

MAPS Strategic Planning Committee Recommendations for By-Laws Changes

Article III. Section 4. The President-Elect shall assist the President and in ~~his/her~~ **their** absence or vacancy of office shall perform or assume ~~his/her~~ **their** duties.

Rationale: Change to gender-neutral language.

Article IV. Section 4. The Constitution Review Committee shall advise the President as to the constitutionality of policies, procedures, motions and proposed amendments and ~~periodically recommended~~ updates to the Constitution and By-Laws. This committee should consist of a ~~Chairman~~ **Chairperson** appointed by the President, and at least two other members appointed by the ~~chairman~~ **Chair**.

Rationale: Update language for clarity. Change to gender-neutral language.

Article IV. Section 5. The ~~chairman~~ **Chairperson** of the Constitution Review Committee shall act as ~~p~~Parliamentarian of the Society.

Rationale: Capitalize the title of the position and change to gender-neutral language.

Article IV Section 10. ~~The Publications Committee shall consist of a Chairperson appointed by the President and at least one other member appointed by the Chairperson. The Publications~~ **This** Committee shall coordinate the publications of the Society, solicit articles for publication, and provide a regional contributing editor for the IPS journal - the PLANETARIAN

Rationale: The work of this committee requires more than one person; the additional person(s) can assist in soliciting advertising articles from vendors, and news and contributions from committees, and will act as the contributing editor to the IPS PLANETARIAN.

Article V. Section 2C. The nominated candidates must provide the Elections Committee ~~Chairman~~ **Chairperson** with a biography no later than November 30th. If a biography is not received by that date, then no biography will be provided to the membership for that candidate.

Rationale: Change to gender-neutral language.

Article V. Section 5. Officers will assume their positions ~~at the conclusion of the annual business Meeting on June 1 of the year they are elected.~~

Rationale: To provide Officers with a full two-year term, since the annual conference dates are flexible and have ranged from April to October.

Article VI. Section 6 D. Election results will be announced by the Audit Committee during the business meeting at the annual conference, and ~~in~~ the Spring Issue of the CONSTELLATION, and/or electronically.

Rationale: Update language for clarity.

Article VIII Section 3. The Society shall indemnify its officers against all liabilities and damages, including expenses actually and necessarily incurred, whether during or as a result of holding office, which may arise in connection with ~~his/her~~ their conduct of the Society's business; provided, however, that such indemnification shall not be made when specifically denied by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee (excluding the indemnification claimant or claimants) based solely upon the discretion of the committee and taken at any time prior to actual making of indemnification in question.

Rationale: Change to gender-neutral language.