

Past President Report

The duties of the Past President are not delineated in the Constitution. Two functions have recently been referred to the office of the Past President (1) constitutional changes, and (2) the Distinguished Lecture Committee.

The Report of the Distinguished Lecture Committee has been submitted separately. The proposed constitution change relates to Article X, Nominations and Elections: Section 1: In every odd year (off-election year) at the time of the annual meeting of the Council, a Nominating Committee consisting of three Active Members shall be formed. Two members shall be appointed by the President and one member shall be elected by the Council. One member of the Nominating Committee shall be a member of the Council. Members will continue to office for two years or until their successors are appointed or elected.”

Section 2: “The Nominating Committee shall present a list of nominations for all officers and members of the Council to the Secretary for election by mail ballot not less than six months prior to any annual meeting. The Secretary shall mail the ballot to all individual active members of the Society not less than two months before the annual meeting. Votes shall be tallied by the Secretary-Treasurer and the result attested to by members of the Nominating Committee in a report to the Council. The Council will receive the report, declare on the validity of the Committee’s action, and announce the results at the Annual Business Meeting. Votes received after a cut-off date established by the Secretary shall not count.”

Section 3: “A brief (one page) vitae of each candidate shall accompany the written ballot.”

Section 1 of that portion of Article VI entitled “Meetings”, relating to officers and members of the Council should be deleted, placing a period after society.

Recommendations

1. That Section 4 be added to Article X. A Distinguished Lecture Committee shall be appointed. Five members shall serve for a two year period. Two members shall be appointed by the President and two members shall be elected by the membership. The Past President shall serve as chair.

2. That Section 5 be added to Article X. A Constitutional Committee shall be appointed regularly. The Past President shall serve as the chair of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
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