

Constitution Committee Report

1. I am enclosing recommendations for changes in the constitution already passed by the Executive Committee but not yet brought before the membership for vote in accordance with Article XI.
2. I have placed the original language of the constitution in the left column and the suggested changes to the article under consideration in the right column.
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Original Language

ARTICLE III: *MEMBERSHIP*

Section 6: Any organization in Canada, Mexico, or the United States of America, its territories and possessions, such as society, club, institute, or library, having purposes similar.

Recommended Change

Delete in the first sentence, the phrase “in Canada, Mexico, or the United States of America, its territories and possessions” . . .

Original Language

ARTICLE IV: *OFFICERS*

Section 1: The officers of the Society shall be a President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer, Publications Editor and three members-at-large.

Recommended Change

Substitute phrase, “Chair, Publications Board” for term Publications Editor.

Original Language

ARTICLE V: *COUNCIL*

Section 2: The Council shall consist of the officers of the Society and the immediate past President,

Recommended Change

Substitute a comma for word “and” and add phrase after word President- “and ex-officio members from related organizations as approved by the Council.”

Original Language

ARTICLE VI: *MEETINGS*

Section 1: There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the Society at which time officers and members of the Council shall be elected.

Recommended Change

Recommend a period after word Society and delete the remainder of the sentence.

Original Language

Section 3: . . . The President shall appoint an Active Member of the Society, neither of whom shall be members of the Council, . . .

Recommended Change

Change wording to read, . . . The President shall appoint an Active Member of the Society who shall not be a member of the Council . . .

original Language

ARTICLE VIII: *PUBLICATIONS*

Section 1: There shall be an annual Proceedings published. Other publications may ensue as later may be desirable as determined by the Council and Active Members.

Section 2: All members shall receive regular subscriptions to the Proceedings or other official publications of the Society.

Recommended Change

Delete all of old Article VIII and substitute these five sections:

Section 1: Publications shall be established on the recommendation of the Publications Board to the Council. Favorable Council action on such recommendations shall result in presentation of the recommendation to the membership at the next regularly scheduled Annual Business Meeting. The same procedure shall be followed when existing publications are discontinued.

Section 2: Annual budgets for each publication must be approved by the Board before being presented to the Council for action.

Section 3: The Board is responsible for all NASSH publications. It shall name editors, establish the terms of editorships, and oversee the operation of each publication.

Section 4: Early termination of an editor’s tenure other than by resignation can only be accomplished by Council action.

Section 5: The Board shall consist of four members and a chair. Members shall be elected to three-year terms except at the first election, one member shall be elected to a two-year term and one member to a one-year term. The chair shall serve as an officer of the Society for a two-year term. Board members are prevented from serving as editor of a publication.

Original Language

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

Section 1: The President shall appoint annually a Membership Committee consisting of three members, the Chairman of which must be a member of the Council.

Section 2: The President shall appoint a Budget and Fiscal Committee of three members, the Chairman of which shall be the Treasurer. An Annual Report shall be given at the annual business meeting of the Society.

Section 3: The president shall appoint a Program Committee of three members, the Chairman of which shall be the President-Elect.

Recommended Change

Add the following Sections:

Section 4: 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.

Section 5: A Constitutional Committee shall be appointed regularly. The Past President shall serve as the chair of the Committee.

Original Language

ARTICLE X: NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: In every odd year at the time of the annual meeting of the Council the President shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Council, a Nominating Committee consisting of three Active Members, none of whom shall be members of the Council, who shall continue in office for two years or until their successors are appointed.

Recommended Changes

Delete all sections and substitute the following:

Section 1: In every odd year (off election year) at the time of the annual business meeting, a nominating committee of three shall be elected. The Council will present a list of at least five individuals. The individual receiving the highest number of votes shall be chairman. Members will continue in office for two years until their successors are elected or replaced.

Section 2: The Nominating Committee shall present a list of nominations for all officers and members of the Council to the Secretary-Treasurer for election by mail ballot not less than six months prior to any annual meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer shall mail the ballot to all individual active member 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-Treasurer shall not count.

Original Language

Section 3: The voting in all elections for officers and members of the Council shall be held at the annual meeting called and shall be by written ballot. unless in any particular case only one person has been nominated for a particular position. A brief (one page) vitae of each candidate shall be available at the time of elections.

Recommended Change

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

Respectfully submitted,
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