

Bylaws Revisions Summary

May 2020

(Please refer to May 24, 2017 approved Bylaws for original wording. ~~Deleted.~~ New wording is underlined.)

Article IV. Board of Directors (BOD)

Line 3: ~~The Chair of SOAR shall be the Chair of the BOD.~~ Redundant.

Article V. Membership and Dues

Line 3: The dues shall be ~~fixed by the BOD or by a vote of~~ proposed by the BOD and confirmed by a vote of the membership at the annual meeting.

Article VI: Consultants

Line 2: ~~Between meetings of the Board,~~ Consultants shall report to the Chair of the BOD and/or Chair of the committee involved in such services.

Article VII: Meetings

3rd paragraph under Board of Directors: Added the word Meetings in the title.

Members of the BOD ~~attend meetings and~~ serve on at least one committee.

4th paragraph under Committee Meetings: Added the word Meetings.

~~Other~~ Committees shall meet as needed at the call of their respective Chairs.

Article IX: Officer Responsibilities

Under Chair: Calls and presides at meetings of the BOD, the annual meeting, and other meetings of the Membership;

Represents the organization involving media and public relations events;

Under Vice Chair: ~~Provides primary leadership in outreach to prospective and new members and to former members.~~ We all do this!

Under Secretary: Added Keeps Policies and Procedures document current.

Under Treasurer: The Treasurer maintains ~~three~~ two ledgers. (*FYI: They are the General Ledger and The Events Ledger.*)

Added The Treasurer supplies a report at each BOD meeting on SOAR's income, expenses, and account balance as well as Expenses by Budget Category.

Article X: Standing Committees ~~and Their Responsibilities~~

This is where the biggest revision happened; the BOD moved the delineated list of each committee's responsibilities to the internal document called **BOD Policies & Procedures (P&P.)** Changes in these responsibilities happen often, and the BOD finds it much easier to update a document used primarily by the Board rather than the Bylaws that, with *any* change, must be approved by membership vote. This action will allow the Board to keep its inner workings current and save funds by not having to reprint the Bylaws for what is often a simple change in wording or a new responsibility based on current trends. The P&P is available for perusal by the membership; there is a copy in the office.

Proposed new Standing Committees are as follows: Archives Committee; Presenter Communications Committee; Publications Committee; and Registration Committee. (Presenter and Registration were combined at one point; that no longer works best for the BOD.)

Article XII. ~~Amendments~~ Revisions

These bylaws may be ~~amended~~ revised at the annual meeting, ~~or other meeting of the membership,~~ by a ~~two-thirds~~ majority vote of the members present. Members shall be notified a minimum of two (2) weeks in advance.