

Summary of Proposed SFS Constitution and By-laws Changes and Updates

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Constitution

No changes proposed.

By-laws

1. Article 1, Section 2: Corrects capitalization.
2. Article 2, Section 2: Adds language allowing the Board to designate a Director of the Society to assume certain responsibilities from the President upon request by, and for the length of term of, the President.

This change is needed to accommodate the needs of government employees serving as President of the Society, where their status as governmental employees precludes them from carrying out certain (mostly fiduciary) responsibilities.

3. Article 2, Sections 3-9: Introduces gender-neutral language (see separate proposal by the Early Career Development Committee and JEDI Task Force).
4. Article 3, Section 1, 3: Introduces gender-neutral language (see separate proposal by the Early Career Development Committee and JEDI Task Force).
5. Article 3, Section 6: Adds “opportunity for discussion” as a step in the Board decision-making process to conform with Robert’s Rules of Order.
6. Article 5, Section 2: Corrects punctuation.
7. Article 5, Section 3: Makes changes to the structure of the Board of Trustees and corrects a mistake.

The previous language specified the BoT as consisting of “a Chair and eight (8) other members.” This is incorrect, as the membership of the BoT is eight, with the Chair being one of the eight members.

The previous language mandated that the Chair be (A) a member in their third year; and (B) appointed by the President. The new language allows the members of the BoT to elect their Chair from among the members in their third or fourth year. Under the new language, the option of Co-Chairs is included, while the office of “advisor” is eliminated.

8. Article 5, Section 13: Corrects punctuation.
9. Article 5, Section 14: Corrects punctuation.
10. Article 5, Section 21: Corrects inconsistency in the capitalization of the word “Chair” and “Co-Chair.”
11. Article 11: Introduces gender-neutral language (see separate proposal by the Early Career Development Committee and JEDI Task Force).
12. Article 12: Introduces gender-neutral language (see separate proposal by the Early Career Development Committee and JEDI Task Force).
13. Article 14: Introduces gender-neutral language (see separate proposal by the Early Career Development Committee and JEDI Task Force).