

Proposed Amendments to the DOB bylaws Spring 2024

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Deletions= ~~strikethrough~~

Rationale: We are proposing changes to the bylaws to remove the Secretary-Elect position and change the Secretary position from a two year to a three year term. The Division of Botany has a small membership and this will reduce the number of elections needed for this position and the number of candidates to secure for each election.

Article V. Officers

Officers of the Division shall be Chair, Chair-Elect, Past Chair, Program Officer and Program Officer-Elect, and Secretary and Secretary-Elect. The Officers-Elect 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. In the event that the election results in a tie, the outcome will be determined by a majority vote 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. The term of office of all elected officers and appointed representative shall begin four weeks after the second SICB Executive Committee meeting at the Annual Meeting in the year the term is to begin and will end four weeks after 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, ~~Secretary-Elect~~, Program Officer or Program Officer-Elect is vacated early, the Chair, in consultation with the Divisional Executive Committee, will appoint an interim officer to serve until elections can be held to fill the position. If the office of Divisional Chair is vacated early, the Divisional Executive Committee, in consultation with the SICB President, will appoint someone to be the interim Chair until an election is held. If the office of Past Chair is vacated early, the position will be left open until the current Chair becomes the Past Chair.

Article XI. Secretary

The Secretary shall be editor of the Newsletter of the Division, shall be the recording secretary of the Division, and shall perform such other duties assigned by the Chair. The Secretary shall serve for ~~two~~ **three** years and shall be eligible for re-election.

~~Article XII. Secretary-Elect~~

~~The Secretary-Elect shall assist the Secretary and act for the Secretary when the latter is absent. The Secretary-Elect shall serve for a period of one year and then be automatically advanced to Secretary.~~