

EXPLANATION OF RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE AAPA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Changes will be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting on Friday, April 12, 2013 in Knoxville.

CONSTITUTION

Article I. Section 3. Added is a statement relating to incorporation. We are already incorporated (through Allen Press in Kansas), but we can't be too specific and name agencies. Being incorporated has various legal advantages.

Article II. Section 1. This clarifies the service of President-Elect and Past-President. It also specifies that all officers have voting privileges on the Executive Committee. Currently this is only specified for the President (see next entry), but practice is that all officers vote.

Article II. section 2. This is unnecessary language given the above change (Article II Section 1).

Article II. Section 6. Clarification of the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer. This specifically recognizing that this office oversees maintenance of our membership list, but the list itself is kept by our membership agent (currently Allen Press). As in other instances we do not want to specify Allen Press here as this could change in the future.

Article II. Section 7. This simply specifies that executive committee members must be regular members in good standing. This might be needed because executive committee members are not specified as officers.

Article II. Section 8. This addition specifies who actually serves as President-Elect and Past-President and prohibits concurrent service in more than one officer and editor position. It also specifies one term of service per position. The final sentence ensures that the Association keeps bringing new people into its leadership structure.

Article III. The word "Standing" is removed because this section now deals with all committees.

Article III. Section 1a. The word "elected" is added for extra clarity. The last sentence is unnecessary given the change proposed for Article II Section 8.

Article III. Section 1c. This change recognizes that we use outside agencies to help run the Association (Allen Press, insurance, auditing). This language is necessary to specify that the Executive Committee is empowered to enter into such arrangements when needed.

Article III. Section 2a. Section 2 is renamed 2a and deals specifically with standing committees. The Meetings Committee is removed as its function is now done by the Executive Committee. The Education and Diversity Committees are added as they have functioned for many years and give every appearance of continuing. We specify that one of the members of the Nominations Committee is the Chair, and we specify the current duties of the Chair of the Membership and Credentials Committee. Part of the chair of this committee's duties is also to oversee the membership record (along with the Secretary-Treasurer, see Article II. Section 6.)

Article III. Section 2b. This section is added to codify the role of the Local Arrangements Chair and Committee and to provide for the appointment of other ad hoc committees. Specific terms are given for ad hoc committees rather than technically having them go on forever. Currently there is no language for the very important LAC, and it is wise to add some.

Article III. Section 3. This is added to specify the structure for committee reports.

Article V. Section 1a. Language is added to specify that qualifications for regular membership apply to accomplishments in the discipline of physical anthropology. This gives the association an extra safeguard regarding designation of “regular member.”

Article V. Section 1b. This change in language allows for undergraduates to become student members and specifies the possibility of an extension of student membership beyond six years.

Article V. Section 1c. This change better specifies who is eligible for special membership. Under this change a student could still apply for special membership if desired.

Article V. Section 1d. This is added so that someone wanting to re-establish membership after a long hiatus would have to reapply. This gives the Association some control over situation where a member has been inactive for a long time to be certain they are still operating as a professional physical anthropologist.

Article VIII. Section 2. The Executive Committee appoints an Editor. The current language is left over from days gone by when everything was done at the business meeting, including elections for everything. The Association hasn't worked this way in several decades. This also specifies that the Editor has Executive Committee voting privileges. Again this has been our protocol for years, but it is not specified in the Constitution.

Article VIII. Section 3. The word “appropriate” is added as this procedure also applies to the *Yearbook* (see next Section).

Article VIII. Section 4. This section is added to indicate the status of the Yearbook as the association's “other” journal. This changes the previous Section 4 to Section 5.

Article VIII. Section 5. Clarifies the term of the Yearbook editor. Currently there are years where two individuals hold this title at the same time. Reducing the actual term to five years and specifying the relationship on the in-coming to the out-going editor removes any uncertainty about Executive Committee membership. Also this specifies voting privileges on the Executive Committee for the yearbook Editor. Again this has been our protocol for years. This needs to be specified in the Constitution.

BY LAWS

Chapter 1. Section 2. These changes relate to the timing and manner of how we nominate and vote for officers and executive board members. This is done now in January, thus the first change. In case

there's any confusion about the next change, it's just editorial. The opportunity to nominate someone if 20 members agree has always been in the by-laws. This would have to be done early, while the nominating committee is doing their work. But if anyone ever did this, the Association would have to put that name on the ballot. Finally, ballots are no longer returned because we vote electronically and this does not go directly to the nominating committee chair, but to Allen Press.

Chapter 1. Section 3. The nominations committee chair no longer counts the ballots but simply certifies the results given by Allen. That chair then reports to the executive committee. Likewise the executive committee can no longer count the ballots but simply certifies the results.

Chapter 1. Section 4. This has likely not been changed since the business meeting actually did the elections. This change simply removes this and specifies when new officers take office.

Chapter II. Section 1. There are many changes to how applications for membership are processed. That process is on line, so it is really an application process largely. This is to the Association's advantage in terms of keeping membership numbers up. However, the changes still allow for nominations and specify how that is to be done. The changes to student membership reflect how this has been done for many years, as does the fact that the membership materials go to the Chair of the Membership and Credentials Committee and not to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Chapter II. Section 3. This change in who presents the list of proposed members simply reflects how it has done this for many years.

Chapter III. Section 1. Again, the Association does not elect officers at the business meeting, but it does elect new members. This change only codifies that.

Chapter III. Section 2. This simply specifies who determines the presence of a quorum.

Chapter IV. Section 1. Our dues include the journal cost. It's not dues plus the journal subscription.

Chapter IV. Section 2. This has been changed to more current language.

Chapter IV. Section 3. This removes reference to a specific age. That reference seems inappropriate today.

Chapter IV. Section 5. It is not a good idea to remove anyone so quickly. Many times people just forget to pay but ultimately do. It is harder to hold on to members now with the journal so easily available on line.

Chapter V. Section 1. The appointment (election) of an editor by the executive committee is no longer approved at a business meeting.

Chapter VI. Section 3. We now have two editors, and the appointments made to such positions are no longer approved by the general membership.