaws, they will be published in the next issue of one of the Association's official publications.

Reason: To ensure our members have access to the new bylaws.