



Restated Bylaws Summary of Changes

Below is a summary of changes to the proposed Restated Bylaws.

General & Structural Updates

- References to the Governance and Operations Manual updated to a general “Governance document.”
- Minor grammatical, formatting, and consistency improvements throughout.

Article II – Membership

- Member removal process simplified, with details moved to “Governance document.”
- Honorary life membership selection criteria will be outlined in the Society’s standing rules.

Article III – Board of Directors and Officers

- Secretary position added as a non-voting role held by the Director of Operations.
- Higher Education representative added as ex-officio, non-voting member.
- Election timeline formalized:
 - Nominations open in the 3rd quarter
 - Elections held in the 4th quarter
- Four-year membership requirements have been removed, allowing newer members to serve on the Board.
- President-Elect eligibility changed from two years of Board service to one year.
- Maximum of two (2) terms, unless, the Board votes to grant an additional two (2) year term for a position added.

Article IV – Committees

- Standing committees are no longer listed in the bylaws; details will be maintained in the “Governance document.”

Article V – Executive Director

- Clarified description of the Executive Director’s role as the chief administrative officer.

Article VI – Operations

- Contract-signing authority requires explicit approval from the Board.
- Check-signing and financial control procedures now referenced in the Governance document.



- Added requirement for electronic backup of bylaws and records.
- Conflict-of-interest policy must be adopted annually.

Article VII – Regions

- Flexibility in Regional Meetings (“shall have” to “may have”).

Article VIII – Branch Sections

- Section on Branch Sections was removed entirely. The establishment and governance of Branches will be maintained in the Governance document.

Article VIII – Amendments

- Approval changed to Board vote (2/3) and removal of membership ratification.