

### **Linked Amendment 1**

Bylaws, Article VI, Section 4(e) – Yearbook, page 119

#### **Proposed Amendment:**

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~~(e) Membership Committee. This committee shall consist of at least five (5) members of the Society appointed by the President, who shall name the chair. The names of the members of this committee shall be known only to one another, to the President and to the Second Vice-President. It shall meet to review and approve membership proposals. Its recommendations are made to the Board of Directors through the Second Vice-President.~~

#### **Rationale:**

*This amendment proposes to implement the Ad Hoc Committee on Membership Strategy's recommendation to eliminate the Membership Committee, originally created as an anonymous body. While that structure once served a purpose, it no longer operates as originally intended. The committee's approval duties would be discontinued and its remaining responsibilities reassigned to the Membership Development Committee. Unlike the anonymous Membership Committee, the Membership Development Committee's members are listed in the Yearbook and will assist the Second Vice-President in preparing proposals for presentation to the Board.*

*These changes promote transparency, efficiency, and accountability by ensuring membership proposals are complete, timely, and ready for Board consideration, while preserving the Board's responsibility to elect candidates for membership.*