

Proposed by-law amendments to be voted on by the members at the Annual Meeting to be held on May 16, 2024.

Proposed Amendment to By-Laws Concerning Nominations

The time frame and procedure in the current by-laws makes it difficult for the Nominating Committee report to be checked for conformance to the by-laws in time to meet the deadline for notification to the membership. This amendment will get the report directly to the holders of the records needed to check conformance earlier in the process.

Current Wording

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS, RESIGNATIONS AND TERMINATIONS FROM OFFICE OR COMMITTEE

Section 2. Nominations

- B. A slate to fill vacant and expiring positions shall be prepared by the Nominating Committee and submitted to the Board of Directors by April 1 for review to ensure that all candidates are paid active members and that the slate is otherwise in conformance with these by-laws.
- C. The slate with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall be presented to the Society one month before the Annual Meeting by presentation at the April meeting of the Society and by posting on the society website and in The Hourglass.

Proposed Wording

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- B. A slate to fill vacant and expiring positions shall be prepared by the Nominating Committee and submitted to the Board of Directors, *and to the Membership Secretary and the Recording Secretary* by April 1 for review to ensure that all candidates are paid active members and that the slate is otherwise in conformance with these by-laws.
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Proposed Amendments to By-Laws Concerning Building Rentals

The Board, along with an ad hoc Rentals Committee, has spent some considerable time reviewing all aspects of our building rental policy. Going forward the Board is proposing to handle rentals differently than we have done in the past. These changes should create a more streamlined rental process. The following by-law amendments are needed to enable these changes.

Current Wording

ARTICLE IV - ELECTED OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES, NEWSLETTER EDITOR, OTHER PERSONNEL, AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 6. Standing Committees

D. Property

5. Shall annually review the policy of rentals and specific fees for use of the Society facilities, and shall submit recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval by August 1. Rentals to individuals will be restricted to members only (approved by Board of Directors May 1995).
6. Shall delegate authority to the custodian to:
 - a. Inform renters of fees according to the approved rental policy
 - b. Approve all applications and make necessary arrangements with the party of the rental.
 - c. Shall exercise judgment in meeting requests, or in situations that are extraordinary, obtain approval of the Board of Directors
 - Uses that may have a detrimental effect on the property;
 - Groups or individuals that formerly used facilities and problems occurred;
 - Requests for uses involving sales; rentals of the facilities on a repeated basis during the year.

Proposed Wording

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D. Property

5. Shall annually review the policy of rentals and specific fees for use of the Society facilities, and shall submit recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval by August 1. *Society members and non-profit organizations shall receive a discounted rental rate.*
6. Shall delegate authority to the *Rental Coordinator* to:
 - a. Inform renters of fees according to the approved rental policy
 - b. Approve all applications and make necessary arrangements with the party of the rental.
 - c. Shall exercise judgment in meeting requests, or in situations that are extraordinary, obtain approval of the Board of Directors
 - Uses that may have a detrimental effect on the property;
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 - Requests for uses involving sales; rentals of the facilities on a repeated basis during the year.

Current Wording

ARTICLE 5 - TERMS OF OFFICE

- E. Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter Editor shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to an indefinite term.

Proposed Wording

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1. Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter Editor shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to an indefinite term.
2. Rental Coordinator. *The Rental Coordinator shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to an indefinite term.*