

## **BYLAW VI**

### **Manner of Election**

Section 1. The election of officers, Member(s)-at-Large, Councilors, and Alternate Councilors shall be conducted by a ballot distributed to the members of the Section in accordance with the Bylaws of the SOCIETY; affiliates may not vote.

Section 2. Elected officers of the Section and the Member(s)-at-Large shall serve for a term of two years beginning on January 1 or until their successors are elected. The Chair and Vice -Chair each shall serve two-year terms and are eligible to run again but only once for re-election to a consecutive two-year term. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected in the same year whenever possible. Except as noted above for the Chair and Vice-Chair, the incumbent of any position is eligible for reelection.

Section 3. The list of selected candidates shall be announced to the membership of the Section. Further nominations for any position may be made by written petition to the Executive Committee if received by the Chair of the Section's Committee on Nominations & Elections before the second Monday of September. Each such petition must be signed by 15 members of the Section. Each such nomination by petition must be accompanied by a statement of consent from the candidate. The Section members shall be informed of the deadline date for nomination by petition for that year at the time the list of candidates is announced. Each candidate shall provide a biographical sketch and shall be invited to provide a position statement, both of which shall be made available to all Section members.

Section 3. No member who is a candidate for election shall be allowed to be part of the Section's Committee on Nominations and Elections or take part in the administration of the election process.

Section 4. The Section's Committee on Nominations & Elections should present to the Chair of the Section, not later than July 1, a list of nominees for officers, Members-at-Large, Councilors, and Alternate Councilors, who are to be elected for the coming year. There should be a competitive election for each position. The candidates shall have given their consent to run for the designated positions. Except for Councilors and Alternate Councilors, all candidates for elective positions shall be members of the SOCIETY.

Section 5. Qualifications. Nominees for the offices of Chair and Vice -Chair should have been active within the Section in some form of elected, appointed, or other volunteer role.

Section 6. Balloting procedures shall meet the SOCIETY'S requirements of fair balloting that is open to all eligible members, protection against fraudulent balloting, ballot archiving, and the timely reporting and archiving of balloting results. The following guidelines shall be followed:

- a. Ballots should be made available to members of the Section no later than October 15.
- b. The deadline for balloting shall be four weeks after the ballots are made available.
- c. A voter does not need to vote for each position.
- d. Mechanisms are to be in place to prevent anyone from voting more than once.
- e. The ballot shall provide for a write-in candidate for each position to be filled. A paper ballot shall be provided to any member who requests it.

Section 7. The ballots shall be tabulated and validated not later than four weeks after the ballots are made available. The candidate for each position receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. In case of a tie vote, the Executive Committee, by ballot, shall elect from among the candidates who share the tie vote; the candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Section 8. The results shall be announced by the Chair of Section's Nominations & Elections Committee as soon as possible after the election, and also published on the Section's website soon thereafter. The results shall be certified to the Executive Director of the SOCIETY not later than December 1.