



Date: August 2016

To: ASHNR *Active* (Voting) Members

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Rules Committee Chair

Subject: Proposed Amendments to ASHNR Bylaws

On behalf of the ASHNR 2015-2016 Rules Committee and Executive Committee, the following are proposed amendments to the ASHNR Bylaws to be voted on at the September 10, 2016 Annual Business Meeting held during the 50th Annual Meeting. If approved, the amendments would take effect immediately.

Note: Bring this document with you to the Annual Business Meeting.

~~Crossed-out words~~ would be eliminated and wording appearing in **bold** would be added.

Proposal #1- Create an Education Committee Vice Chair Position

Current Wording 10.3 Education Committee - The Education Committee shall consist of at least five—members: the Chair and at least four additional members. The Education Committee Chair shall be nominated via the process specified in Section 10.711 of these Bylaws. The other members of the Education Committee shall be selected by the President, after consultation with the Education Committee Chair.

10.32 Term - The term for each member of the Education Committee shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting at which he/she was appointed and shall continue until the close of the next Annual Meeting.

Proposed Wording 10.3 Education Committee - The Education Committee shall consist of at least ~~five~~**six** members: the Chair, **Vice Chair**, and at least four additional members. The Education Committee **Vice Chair** shall be nominated via the process specified in Section 10.711 of these Bylaws. The ~~other~~ members of the Education Committee, **with the exception of the Chair and Vice Chair**, shall be selected by the President, after consultation with the Education Committee Chair.

10.32 Term - The term for each member of the Education Committee shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting at which he/she was appointed and shall continue until the close of the next Annual Meeting. **Upon completion of his/her term, the Vice Chair shall progress to Education Committee Chair for a one-year term.**

Rationale: To provide an opportunity for the Vice Chair to become familiar with the abstract submission/acceptance procedures for one year before assuming the role of Education Committee Chair.

Proposal #2- Expand the Procedure for Approving Bylaws Amendments

Current Wording 9.0 Amendments

9.1 Notice of a proposed amendment shall be furnished by the Secretary to all members of the Society entitled to vote at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. An affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of those present at the Annual Meeting is needed for amending these Bylaws.

Proposed Wording 9.0 Amendments

9.1 Notice of a proposed amendment shall be furnished by the Secretary to all members of the Society entitled to vote **either 1) by electronic ballot throughout the year as needed; or 2) by mail** at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual **Business** Meeting, **with the method of communication determined by the Executive Committee. In the case of an in-person vote**, an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of those **members** present at the Annual Business Meeting is needed **to amend** these Bylaws. **In the case of an electronic ballot, an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of those members responding is needed to amend these Bylaws.**

Rationale: to provide an additional way for voting members to vote on proposed amendments, thereby proving greater flexibility in decision making.