

Linked Amendment 9

Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2 – Yearbook, p. 118

Proposed Amendment:

(Additions in red italics.)

Each *elected* committee chair shall report regularly to the Board of Directors and annually in writing to the Society. Each committee shall keep minutes of meetings held, *except the Nominating Committee, which is governed by Article VII.*

Rationale:

This amendment proposes to align the Bylaws with current practice. When the Bylaws were first written, all committee chairs were elected, so no distinction was needed. In subsequent years, committees with appointed committee chairs (Archives and Library, Hospitality, Zoom Program) were established and these committee chairs do not provide regular reports to the Board. Adding the word “elected” makes clear which committees shall report regularly to the Board.

The amendment also introduces new language to specify that the Nominating Committee is an exception to the general requirement to keep minutes. Its deliberations are confidential, and the slate of officers and directors serves as its report. This codifies a long-standing practice that had not previously been written into the Bylaws.