

Language to amend the bylaws to reflect the suggestion to extend the term of service for the Program office from 2 to 3 years

Suggested change in wording to (key changes in wording are in bold):

“Officers of the Division shall be a Chair, Chair-Elect, Program Officer, Program Officer-Elect, Secretary, and a Secretary-Elect. The term of office for the Chair, Chair-Elect, and Secretary shall be for two (2) years. **The term for Program Officer shall be for three (3) years.** The term of office for the Program Officer-Elect and Secretary-Elect shall be for one (1) year.”

“The Program Officer shall arrange programs for the meetings of the Division. He/she shall be elected for a term of **three (3)** years. The Program Officer shall coordinate special programs with the Program Officers of the Society and of related societies and divisions, as desirable.

Language to amend the bylaws to more clearly describe how the grad student/post-doc representative is chosen, the duration of their term as well as clearly describing their role as a non-voting member of the divisional executive committee.

The Division Chair shall appoint a Graduate Student/Post-doc Representative for a term concurrent with the Division Chair. The Graduate Student/Post-doc Representative will contribute to the biannual Divisional newsletter and will serve on the Divisional Executive Committee as a non-voting member.”

Language to amend the bylaws for elections such that when more than two candidates are nominated for a position the election winner will be decided by a plurality of the vote taken if a majority is not achieved by a single candidate. As it is currently written no winner is declared without a majority of the vote, which would necessitate a run-off election. In addition language has been added to clearly note that the grad student/post-doc representative is a member of the divisional Executive Committee.

(Key changes in wording are in bold)

Article V. Officers

Officers of the Division shall be a Chair, a Chair-Elect, a Past Chair, a Program Officer and a Secretary; **The Officers plus the Graduate Student/Post-doc Representative shall constitute an Executive Committee responsible for divisional affairs.** The officers shall be elected by a **plurality** vote of the members conducted by a ballot prior to the annual meeting by a procedure consonant with the Bylaws of the Society for

Integrative and Comparative Biology. **At least two candidates should be placed on the ballot. In the event that the election results in a tie, the outcome will be determined by a majority vote of the elected officers of the Divisional Executive Committee. If the votes cast by the Executive Committee result in a tie, the deciding vote will be determined by the divisional Chair.** A brief biography of each candidate shall be made available on the ballot. The term of office of all elected officers and appointed representative shall begin at the end of the second SICB Executive Committee meeting at the Annual Meeting in the year the term is to begin and will end at the adjournment of the second SICB Executive Committee meeting at the Annual Meeting in the year the term is to expire. In the case when a divisional office is unexpectedly vacated, the following provisions are made: If the office of Secretary or Program Officer is vacated early, the Chair, in consultation with the Divisional Executive Committee, will appoint someone to serve until elections can be held to fill the position. If the office of Divisional Chair is vacant, the Divisional Executive Committee, in consultation with the SICB President, will appoint someone to be the interim Chair until an election is held.