
AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL PATHOLOGY**ARTICLE 1
INCORPORATION, PURPOSES AND MISSION**

SECTION 1. Incorporation and Purposes. The American Society for Clinical Pathology is organized under the "General Not for Profit Corporation Act" of the State of Illinois, exclusively for educational, scientific and charitable purposes in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The primary purpose of the ASCP is to improve public health by advancing the science and practice of pathology and laboratory medicine.

SECTION 2. Mission. The mission of the American Society for Clinical Pathology is to provide excellence in education, certification, and advocacy on behalf of patients, pathologists, and laboratory professionals.

**ARTICLE 2
CLASSES, QUALIFICATIONS AND RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**

SECTION 1. Classes of Members. The Society shall have the following classes of members: (a) Fellow, (b) Member, (c) Emeritus, (d) Resident, (e) Fellow-In-Training, (f) Student, (g) Medical Affiliate, (h) Professional Affiliate, (i) International, (j) Registrant, and (k) Honorary Fellow. Only one class of membership may be held at any one time by any member of the Society.

SECTION 2. Voting Membership. For purposes of these Bylaws, "Voting Membership" shall mean those Society members who have full voting rights, and "full voting rights" shall mean eligibility to vote for all Society Officers and bylaws changes. The Society shall establish operating policies to ensure that physicians comprise the majority of the Voting Membership of the Society, consistent with the American Medical Association Guideline for Specialty Society Representation in the House of Delegates, which states that physicians should comprise the majority of the voting membership of the organization. Only Fellows, Emeritus Fellows, certain Members and Emeritus Members (as further defined in Section 4 and 5 of this Article), and certain Fellows-In-Training (as further defined in Section 7 of this Article) shall have full voting rights.

Section 3. Fellow. Any person who is a licensed physician and whose practice, at the time of application for membership, is devoted in major part to pathology, or branch thereof, and who holds one or more of the primary certificates, i.e., anatomic or clinical, of the American Board of Pathology or who has passed either the anatomic or clinical pathology portion of the American Board of Pathology examinations, or who is boarded by the American Board of Pathology in a pathology subspecialty, shall be eligible for membership as a Fellow. A Fellow shall not be eligible for any other class of membership except Fellow-In-Training, Emeritus, and Honorary Fellow.

SECTION 4. Member. (A) Any person who is currently, or has been previously, certified by the Board of Certification in one or more categories, or (B) any non-physician whose interests parallel those of the Society and who holds an academic doctorate acceptable to the Commission on Membership (whether or not such person currently, or has been previously, certified by the Board of Certification) shall be eligible for membership as a Member. Any Member who has, during the five (5) years directly preceding an election, served on the Board of Directors, a Society Commission, Council, or Committee, or as a Chapter Officer shall have full voting rights.

SECTION 5. Emeritus. The Society may grant Emeritus membership to any Fellow or Member in good standing who (i) has reached the age of 65 and has fully retired from the practice of pathology or laboratory medicine, or (ii) the Society determines should be granted Emeritus membership for appropriate special or extenuating circumstances. Emeritus Fellows and Members shall have the same voting rights as Fellows and Members, respectively.

SECTION 6. Resident. Any person who is a licensed physician actively training for a career in pathology and who is, or has been, within the previous three years, enrolled in a training program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and/or approved by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada shall be eligible for membership as a Resident.

SECTION 7. Fellow-In-Training. Any licensed physician who has graduated from a pathology residency training program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and/or approved by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada shall be eligible for membership as a Fellow-In-Training during the membership period in which such physician is enrolled in a pathology fellowship program. If the fellowship program is completed during the middle of a membership period, eligibility for membership as a Fellow-In-Training will continue until the end of that membership period. A Fellow-In-Training who otherwise satisfies the criteria for membership as a Fellow shall have full voting rights.

SECTION 8. Student. Any medical student enrolled in a medical school approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American Medical Association and the American Association of Medical Colleges, or the Committee on Accreditation of

the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges, or in an osteopathic medical school approved by the Bureau of Professional Education of the American Osteopathic Association, shall be eligible for membership as a Student.

Any student enrolled in a regionally accredited college/university science program or a medical laboratory science program approved by an appropriate accrediting agency also shall be eligible for membership as a Student.

SECTION 9. Medical Affiliate. Any licensed physician who practices in the United States or Canada, whose interests parallel those of the Society and who is not eligible for membership as a Fellow may, on recommendation of a Fellow, be eligible for membership as a Medical Affiliate.

SECTION 10. Professional Affiliate. Any person who (i) resides in the United States or Canada, (ii) is employed by a medical laboratory or in another diagnostic medical setting or works with or provides services to members of the medical laboratory team, and (iii) does not meet the requirements for membership under any other Section of this Article may be eligible for membership as a Professional Affiliate.

SECTION 11. International. Any person who resides outside of the United States and Canada and holds credentials equivalent to those of a Fellow, Member, Emeritus, Resident, Fellow-In-Training, Medical Affiliate or Professional Affiliate in the country or region in which the person practices shall be eligible for membership as an International member, in the category as appropriate.

SECTION 12. Registrant. Formerly, any person who was currently certified, or who had previously been certified, by the Board of Certification in one or more categories was eligible for membership as a Registrant. The Society has since stopped accepting applications for membership as a Registrant. When the Society no longer has legacy Registrant members, the Registrant membership category will be eliminated.

SECTION 13. Honorary Fellow. The Board of Directors may grant Honorary Fellow membership to any person who has made significant achievements in pathology or laboratory medicine.

SECTION 14. Special Circumstances. Any person who has special qualifications and interests deemed desirable to the Society may, upon recommendation of the Membership Commission, be eligible for any appropriate category of membership.

ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Application and Election. An application for membership or for change in class of membership and a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors shall be necessary for membership.

SECTION 2. Dues. The amount of dues to be paid by the various classes of members shall be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. Such dues may be temporarily or permanently waived in part or in full by the Secretary in individual cases under criteria developed by the Commission on Membership.

SECTION 3. Resignation. Resignation of a member shall be valid only if submitted as a signed request to the Secretary. Such resignation shall not relieve the member's responsibility to pay any outstanding monetary amounts due the Society.

SECTION 4. Suspension and Termination. A member may be terminated for failure to pay dues or for failure to pay for other products or services received. Membership may be reinstated at any time upon payment of the current year's dues and any other amounts owed. A member shall be terminated if they no longer meet the requirements for membership.

SECTION 5. Discipline and Expulsion. Any member may be disciplined or expelled for conduct, which in the determination of the Board of Directors is detrimental to the best interests of the Society. Expulsion shall require a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors, provided that prior written notice has been given to the member that such action is contemplated and that the member is entitled to a hearing before the Board of Directors, in the manner in which the Board shall provide. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the suspension or termination of a member for nonpayment of dues or other obligations as provided in Section 4 of this Article.

SECTION 6. Special Distinction: Master. Any Fellow or Member in good standing for at least ten years and who, upon recommendation of the Awards Committee and approval by the Board of Directors, has demonstrated significant career accomplishments and service to the Society may be awarded the designation of Master.

ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. Officers. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a President-Elect, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Fellows shall have the right to serve as the President, President-Elect and Vice President. Fellows and Members shall have the right to serve as the Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 2. Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Officers, the Immediate Past President, five At-Large Directors who are Fellows, and three At-Large Directors who are Members, as well as the following ex-officio members: the Chairs of the Pathologist Council, the Council of Laboratory Professionals and the Resident Council, and the Chair-elect of the Council of Laboratory Professionals.

ARTICLE 5 DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. President. The President shall be the senior elected officer of and official spokesperson for the Society and shall preside at all meetings of the Society. The President shall serve as Chair of the Board of Directors. The President shall perform all duties usually incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be assigned to the President by the Board of Directors. Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, the President shall also make all appointments to commissions, standing and ad hoc committees (except for the committees under the Commission on Continuing Professional Development, which shall be appointed by the Commission on Continuing Professional Development itself), and other subgroups of the Society. Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, the President shall appoint the Editors of the official publications of the Society, and shall designate all official delegates and representatives to outside groups.

SECTION 2. President-Elect. The President-Elect shall perform any and all duties assigned by the Board of Directors. In the absence or incapacity of the President, the President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President. The President-Elect shall assure continuity of the business of the Society and shall recommend appointments for committees, commissions, and other groups to take effect upon the President-Elect assuming the office of the President.

SECTION 3. Vice President. The Vice President shall perform any and all duties assigned by the Board of Directors. In the absence or incapacity of both the President and President-Elect, the Vice President shall discharge the functions of the President.

SECTION 4. Secretary. The Secretary shall perform all duties usually incident to the office of the Secretary and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall be responsible for the accuracy of minutes and other official documents of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall perform all duties usually incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall oversee the funds of the Society, its financial policies and the preparation of an annual budget for approval by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall also provide a complete financial report at the annual business meeting of the Society.

SECTION 6. Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall govern the activities of the Society and shall be responsible for its fiscal viability and for achieving the mission of the Society. All Board members shall have a duty of loyalty and care to the Society, which includes preparation for, attendance at, and participation in all regularly and specially scheduled meetings of the Board.

SECTION 7. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may exercise the authority of the Board of Directors, when necessary in the conduct of the affairs of the Society, except that it shall have no authority to: select/terminate the Chief Executive Officer; appoint or remove the editor of the American Journal of Clinical Pathology or the editor of Laboratory Medicine; approve operating or capital budgets; elect members or approve awardees of the Society; buy or sell Society real estate; amend the bylaws or articles of incorporation; countermand any action taken by the Board of Directors; or take any action that is committed by law, these bylaws, or by resolution to the Board of Directors. All activities of the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

SECTION 8. Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer of the Society shall direct the day-to-day conduct of the business of the Society. The Chief Executive Officer is employed by written contract and shall report to and be directly responsible to the Board of Directors. The Chief Executive Officer shall have the authority to appoint and discharge staff of the Society. The Chief Executive Officer shall have such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE 6
ELECTION, TERM OF OFFICE, ASSUMPTION OF DUTIES AND VACANCIES**

SECTION 1. Election of President-Elect and Vice President. The President-Elect and Vice-President are elected by majority vote of the Fellows and the Members voting under the guidelines set forth in Article 2, and their terms begin at the conclusion of the annual business meeting.

SECTION 2. Election of Secretary, Treasurer, and At-Large Directors. The Secretary, Treasurer, and At-Large Directors are elected by a majority vote of the Fellows and Members as set forth in Article 2, and their terms begin at the conclusion of the annual business meeting.

SECTION 3. Nomination and Voting Processes. Members may propose candidates for Officers and At-Large Directors to the Nominations Committee for its consideration in accordance with procedures set forth by the Nominations Committee. The official list of nominees shall be prepared by the Nominations Committee, reviewed, and approved by the Board of Directors, and published at least 40 days before the annual business meeting. Voting shall be conducted as provided in Article 9.

SECTION 4. Ex-Officio Members of the Board of Directors. The ex officio members of the Board of Directors (the Chairs of the Pathologist Council, the Resident Council, and the Council of Laboratory Professionals, and the Chair-elect of the Council of Laboratory Professionals) shall be elected from among the then sitting members of the respective Councils by the members of those Councils in a manner prescribed by their respective operating policies and procedures.

SECTION 5. Term of Office. Except for the terms for Immediate Past President, President, President-Elect, Vice President, and Council Chairs and Chairs-elect, all terms are for three years, and all members are eligible to serve either two consecutive full terms or until a successor is elected. The terms for Immediate Past President, President, President-Elect, Vice President, Council Chairs and Chairs-elect are for one year only or until their successors are elected, except as provided in Section 7 of this article.

SECTION 6. Assumption of Duties. The President-Elect shall be inducted into office as President, and the President shall automatically become the Immediate Past President at the close of the annual business meeting. Other officers and At-Large Directors of the Board of Directors and all other persons elected under the procedures set forth in the Bylaws shall assume their duties at the close of the annual business meeting.

SECTION 7. Vacancies. President. If the President dies, resigns, becomes incapacitated, or is removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors, the President-Elect shall immediately become President, completing the unexpired term of the President, as well as serving the following year as President.

President-Elect. If the President-Elect dies, resigns, becomes incapacitated, or is removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors or succeeds to the unexpired term of the President, the Vice President shall immediately become President-Elect, completing the unexpired term of the President-Elect and remaining eligible to be elected as President-Elect for a full term at the next annual business meeting.

Vice President. If the Vice President dies, resigns, becomes incapacitated, or is removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors or succeeds to the unexpired term of the President-Elect, the office of the Vice President may remain vacant or be filled for the unexpired term from among elected members of the Board of Directors by the President with the consent of the Board of Directors. If a Vice President is appointed, they shall serve until the conclusion of the next annual business meeting.

If both the President and President-Elect die, resign, become incapacitated, or are removed from office by vote of the Board of Directors, the Vice President shall succeed to the unexpired term of the President and shall serve one additional full term as President, until a duly elected President-Elect is eligible to succeed to the Presidency. The Board may appoint other officers as needed until the next annual business meeting, at which time the President-Elect and Vice President shall be elected.

Positions other than President, President-Elect and Vice President. Vacancies in these positions occurring by resignation, death, incapacity or otherwise shall be filled by the President with approval by majority vote of the Board of Directors. For positions filled under this paragraph after January 1, 2018, the appointed individual shall serve in the position for the remainder of the vacating individual's term, so as to maintain staggered terms across the Board. A partial term shall not be deemed a "full term" for purposes of Section 5 of this Article.

**ARTICLE 7
COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND COUNCILS**

SECTION 1. Committees of the Board of Directors. The Executive, Bylaws, Finance, and Nominations Committees shall be standing committees of the Board of Directors. Additional committees shall be established for specified purposes and duration as the needs of the Society dictate.

- (A) Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-elect, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chair of the Council of Laboratory Professionals.
- (B) Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee shall consist of three members of the Board, one of whom shall serve as Chair. The terms of the members shall be three years, renewable twice for a total of nine years. The term of the Chair shall be one year, renewable five times.
- (C) Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer of the Society, who shall serve as Chair, the President-elect, one Fellow, one Member, the Chair of the Resident Council and the Financial Officer from the Board of Governors of the Board of Certification. The terms of the Fellow and Member shall be three years, renewable twice for a total of nine years.
- (D) Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee shall consist of the Immediate Past President, who shall serve as Chair, three Fellows, three Members, and the immediate past Chair of the Resident Council. The terms of the members of the Nominations Committee shall be one year, renewable twice for a total of three years.

SECTION 2. Commissions and Committees of the Society. The basic work of the Society shall be organized into Commissions of the Society, of which there are three: Membership; Continuing Professional Development; and Science, Technology and Public Policy. Each Commission shall develop and monitor overall Society strategy in its respective subject area. The Commissions shall report to the Board of Directors. The Chair of each Commission shall be appointed from among the members of the Board by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board. The terms of the Commission Chairs shall be one year, renewable five times.

Subject to the approval of the Board, the Commissions may form committees to enable the work of the Society. All classes of members defined in Article 2 are eligible to serve on these committees.

SECTION 3. Councils of the Society. There shall be three Councils of the Society, each representing one of the principal classes of membership: a Pathologist Council, a Resident Council, and a Council of Laboratory Professionals. Their charge is to provide advice and counsel to the Board of Directors through the Commission on Membership, on how the Society may best meet the needs of the respective class of membership. The Pathologist Council, the Council of Laboratory Professionals and the Resident Council shall each consist of twelve members. Each of these council members shall serve a three-year term. In the case of the Pathologist Council and Council of Laboratory Professionals, the term may be renewable once. The Chair of each Council shall be elected from among the sitting members of the Council, as specified in Article 6, Section 4. Each Chair shall have a term of one year. Members of each Council are to be elected by a vote of all members in the respective membership class.

**ARTICLE 8
CERTIFICATION OF MEDICAL LABORATORY PERSONNEL**

SECTION 1. Board of Certification.

- (A) Function. The Board of Certification shall develop, establish and maintain standards and procedures for individuals to enter, continue and/or advance in a laboratory professional or scientist career, and to credential those individuals who meet the required criteria. The Board of Certification shall maintain a roster of Credentialed Laboratory Professionals. The credentialing functions of the Board of Certification shall be governed by a Board of Governors.
- (B) Composition. The Board of Governors shall be composed of the following:
 - 1. Five Fellows of the American Society for Clinical Pathology. Each such member shall serve for a term of three years so arranged that the terms are staggered. One fellow shall serve a dual role as an ASCP-Fellow and a member of the American Society of Hematology (ASH).
 - 2. Five laboratory professional Members of the American Society for Clinical Pathology, a majority of whom are certified by the Board of Certification. Each such member shall serve for a term of three years so arranged that the terms are staggered. One Member shall serve a dual role as an ASCP-Member and a member of the Association for Diagnostics and Laboratory Medicine (ADLM).
 - 3. Four Members of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science who are certified by the Board of Certification. Each such member shall serve for a term of three years so arranged that the terms are staggered.

4. Two Members of the Association of Genetic Technologists who are certified by the Board of Certification. Each such member shall serve for a term of three years so arranged that the terms are staggered.
5. A representative from each organization of laboratory specialties in which the Board of Certification provides certification that elects to participate (Participating Societies). Each such member shall serve for a term of three years. Insofar as possible, the terms of such members shall be so arranged that an equal number expire each year.
6. One person who serves as a representative of the public. The public member shall serve for a term of three years.

(C) Election and Term of Members.

1. Election of Members. The Board of Governors annually shall elect persons to fill the terms that will expire, or that have become or will become vacant by the annual business meeting of the Society. Such election shall be by a majority vote of the membership of the Board of Governors from persons nominated as follows:
 - a. The Nominations Committee of the Society shall nominate one Fellow and one Member of the Society for each respective term that will expire or for each vacancy that will exist.
 - b. Each Participating Society shall nominate one person certified in the specialty that it represents for each term that will expire or for each vacancy that will exist.
 - c. Members of the Board of Governors, the President of the Society, and each Participating Society may nominate persons to serve as representatives of the public.
 - d. The American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science shall nominate one person certified in the specialty that it represents for each term that will expire or for each vacancy that will exist.
 - e. Association of Genetic Technologists shall nominate one person certified in the specialty that it represents for each term that will expire or for each vacancy that will exist.
In the event an organization submits one nominee per vacancy and that nominee is not elected by majority vote of the Board of Governors, a request for an additional nominee will subsequently be made.
2. Number of Terms. No member of the Board of Governors shall be eligible to serve for more than three consecutive terms provided, however, the Board may elect members to serve for a partial term in addition to the three full terms in order to facilitate the expiration of terms consistent with paragraph (a) of this section.

(D) Operation of the Board of Certification.

1. Officers of the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors, by majority vote of its members annually, shall elect a Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Financial Officer. The terms for the Chair and Chair-Elect are for two years only or until their successors are elected. The terms for the Secretary and Financial Officer are for one year, renewable without limit, or until their successors are elected.
2. Credentialing Policies. The Society shall maintain the independence of the credentialing function of the Board of Certification. The Board of Governors shall report regularly to the Society and to the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, the Association of Genetic Technologists, and each of the Participating Societies concerning the policies and procedural decisions that it makes concerning credentialing but such decisions shall not require approval of the Society or of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, the Association of Genetic Technologists, or the Participating Societies.
3. Operations. For corporate, tax, fiscal, personnel policy, and other administrative purposes the Board of Certification shall constitute an integral part of the Society.
 - a. Expenses required for the operation of the Board of Certification shall be defrayed by credentialing fees to be determined by the Board of Governors. Any additional amount required to cover the reasonable and necessary expenses of the Board of Certification shall be paid by the Society; to this end, the Board of Certification and the Society shall enter into a written agreement. In addition, the Board of Governors may request contributions from the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, the Association of Genetic Technologists and each of the Participating Societies.
 - b. Separate accounts of funds collected or disbursed attributable to the operations of the Board of Certification shall be maintained under the supervision of the Treasurer of the Society, and such accounts shall be available to the Board of Certification at all times.

SECTION 2. Cooperation with Other Organizations. The activities of the Society that fall within the responsibility of the Board of Certification may be conducted in cooperation with other organizations, subject to such procedures as are approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. Name Change and Historical Note. The Board of Certification was previously named the Board of Registry. Any reference in these Bylaws to certification by the Board of Certification shall include certification by the Board of Registry or by the National Credentialing Agency for Laboratory Personnel, Inc. prior to October 23, 2009.

ARTICLE 9 MEETINGS; QUORUM; VOTING

SECTION 1. Board of Directors Meetings.

Meetings. The Board of Directors will meet in conjunction with the annual business meeting, at least once between annual business meetings, and as may be called by the President or by a two-thirds majority of the Board members.

Place of meetings. The Board of Directors may designate any place, either in or outside of the state of Illinois, as the place for any Board meeting.

Notice of Meetings. Notice of the time and place of any meetings shall be delivered and made available (including transmission by electronic means) to all directors at least 48 hours prior to such meeting.

Quorum. A quorum consists of a majority of the members of the Board, who may be present in person, or by audio link, for the purpose of conducting the business of the Board. The same quorum requirements exist for the Executive Committee.

Voting Requirements. A majority of the votes of these Board members, present in person, or by audio link, shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted on (unless otherwise specified by law or in these bylaws).

SECTION 2. Membership Meetings and Voting.

Meetings. An annual business meeting shall be held each year in conjunction with the ASCP annual meeting. Special meetings may be called by the President, the Board of Directors, or by petition signed by no fewer than one-tenth of the Fellows.

Place of Meetings. The Board of Directors may designate any place, either in or outside the state of Illinois, as the place for any annual business or special meeting.

Notice of Meetings. Notice of the time and place of the annual business and any special meetings shall be delivered and made available (including transmission by electronic means) to all Fellows and Members at least 30 days prior to such meeting.

Quorum for Meetings. A quorum for any annual business or special meeting shall consist of those eligible voting members who are present in person or by proxy at the meeting.

Voting Requirements for Meetings. If the Board of Directors determines that any matter should be voted on at a meeting instead of by electronic means, a majority of the votes of eligible members voting in person or by proxy at the meeting shall be necessary for the adoption of such matter unless a greater proportion is required by law or by these Bylaws.

SECTION 3. Membership Voting By Electronic Means.

Presumption in Favor of Electronic Voting. Unless the Board of Directors determines otherwise, all matters on which the members are entitled to vote shall be voted on by electronic means without a meeting.

Quorum for Electronic Voting. The quorum for electronic voting shall consist of those members who vote on the matters presented for a vote.

Voting Requirements for Electronic Voting. A majority of the votes of eligible members voting by electronic means shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter unless a greater proportion is required by law or by these Bylaws. Voting must remain open for at least 5 days. In the case of the removal of any Board Member, merger, consolidation, dissolution or sale, lease or exchange of assets, voting must remain open for at least 20 days. In addition, written notice of the results of the voting must be provided to all members entitled to vote at least 5 days prior to the effective date of the matter voted upon.

ARTICLE 10 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

SECTION 1. Parliamentary Procedure. Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, current edition, shall be followed during all meetings of the Society except where otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

SECTION 2. Parliamentarian. A parliamentarian may be appointed by the President at any meeting of the Society or the Board of Directors and shall serve in an advisory capacity.

**ARTICLE 11
INDEMNIFICATION**

The Society shall indemnify any Director, Officer, Employee and other person acting on its behalf pursuant to an official election, appointment or direction, who is made a party to any legal proceeding or is threatened with any legal action relating to his or her activities on behalf of the Society, to the maximum extent permitted by law, provided the Director, Officer, Employee or other person acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Society, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

**ARTICLE 12
AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

These Bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Fellows and Members voting, provided that the amendments shall have been considered by the Bylaws Committee and approved by the Board of Directors, and that 40 days advance notice and a copy of the proposed amendments are made available to all Fellows and the Members who may vote under the guidelines set forth in Sections 4 and 5 of Article 2. Voting shall be conducted as provided in Article 9.

Amendments since 1999:

October 16, 2000	October 30, 2010	September 16, 2016
October 19, 2001	October 21, 2011	September 8, 2017
October 8, 2004	November 2, 2012	October 5, 2018
October 29, 2006	September 20, 2013	September 13, 2019
October 28, 2007	October 10, 2014	September 6, 2024
October 29, 2009	October 30, 2015	